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

Each religion should have the right to marry or not marry whom they wish, but the law must not discriminate against a minority of it's citizens on a matter that might make others uncomfortable but would deny the minority basic freedoms and rights. I don't care what name is given, marriage, civil partnership, whatever, but there should only be one legal term and it should be used in reference to both same and non same sex unions. all benefits must be the same.

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

In opposition

Peoples' religious views (or non-religious beliefs) should not impinge on their ability to do their job. If they don't wish to conduct same sex marriage then they shouldn't take a job as someone who can grant a legal marriage (if it only a religious marriage they can grant then there is no problem imo). I mean, for example, I'm a doctor, it's in my job description that i treat all fairly and don't discriminate on grounds of sex, colour, gender, sexual orientation or religious belief. It doesn't matter what my religion says or what i believe, this is the job i signed up for, this is what i'm required to do and so that's what i'll do. If i didn't believe these things then i wouldn't (and shouldn't) be in this job.

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

why should one religion being against something ban another (such as Buddhism) from following their religion and supporting and wanting to celebrate a same sex marriage. that takes away my religious freedom so another religion 'doesn't feel awkward'

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

In support
i don't care what it's called but it must have the same rights and have the same name as non same sex unions

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

see previous comments

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 one should be forces sued for not wishing to perform a religous marriage, but if they are refusing to provide a legal marriage to a minority based on their own self righousness then this should not be tolerated.

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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