

Ipsos MORI – Gay Marriage Poll

Topline Results

Fieldwork: 8th – 10th December 2012

Technical Details

Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 1,023 adults aged 18+ across Great Britain. Interviews were conducted by telephone 8th to 10th December 2012. Data are weighted to match the profile of the population. Where percentages do not sum to 100 this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of “don’t know” categories, or multiple answers.

Q **As you may know, gay people in Britain can form a civil partnership but not get married to each other. Which, if any, of the following comes closest to your view on gay marriage?**

Base: 1,023 British adults 18+

	%
Gay people should not be allowed to get married to each other and should not be allowed to form a civil partnership	7
Gay people should not be allowed to get married but should be allowed to form a civil partnership	17
Gay people should be allowed to get married to each other but religious organisations should not be required to provide wedding ceremonies to gay people	45
Gay people should be allowed to get married to each other and religious organisations should be required to provide wedding ceremonies to gay people	28
Gay people should not be allowed to get married to each other	24
Gay people should be allowed to get married to each other	73
Don't know	3

Emerging findings:

- Overall a quarter (24%) of British adults do not want to allow gay marriage while around three quarters (73%) think gay people should be able to get married
- The most popular choice is to allow gay marriage but not to require religious organisations to provide wedding ceremonies (45%). This is the most popular choice for most demographic groups (such as age, class, party support, region)
- Generally older people are more likely to be against gay marriage (options 1+2) while young people are more in favour (options 3+4).
 - o 15% of 18-34s are opposed to gay marriage while 38% of 65+ do
 - o 82% of 18-34s are in favour, compared to 59% of those aged 65+
- Conservative supporters are more likely than Labour or Liberal Democrats to say gay people should have civil partnerships only (25%, 13%, 13% respectively) and are less likely to support forcing religious organisations to conduct ceremonies (18% Conservatives, 26% Labour supporters, 37% Lib Dems)

- However, allowing gay marriage and not forcing religious organisations to conduct ceremonies is the most popular option among Conservatives as it is for Liberal Democrats and Labour supporters (46%, 53%, 48% respectively).