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## Media Frequently Asked Questions

**Ipsos Reference: Study on attitudes towards same-sex relationships reveals a shift towards greater inclusivity in Singapore**

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### About the study

- Between 25 May 2022 and 2 June 2022, Ipsos ran a nationally representative online survey of n=500 Singaporean Citizens and Permanent Residents aged 18 and above, in which respondents were asked about their attitudes towards Section 377A and other aspects of same sex-relationships.

### Why was this study performed?

- The study comes five years after the first research was released by Ipsos in 2018 to mark the 10th year of Pink Dot SG, a not-for-profit movement organised to raise awareness of, and support for, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community in Singapore.
- Ipsos is a world leader in understanding the perceptions of citizens, public service users and other stakeholders. In this capacity, Ipsos regularly performs self-funded research projects to better understand the social climate in countries across the globe.

### Client Commissioning the Research

- This study did not have any external sponsors or partners. It was initiated and run by Ipsos, because we are curious about the world we live in and how citizens around the globe think and feel about their world.

## How do you ensure that the sample is representative?

- Our sample of n=500 Citizens and Permanent Residents was representative of the Singapore population in terms of Age, Gender, and Ethnicity, based on the latest Department of Statistics population estimates.

## How accurate are the results?

- At 95% confidence, a sample of n=500 has a maximum margin of error of  $\pm 5\%$  (based on a Bayesian Credible Interval). This means that, for example, if 50% of our sample indicated that they rode the MRT each week, we could be 95% sure that between 45% and 55% of the population do so.
- Credible intervals are wider among subsets of the population.

## Survey Questions covered in this release

### Q. Which of the following of the following would you identify as? (Regardless of how you currently present yourself with a different sexual identity)

- Heterosexual / straight (*Describes a person who is attracted — physically and emotionally — to individuals of the opposite sex.*)
- Bisexual (*Describes a person who is attracted to both men and women.*)
- Lesbian / homosexual female (*Describes a woman who is attracted, emotionally and/or physically, to other women.*)
- Gay / homosexual male (*Describes a man who is attracted, emotionally and/or physically, to other men.*)
- Asexual (*Describes a person who is not sexually attracted others and has no desire to engage in sexual behavior.*)
- Pansexual / Omnisexual (*Describes a person who is emotionally or physically attracted to — or has the potential to be attracted to — people of any gender or gender identity.*)
- Other
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

### Q. Section 377A of the Singapore penal code states that:

*“Any male person who, in public or private, commits, or abets the commission of, or procures or attempts to procure the commission by any male person of, any act of gross*

*indecent with another male person, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 2 years.”*

To what extent do you support or oppose this Section?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Prefer not to say

**Q. And to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements ...** (Strongly disagree / Somewhat disagree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat agree / Strongly agree / Prefer not to say)

1. I believe that Singaporeans should be able to participate in same-sex relationships
2. I am more accepting of same-sex relationships than I was three years ago
3. Most Singaporeans are more accepting of same-sex relationships than they were three years ago

**Q. (Among those who disagree) You disagree to some extent that Singaporeans should be able to participate in same-sex relationships. Can you let us know why? You may select up to 3 or 4 options below that best describe your opinion.**

- I believe it is unnatural / goes against the laws of nature
- It goes against my religion
- It goes against some religions
- I believe that it will upset our society, and will cause social issues down the road
- Singaporeans are not ready yet to accept same-sex relationships
- The laws in Singapore around housing/education/parental support currently do not favour LGBTQ relationships
- I think it is a fad/trend
- It goes against my goals or aspirations for my family
- It is against our/Asian values
- Other - Please tell us in a few words:

**Q. (Among those who agree) You agree to some extent that you are more accepting of same-sex relationships than you were in the past. In a few words, can you tell us why?**

**Q. Thinking about same-sex marriage, to what extent do you agree or disagree that:**  
(Strongly agree / Somewhat agree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree / Not sure)

1. Same-sex couples are just as likely as other parents to successfully raise children
2. Same-sex couples should have the same rights to adopt children as heterosexual couples do
3. My views on same-sex marriage are different than they were three years ago

**Q. To what extent do you support or oppose:** (Strongly support / Tend to support / Netither support nor oppose / Tend to oppose / Strongly oppose)

- Laws banning discrimination against LGBT people when it comes to employment, access to education, housing and social services, etc.

**Q. Are you open/willing to:**

- Speak out against someone who was being prejudiced against LGBT people