

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1729 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 9th - 10th December 2012

Total	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands/Wales	North	Scotland	
1729	446	575	134	544	429	370	840	889	209	441	591	488	986	743	221	562	370	425	150	
Unweighted Sample	1729	436	548	113	557	408	380	819	910	118	413	702	496	1120	609	312	561	312	411	133
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Since 2005 same-sex couples have been able to enter into civil partnerships. While civil partnerships offer the same legal rights as marriage, same-sex couples are not able to marry.

Would you support or oppose changing the law to allow same-sex couples to marry?

Strongly support	30	21	32	45	19	30	46	25	34	50	44	26	13	32	27	33	28	30	29	35
Tend to support	25	25	28	32	22	31	24	23	28	18	24	29	26	25	27	26	29	24	23	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	55	46	60	77	41	61	70	48	62	68	68	55	39	57	54	59	57	54	52	57
Tend to oppose	15	23	11	14	22	10	11	17	13	12	12	13	22	16	14	14	15	14	16	20
Strongly oppose	21	25	21	3	27	21	13	26	15	15	10	22	32	20	22	19	22	21	22	15
TOTAL OPPOSE	36	48	32	17	49	31	24	43	28	27	22	35	54	36	36	33	37	35	38	35
Don't know	9	7	8	6	10	8	6	8	10	6	11	10	7	8	11	8	7	11	10	8

Some people have proposed that the law should be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry in registry offices and licenced venues (civil marriage). The change would NOT affect religious marriages in church, which would continue to only be between a man and a woman.

Would you support or oppose changing the law to allow same-sex couples to marry in registry offices and licenced venues, but continue to keep religious weddings in churches to those between a man and a women?

Strongly support	14	15	14	12	13	15	15	12	16	23	18	11	10	16	12	18	11	18	12	13
Tend to support	31	35	30	27	36	32	28	29	33	29	28	33	33	30	32	31	34	30	29	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	50	44	39	49	47	43	41	49	52	46	44	43	46	44	49	45	48	41	41
Tend to oppose	21	21	19	37	20	16	26	22	21	22	20	21	23	22	21	18	23	22	19	27
Strongly oppose	20	18	24	11	19	24	18	25	15	13	18	21	24	20	20	19	21	19	21	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	41	39	43	48	39	40	44	47	36	35	38	42	47	42	41	37	44	41	40	44
Don't know	14	10	12	14	12	14	13	11	16	13	16	14	10	12	15	13	10	12	19	15

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Other people have proposed that the law should be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry in registry offices and licenced venues (civil marriage) or in churches. Churches would be given the right to decide whether or not to offer same-sex religious marriages.

Would you support or oppose changing the law to allow same-sex couples to marry in registry offices and licenced venues, and give churches the choice of whether or not to offer same-sex marriages?

Strongly support	21	18	23	27	15	22	28	20	23	37	31	17	11	24	17	24	20	23	20	23
Tend to support	32	31	34	39	32	33	35	27	36	19	33	34	34	32	32	30	34	29	32	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	53	49	57	66	47	55	63	47	59	56	64	51	45	56	49	54	54	52	52	53
Tend to oppose	18	20	13	21	19	14	18	19	16	22	14	16	21	19	16	19	19	18	14	19
Strongly oppose	19	22	20	5	23	22	11	25	13	16	10	21	26	17	21	16	19	17	21	19
TOTAL OPPOSE	37	42	33	26	42	36	29	44	29	38	24	37	47	36	37	35	38	35	35	38
Don't know	10	9	9	8	11	9	8	9	12	6	12	12	8	9	13	11	8	12	13	8

Some people have said that if the law was changed to allow same-sex marriages in registry offices and licenced venues, then campaigners would be able to use the Human Rights Act to force churches to offer gay marriages even if they objected. Other people have said that the European Convention on Human Rights also protects religious freedom, and that laws could be drafted to ensure churches' freedom was protected.

Which of the following best reflects your view?

If the law was changed it is likely that the courts would be forced to offer same-sex marriage, whether they wanted to or not	34	40	33	22	41	31	28	37	31	35	32	33	37	35	32	32	38	31	33	32
If the law was changed it is unlikely that the courts would force churches to do anything that went against their religious views	43	39	47	65	37	47	56	43	43	36	44	46	42	45	41	44	41	44	42	53
Don't know	23	20	20	13	22	23	16	20	26	29	24	21	21	20	27	24	21	25	25	15

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Which of the following best reflects your view?

Ultimately the right of same-sex couples to get married is more important, and should take priority	27	19	33	37	17	30	36	26	28	37	35	26	17	29	24	32	26	29	27	22
Ultimately the right of churches to keep religious marriages to those between men and women is more important, and should take priority	46	60	41	33	61	41	36	51	42	34	33	46	64	46	47	44	50	44	44	50
Not sure	20	15	21	22	16	23	23	16	24	20	22	21	16	19	21	14	19	21	22	23
Don't know	7	6	5	8	6	6	4	6	7	9	10	6	3	6	8	9	6	6	8	6