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

In support

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

In support

This will work well for My husband and I, there are still lots of area's that need sorting out. but hopefully this is the first step towards us being able to be a full time couple. We have been in a civil partnership for almost two years and at the moment

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

In opposition

The celebrants are government employees employed to do a specific job. If they are not prepared to do their work then they must be either redeployed or find alternative employment. we are not talking about churches we are talking about ordinary people. it

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)?

Neither

no one wants a homophobe to be the celebrant in a same sex marriage, so no one will use their services, If a church does not approve of same sex marriage, again why would any one want to force them, It is a civil marriage, a civil servant does their job

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

In support

I have been in a civil partnership for almost two years why should I change our marriage date. I know it is a civil partnership but to us it was the closest to marriage and that is our special day

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 support

As I said no one want to be married by someone who does not approve of your relationship, I feel the same way about churches, If they approve of us, that is fine. If not, I will find someone who does approve of us

**How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?**

In support

civil partnerships have to be available to everyone, marriages have to be available to everyone. it should not matter if you are in a same sex relationship or a mixed relationship. relationships should be equal regardless of who the parties are

**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 support

I am against discrimination. many trans people need their support group and family, it is not up to the government to stop them enjoying full and equal protection

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

Simply put, If you don't like same sex marriage, don't have one. There is no need for protection, being gay is not a virus, it is not learned, and no one can make you gay. You either are or not. No one chooses who they will fall in love with or why they fell for someone

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

You are free to say what you want so long as you respect others. I feel some preachers stand on the street telling people what to do, save that for in your churches, if you cannot teach love and equality then you should not be allowed to teach hate.

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

The big problems I have are with regards to civil partnerships or marriages that would be between foreign nationals and citizens. My husband is Filipino I am British. after our first year together, I had heath issues. in the end we could not live together

**Are you responding as...**

a private individual

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