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

In opposition

I consider it would undermine core values in our society. Marriage does not need to be re-defined to provide equalities for all.

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

In opposition

Marriage has been understood throughout history as between a man and a woman. The meaning of this has important Christian significance and should not be altered.

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

In opposition

Marriage has significant religious meaning. The meaning is quite specific in the present definition and should not be tampered with.

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

The word marriage should not be used for same sex relationships. I have no opposition to same sex persons entering into a legal partnership but the word marriage should not be used as it interferes with fundamental Christian values and traditions.

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

In opposition

The word marriage should remain as defined at present as the word has important Christian and religious meanings.

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
I object to the redefinition of the word marriage. I have no objection to civil partnerships.

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

In support

I am in favour of this if does not mean changing the meaning of the word marriage.

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

The word marriage should only apply to ceremonies between a man as a woman.

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

I fear interference with the freedoms of people who believe in the current definition of marriage. Already people who oppose this bill have been victimised. Same sex couples already have protections of their freedoms and the right to civil partnerships.

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

I am very concerned at people who oppose this bill will be victimised and potentially have their freedoms affected. They are already being victimised and are not being allowed the core freedom of freedom of speech.

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

This bill is an attack on fundamental family values and will lead to a further breakdown of core values in society. Same sex couples already have the same legal rights and should not be allowed to change the meaning of the word marriage.

Are you responding as...

a private individual am concerned that my views may in future prevent me from my children's panel work.

Richard Fox
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