MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL

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How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?
In support
Equality can never be a bad thing.

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
Marriage equality should not include a punishment tax so gays can convert their 2nd class civil partnerships into marriage.

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?

I don't understand the need for these protections. After all, it is solely based in bigotry. Believers ignore countless things in their holy texts, while still hating gays. So they believe based on how they cherry pick their religion. For non believers, there is no justification outside of absolute bigotry that they are against equality for gays. We don't give protections for racists and the like, so why give legal protections to homophobes?! That in and of itself is somewhat homophobic.

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

All groups must have equal rights, otherwise you are creating special rights for certain groups. If we are going to allow anti gay groups to spew hate, then the law should also allow hate to be spewed at them even if they are religious.

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

There must be a way for those of us who have already paid for a civil partnership to have it automatically turned into a marriage without having to pay even more money. Of course I fully expect this to be a massive cash grab in the guise of marriage equality.

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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