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

In support

I support equality for all, if two people love each other, why should anyone tell them it's not right for them to get married. It doesn't happen with heterosexual couples, so it shouldn't happen at all.

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

In support

It's a huge step forward to equality and one for the better, leading by example to hopefully show the rest of the world it's ok.

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

Neither

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?

Neither

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?

Same sex marriage is nothing to be worried about. It won't cause an apocalypse or destroy the sanctity of marriage, you won't see cats and dogs living together or any mass hysteria. It's just allowing two adults to express their love for one another amongst family and friends.

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

Everyone has the right to speak their mind, voice their opinion. It's only an issue when a person won't accept another's views and try to ram their own opinion down everyones throat. There is also the point that some common manners would be a factor, in the end, we are all humans, we're all Homo Sapiens. No matter the colour, beliefs or orientation, we are all the same and we all have feelings.

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

Are you responding as...

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