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

In opposition

How can any Politian presume to change the meaning of a word which has been clear since time immemorial?

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

In opposition

Same sex couple simply cannot have a marriage relationship nor procreate...which seems to us to be a basic function of marriage. They are not currently being denied companionship and their civil rights are already enshrined legally.

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

I just do not know what this question means. Are religious celebrants not belief celebrants also

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)?

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?

Neither

No strong view, but there has to be some setting out of boundaries to protect from the sham and absurd, both of which undermine the validity of the ceremony

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?

This is near the heart of the concerns. Rights of parents in what children should be taught, the endangering of employment rights for those with conscientious concerns, the lack of opportunity for near relatives to enjoy the rights of civil partnerships, etc. There is a whole can of worms here.

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...

an academic
a private individual

Have we not got the whole situation out of perspective? The National Office of Statistics last November, I think, gave the total of gay, lesbian and transgender people as being 2% of the population. It has all gone over the top. As a profound believer in the equal value of every human being I fear for the future and what prejudices may be developed against LGBT people.

Peter & Marion Morrison
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