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

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

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 support

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

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

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

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

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?
No religious organisation should be forced to act against their beliefs. That would be wrong. But marriage between people of the same sex should be regarded legally as
identical to marriage between straight people. That's just common sense. Hopefully religious groups will come around. But if not, they shouldn't be penalised for this.

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

I believe in people's right to speak their mind. But religious people employed in a capacity not related to their religion should not be allowed to discriminate against gay couples. Eg A Christian hotel owner should not be allowed to ban gay marriages in

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

I think it's wonderful that there has been this domino effect around the world of gay marriage being made legal. Many countries are lagging behind however, and I would hate it if Scotland were left behind with the likes of Russia. We have proved ourselves a progressive nation, and taken the lead on many issues (smoking ban, alcohol pricing, NHS etc) - surely this next step towards equal marriage is an obvious one?

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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