How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?

In opposition

Marriage stems from the Bible, therefore is a Christian, solemn event which should be taken before God and shouldn’t be taken lightly as the next step for same sex marriage.

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?

In opposition

As above.

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?

Neither

I do not fully understand this question.

How would you characterise your views on the arrangements for authorising celebrants to solemnise opposite sex and same sex marriage (including the opt-in procedures)?

In opposition

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?

In opposition

How would you characterise your views on allowing civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, agreed between the couple and registrar?

In opposition

Again, as above, I am in opposition of same sex marriage and in opposition of civil ceremonies. The Government are now trying to change one of the most solemn Christian practices, which has been in place since Biblical days. As Romans says "man shall not lie with man", this still stands, it is an unnatural relationship and as a Christian country we should embrace our religion rather than standing back to accept the changes which the minority want.
How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?

In opposition

How would you characterise your views on allowing transgender persons to stay married when obtaining a full Gender Recognition Certificate, which provides legal recognition in the acquired gender?

In opposition

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?

I believe that ministers should not be expected to carry out such ceremonies. I also think that anyone, whether they are florists, hoteliers or any role, should be able to exercise their beliefs and if they do not wish to aid in a civil partnership / same sex marriage due to this religious beliefs then this should be accepted rather than fought in Court, as many cases are. Just as the Government are trying to increase the voice of those who are gay, the voice of the Christian is being slowly but surely quietened to allow way for a minority to stand tall. In my opinion and with Christianity at my core I believe this is not acceptable. One group is being marginalised so another group can flourish. A the heart of the Christian faith is love, God loves you, me and anyone who is willing to come to Him. As a country we need to understand that God loves us despite ourselves, once we embrace this the country will and can begin to flourish again.

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of freedom of speech?

Would you like to comment on any other wider issues in relation to the Bill that are not mentioned above?

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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