

C4M

Same-sex marriage poll

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 6,144 adults online between 16th to 25th January 2013. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

All press releases or other publications must be checked with ComRes before use. ComRes requires 48 hours to check a press release unless otherwise agreed.

Same-Sex Marriage Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork : 16th-25th January 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1
Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with these statements?
Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	6144	3001	3143	563	943	1128	1086	988	1436	1883	1731	935	1595	807	2332
Weighted base	6144	3011	3133	737	983	1168	1045	922	1290	1659	1782	1290	1413	900	2540
David Cameron's plan to legalise gay marriage is more to do with trying to make the Conservative Party look trendy and modern than because of his convictions															
Agree	3738 61%	1929 64%	1810 58%	383 52%	532 54%	651 56%	660 63%	625 68%	887 69%	1028 62%	1039 58%	809 63%	863 61%	548 61%	1469 58%
Disagree	1151 19%	556 18%	595 19%	174 24%	200 20%	268 23%	191 18%	130 14%	188 15%	349 21%	350 20%	218 17%	233 17%	191 21%	514 20%
Don't know	1255 20%	527 18%	728 23%	180 24%	251 26%	249 21%	194 19%	166 18%	215 17%	282 17%	393 22%	263 20%	317 22%	161 18%	557 22%
I would have considered voting Conservative at the next election but will definitely not if the Coalition Government legalises same-sex marriage															
Agree	974 16%	594 20%	381 12%	120 16%	145 15%	125 11%	126 12%	158 17%	300 23%	274 17%	268 15%	216 17%	217 15%	132 15%	344 14%
Disagree	4026 66%	1919 64%	2106 67%	442 60%	642 65%	845 72%	755 72%	599 65%	742 58%	1117 67%	1182 66%	826 64%	900 64%	641 71%	1699 67%
Don't know	1144 19%	498 17%	646 21%	174 24%	196 20%	197 17%	163 16%	165 18%	248 19%	268 16%	332 19%	248 19%	296 21%	127 14%	498 20%
Marriage should continue to be defined as a life-long, exclusive commitment between a man and a woman															
Agree	3248 53%	1832 61%	1416 45%	293 40%	406 41%	527 45%	517 50%	559 61%	945 73%	928 56%	876 49%	719 56%	724 51%	417 46%	1252 49%
Disagree	2156 35%	898 30%	1258 40%	339 46%	427 43%	461 40%	401 38%	267 29%	260 20%	584 35%	683 38%	415 32%	474 34%	397 44%	929 37%
Don't know	740 12%	280 9%	460 15%	105 14%	151 15%	179 15%	126 12%	95 10%	85 7%	147 9%	223 13%	156 12%	215 15%	87 10%	359 14%

Same-Sex Marriage Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork : 16th-25th January 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1
Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with these statements?
Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Weighted base	6144	3011	3133	737	983	1168	1045	922	1290	1659	1782	1290	1413	900	2540
<u>Once same-sex marriage is legalised, most people who currently oppose it will change their mind about it</u>															
Agree	1191 19%	624 21%	567 18%	192 26%	270 27%	220 19%	197 19%	143 15%	169 13%	320 19%	350 20%	238 18%	283 20%	209 23%	545 21%
Disagree	3168 52%	1659 55%	1509 48%	335 45%	409 42%	587 50%	511 49%	523 57%	802 62%	908 55%	883 50%	667 52%	709 50%	424 47%	1217 48%
Don't know	1785 29%	728 24%	1057 34%	210 28%	305 31%	360 31%	336 32%	256 28%	319 25%	430 26%	549 31%	385 30%	421 30%	268 30%	778 31%
<u>The way David Cameron has managed the consultation over legalising same-sex marriage shows that he is prepared to listen to the views and concerns of ordinary voters</u>															
Agree	2265 37%	1055 35%	1210 39%	369 50%	445 45%	443 38%	359 34%	293 32%	357 28%	619 37%	686 39%	476 37%	484 34%	332 37%	1027 40%
Disagree	2239 36%	1287 43%	952 30%	157 21%	233 24%	362 31%	376 36%	405 44%	705 55%	672 40%	585 33%	461 36%	521 37%	306 34%	765 30%
Don't know	1640 27%	669 22%	971 31%	211 29%	305 31%	362 31%	310 30%	223 24%	228 18%	369 22%	510 29%	353 27%	408 29%	262 29%	748 29%
<u>I am concerned that legalising same-sex marriage is likely to lead to more cases where people who believe in traditional marriage face the sack or demotion at work because of their views</u>															
Agree	2029 33%	1218 40%	812 26%	218 30%	246 25%	318 27%	276 26%	362 39%	609 47%	549 33%	594 33%	436 34%	449 32%	262 29%	764 30%
Disagree	3001 49%	1320 44%	1681 54%	368 50%	553 56%	634 54%	587 56%	420 46%	439 34%	834 50%	901 51%	617 48%	649 46%	515 57%	1312 52%
Don't know	1114 18%	473 16%	641 20%	151 21%	184 19%	216 18%	181 17%	139 15%	242 19%	276 17%	287 16%	237 18%	315 22%	124 14%	464 18%

Same-Sex Marriage Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork : 16th-25th January 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1
Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with these statements?
Base: All respondents

