



Teacher Poll: Same Sex Marriage

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				North East		North West		Yorkshire &		East Midlands		West Midlands		East of England		South East		South West		London		Scotland		Wales		Northern Ireland	
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		Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down		
Base		500	100%	15	100%	63	100%	42	100%	51	100%	56	100%	50	100%	75	100%	60	100%	28	100%	28	100%	17	100%	15	100%
Q1. Should parents have the	Yes, parents should have the right to have their children excused from	211	42%	7	43%	31	49%	14	34%	25	48%	31	55%	23	47%	27	36%	20	34%	8	29%	13	47%	5	27%	7	49%
	No, parents should not have the right to have their children excused	246	49%	5	35%	30	48%	23	55%	21	41%	23	41%	22	44%	39	51%	37	62%	18	62%	13	48%	10	59%	5	34%
	Don't know	43	9%	3	22%	2	3%	5	11%	6	11%	2	4%	5	9%	10	13%	3	4%	3	9%	1	5%	3	15%	3	17%

Q1. Should parents have the legal right to have their children excused from lessons which deal with same sex marriage, or not?

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				Primary school	Secondary school	State school	Private school				
		A		B		C		D		E	
		Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down		
Base		500	100%	250	100%	250	100%	450	100%	50	100%
Q1. Should parents have the	Yes, parents should have the right to have their children excused from	211	42%	121	49%	90	36%	177	39%	34	69%
	No, parents should not have the right to have their children excused	246	49%	95	38%	151	60%	231	51%	15	29%
	Don't know	43	9%	34	14%	9	4%	42	9%	1	2%

Q2. If you were required to teach children about the importance of same sex marriage, which of the following statements best describes your view?

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				North East		North West		Yorkshire &		East Midlands		West Midlands		East of England		South East		South West		London		Scotland		Wales		Northern Ireland	
		A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J		K		L		M	
		Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down	Counts	% down		
Base		500	100%	15	100%	63	100%	42	100%	51	100%	56	100%	50	100%	75	100%	60	100%	28	100%	28	100%	17	100%	15	100%
Q2. If you were required to teach children	I would probably refuse to do so	49	10%	1	5%	7	11%	2	4%	8	15%	9	16%	2	4%	4	6%	5	8%	3	9%	4	15%	2	10%	3	20%
	I would probably do so, but would not be happy about it	85	17%	3	22%	10	15%	7	16%	10	20%	12	22%	12	24%	12	16%	8	13%	5	18%	3	12%	-	-	3	17%
	I would probably be happy to do so	320	64%	9	57%	45	71%	31	74%	29	56%	30	54%	30	61%	51	67%	43	72%	17	60%	15	56%	15	90%	5	31%
	None of these	28	5%	3	16%	2	3%	1	3%	2	4%	-	-	4	8%	6	8%	3	5%	1	4%	3	12%	-	-	2	14%
	Don't know	18	4%	-	-	-	-	1	3%	2	4%	5	8%	1	3%	2	3%	1	1%	3	9%	1	5%	-	-	3	17%

Q2. If you were required to teach children about the importance of same sex marriage, which of the following statements best describes your view?

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Base		500	100%	250	100%	250	100%	450	100%	50	100%
Q2. If you were required to teach children	I would probably refuse to do so	49	10%	21	9%	27	11%	35	8%	14	29%
	I would probably do so, but would not be happy about it	85	17%	53	21%	32	13%	78	17%	7	14%
	I would probably be happy to do so	320	64%	146	59%	174	70%	294	65%	26	53%
	None of these	28	5%	15	6%	13	5%	27	6%	1	2%
	Don't know	18	4%	15	6%	3	1%	17	4%	1	3%



Q3. In your view, should teachers be disciplined if they refuse to teach about same sex marriage, or not?

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Base		500	100%	15	100%	63	100%	42	100%	51	100%	56	100%	50	100%	75	100%	60	100%	28	100%	28	100%	17	100%	15	100%
Q3. In your view, should	Yes teachers should be disciplined	95	19%	-	-	19	30%	10	24%	12	23%	9	16%	3	7%	13	18%	10	16%	10	37%	5	18%	2	12%	1	9%
	No teachers should not be disciplined	351	70%	15	95%	34	53%	28	68%	35	67%	41	74%	42	84%	50	67%	45	76%	17	59%	19	70%	13	78%	11	77%
	Don't know	55	11%	1	5%	11	17%	3	8%	5	10%	5	10%	5	9%	12	15%	5	8%	1	4%	3	12%	2	10%	2	14%

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Base		500	100%	250	100%	250	100%	450	100%	50	100%
Q3. In your view, should	Yes teachers should be disciplined	95	19%	41	17%	53	21%	85	19%	10	20%
	No teachers should not be disciplined	351	70%	175	70%	176	70%	313	70%	38	76%
	Don't know	55	11%	34	14%	21	8%	52	12%	2	4%

Q4. If same sex marriage is legalised, how concerned, or otherwise, would you be that teachers who express support for traditional marriage, even if their views have no effect on their job, could find that their professional career is damaged?

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Q4. If same sex marriage is legalised, how concerned, or	Very concerned	146	29%	4	24%	16	25%	8	18%	16	31%	15	27%	20	40%	26	34%	18	31%	8	28%	11	39%	2	10%	3	23%
	Fairly concerned	135	27%	8	49%	17	26%	13	32%	18	35%	16	29%	9	18%	20	26%	13	22%	6	22%	5	17%	5	32%	5	31%
	Not particularly concerned	148	30%	4	27%	18	29%	13	32%	14	27%	21	38%	14	28%	21	28%	18	29%	7	25%	9	33%	6	37%	2	14%
	Not at all concerned	53	11%	-	-	11	18%	4	10%	3	6%	2	4%	5	10%	8	10%	8	13%	5	16%	2	8%	2	12%	3	23%
	Don't know	19	4%	-	-	1	2%	3	8%	1	2%	1	2%	2	4%	1	1%	3	5%	3	9%	1	3%	2	10%	1	9%
	Concerned	280	56%	11	73%	33	51%	21	50%	34	66%	31	56%	29	58%	45	60%	32	53%	14	50%	15	56%	7	41%	8	54%
Not concerned	201	40%	4	27%	30	47%	18	42%	17	33%	23	42%	19	37%	29	39%	25	42%	12	41%	11	41%	8	49%	5	37%	

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Base		500	100%	250	100%	250	100%	450	100%	50	100%
Q4. If same sex marriage is legalised, how concerned, or	Very concerned	146	29%	75	30%	71	28%	128	28%	18	35%
	Fairly concerned	135	27%	76	31%	58	23%	123	27%	11	23%
	Not particularly concerned	148	30%	64	26%	84	34%	132	29%	16	33%
	Not at all concerned	53	11%	24	10%	29	12%	48	11%	5	9%
	Don't know	19	4%	11	5%	7	3%	19	4%	-	-
	Concerned	280	56%	151	61%	129	52%	252	56%	29	58%
Not concerned	201	40%	88	35%	113	45%	180	40%	21	42%	