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

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

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

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?
Neither

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

The registration of civil partnerships may be necessary to protect property and inheritance issues but this would appear to be covered by previous legislation.

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?
Neither

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?
As a retired primary school teacher I always taught according to the dictates of my conscience. Now teachers are being forced to teach against their conscience. If this bill becomes law then the so called safeguards can easily be overturned as evidenced by previous experience. This country fought for freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Are not these freedoms being compromised by the provisions of this bill?

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of freedom of speech?
See comments in Section 12

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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