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

As an evangelical Christian, it leaves me at times feeling victimised and worried about the level of abuse the Church faces. If someone believes their religion requires them to only eat certain foods we do not force them to eat those foods - why then is it ok to move to a position which leaves ministers and Churches open to being forced to carry out same-sex marriages even if they believe them to be in opposition to what God asks of us.

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

In opposition

It is one thing to open this up in secular situations such as registrar offices but if this is to go forward it should not enforce religious groups to have to provide marriages for same-sex couples where those religious groups believe that to be against w

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

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)?

I believe this leaves many (particularly ministers and churches) open to legal suits in the future, forcing them to carry out same sex marriages even if they believe them to be wrong. This also leaves ministers and churches open to accusations of hatred t

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

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?

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

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

From a number of reports it is clear to see that rights relating to sexuality are being placed above those of religious belief. An opt-in clause for today does not protect the rights of those who have these concerns in the coming years and the president set by these decisions today can have a massive impact in the future.

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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