	Region												To which of the following ethnic groups do you consider you belong?						
	Total	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West	White	NET: Non-white	Mixed	Asian	Black	Chinese	Other ethnic group
Unweighted base	6144	487	273	767	481	545	448	326	507	793	925	592	5544	508	96	245	109	34	24
Weighted base	6144	533	278	722	542	568	477	326	576	773	788	560	5542	523	100	258	107	33	25
David Cameron's plan to legalise gay marriage is more to do with trying to make the Conservative Party look trendy and modern than because of his convictions																			
Agree	3738 61%	336 63%	174 62%	451 62%	329 61%	349 61%	287 60%	229 70%	330 57%	464 60%	464 59%	326 58%	3367 61%	323 62%	64 64%	158 61%	72 67%	15 46%	14 58%
Disagree	1151 19%	100 19%	55 20%	129 18%	100 18%	119 21%	87 18%	41 13%	118 21%	132 17%	157 20%	112 20%	1065 19%	76 15%	16 16%	38 15%	14 13%	3 10%	4 18%
Don't know	1255 20%	98 18%	49 18%	142 20%	114 21%	100 18%	103 22%	56 17%	127 22%	177 23%	167 21%	121 22%	1109 20%	124 24%	21 21%	61 24%	21 20%	15 44%	6 24%
I would have considered voting Conservative at the next election but will definitely not if the Coalition Government legalises same-sex marriage																			
Agree	974 16%	82 15%	44 16%	104 14%	78 14%	89 16%	77 16%	52 16%	91 16%	189 24%	104 13%	63 11%	794 14%	156 30%	22 22%	98 38%	19 18%	10 29%	8 32%
Disagree	4026 66%	376 70%	189 68%	475 66%	366 68%	359 63%	317 66%	214 66%	374 65%	438 57%	534 68%	385 69%	3747 68%	248 47%	64 64%	93 36%	67 63%	13 39%	11 43%
Don't know	1144 19%	76 14%	45 16%	143 20%	98 18%	120 21%	84 18%	59 18%	111 19%	146 19%	150 19%	113 20%	1000 18%	118 23%	14 14%	67 26%	21 20%	10 32%	6 25%
Marriage should continue to be defined as a life-long, exclusive commitment between a man and a woman																			
Agree	3248 53%	258 48%	134 48%	377 52%	273 50%	308 54%	271 57%	177 54%	301 52%	441 57%	419 53%	289 52%	2880 52%	323 62%	51 51%	178 69%	69 65%	12 36%	12 49%
Disagree	2156 35%	215 40%	114 41%	257 36%	203 38%	169 30%	152 32%	106 33%	215 37%	238 31%	282 36%	204 36%	2007 36%	128 25%	43 43%	43 17%	21 20%	13 38%	9 36%
Don't know	740 12%	61 11%	30 11%	87 12%	66 12%	91 16%	54 11%	42 13%	60 10%	94 12%	87 11%	67 12%	655 12%	72 14%	6 6%	36 14%	17 16%	9 26%	4 16%

Same-Sex Marriage Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork : 16th-25th January 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1
Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with these statements?
Base: All respondents

	Region												To which of the following ethnic groups do you consider you belong?						
	Total	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West	White	NET: Non-white	Mixed	Asian	Black	Chinese	Other ethnic group
Weighted base	6144	533	278	722	542	568	477	326	576	773	788	560	5542	523	100	258	107	33	25
Once same-sex marriage is legalised, most people who currently oppose it will change their mind about it																			
Agree	1191 19%	100 19%	59 21%	141 19%	100 18%	115 20%	94 20%	53 16%	94 16%	193 25%	147 19%	95 17%	1018 18%	164 31%	44 43%	90 35%	20 19%	7 22%	3 13%
Disagree	3168 52%	305 57%	139 50%	365 51%	271 50%	292 51%	249 52%	174 53%	304 53%	367 48%	394 50%	308 55%	2871 52%	246 47%	41 41%	105 41%	67 63%	17 52%	15 62%
Don't know	1785 29%	129 24%	80 29%	217 30%	172 32%	162 28%	134 28%	99 30%	178 31%	213 28%	247 31%	157 28%	1653 30%	113 22%	16 16%	63 24%	20 18%	9 26%	6 25%
The way David Cameron has managed the consultation over legalising same-sex marriage shows that he is prepared to listen to the views and concerns of ordinary voters																			
Agree	2265 37%	161 30%	113 41%	267 37%	190 35%	211 37%	189 40%	113 35%	234 41%	279 36%	312 40%	196 35%	2057 37%	190 36%	38 38%	103 40%	25 23%	16 50%	8 33%
Disagree	2239 36%	244 46%	97 35%	261 36%	199 37%	215 38%	167 35%	127 39%	200 35%	256 33%	271 34%	201 36%	2036 37%	167 32%	39 38%	71 28%	41 38%	6 20%	9 38%
Don't know	1640 27%	128 24%	67 24%	194 27%	153 28%	142 25%	121 25%	85 26%	142 25%	238 31%	206 26%	163 29%	1448 26%	166 32%	24 24%	83 32%	42 39%	10 31%	7 29%
I am concerned that legalising same-sex marriage is likely to lead to more cases where people who believe in traditional marriage face the sack or demotion at work because of their views																			
Agree	2029 33%	162 30%	101 36%	239 33%	162 30%	181 32%	164 34%	119 36%	174 30%	302 39%	248 31%	177 32%	1735 31%	258 49%	38 38%	147 57%	52 48%	12 37%	9 38%
Disagree	3001 49%	296 55%	141 51%	345 48%	274 51%	277 49%	222 46%	154 47%	290 50%	338 44%	382 49%	281 50%	2789 50%	188 36%	48 48%	75 29%	42 40%	15 46%	8 32%
Don't know	1114 18%	76 14%	36 13%	138 19%	106 20%	110 19%	92 19%	53 16%	111 19%	132 17%	158 20%	102 18%	1018 18%	77 15%	14 14%	37 14%	13 12%	6 17%	7 30%