



BBC Radio 5 Live – Gay Marriage Survey

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 1,007 GB adults by telephone between 14th and 17th March 2014. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Gay Marriage Poll

CATI Fieldwork : 14th - 17th March 2014

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q1. Do you support or oppose the Government's change in the law to permit gay marriages?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Class				Region										Q1. Change in law to permit gay marriages		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West	Support	Oppose
Unweighted base	1007	496	511	93	158	154	198	177	227	402	207	166	232	91	44	111	86	90	70	51	95	130	145	94	687	261
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Support	686 68%	303 61%	383 75%	99 83%	131 77%	130 77%	136 76%	92 62%	97 44%	210 78%	192 69%	123 56%	162 68%	58 64%	32 81%	77 69%	61 67%	65 72%	45 63%	33 65%	72 72%	90 69%	88 63%	64 71%	686 100%	-
Oppose	264 26%	158 32%	105 21%	19 16%	33 19%	27 16%	31 17%	45 30%	108 49%	50 19%	71 25%	83 38%	59 25%	27 30%	7 17%	31 28%	19 21%	21 23%	25 36%	14 28%	25 25%	34 26%	41 29%	19 21%	-	264 100%
Don't know	57 6%	32 7%	25 5%	1 1%	6 3%	12 7%	12 7%	12 8%	14 6%	10 4%	16 6%	13 6%	18 8%	6 6%	1 2%	3 3%	11 12%	4 5%	1 1%	3 7%	4 4%	6 5%	12 8%	7 8%	-	-

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Table 2

Q2. If you were invited to a same-sex wedding do you think you would or would not attend?

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	Gender			Age						Class				Region										Q1. Change in law to permit gay marriages		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	Supp-ort	Oppose
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I would attend the wedding	764 76%	343 69%	421 82%	98 82%	136 80%	135 80%	151 84%	113 75%	131 60%	223 83%	225 81%	140 64%	177 74%	72 79%	36 89%	82 74%	62 69%	72 79%	52 74%	38 75%	83 82%	92 70%	104 74%	70 78%	640 93%	88 33%
I would not attend the wedding	226 22%	142 29%	84 16%	20 17%	32 19%	30 18%	26 14%	35 23%	83 38%	45 17%	48 17%	73 33%	61 26%	18 20%	4 11%	26 24%	26 28%	17 19%	18 26%	11 23%	18 18%	33 25%	35 25%	20 22%	46 7%	170 64%
Don't know	16 2%	9 2%	8 1%	1 1%	1 1%	4 2%	3 1%	2 1%	5 2%	2 1%	6 2%	7 3%	1 *	1 2%	- -	2 2%	3 3%	1 2%	- -	1 2%	- -	6 4%	2 1%	- -	- -	6 2%

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Table 3
Q3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
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<u>Allowing same-sex couples to get married diminishes the status of marriage</u>																											
Agree	309	181	128	30	41	28	50	55	105	55	75	85	94	27	11	35	27	33	27	18	35	28	41	28	100	198	
	31%	37%	25%	25%	24%	17%	28%	37%	48%	21%	27%	39%	39%	30%	27%	32%	30%	36%	38%	36%	35%	22%	29%	31%	15%	75%	
Disagree	678	301	377	89	125	135	129	93	106	212	196	130	140	62	30	74	63	57	43	29	66	98	96	60	581	62	
	67%	61%	73%	75%	74%	80%	72%	62%	48%	79%	70%	59%	59%	68%	73%	67%	69%	63%	62%	58%	65%	75%	68%	66%	85%	23%	
Don't know	20	11	9	-	3	6	1	1	9	2	8	5	5	2	-	2	1	1	-	3	-	4	4	3	4	4	
	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	3%	1%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	1%	1%	-	6%	-	3%	3%	4%	1%	2%	
<u>It is outdated not to allow same-sex couples to get married</u>																											
Agree	684	317	367	91	125	137	134	92	106	210	197	126	151	66	31	78	63	66	44	32	68	93	82	60	590	58	
	68%	64%	72%	76%	74%	81%	75%	62%	48%	78%	71%	57%	63%	73%	78%	70%	73%	63%	64%	68%	71%	58%	66%	86%	22%		
Disagree	305	168	137	26	43	30	45	57	105	57	70	91	87	25	9	33	24	24	26	18	31	33	54	29	92	200	
	30%	34%	27%	22%	25%	18%	25%	38%	48%	21%	25%	41%	36%	27%	22%	30%	26%	26%	37%	36%	30%	25%	38%	32%	13%	76%	
Don't know	17	8	9	3	2	3	*	1	9	2	12	2	1	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	2	4	5	1	5	5	
	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	*	*	4%	1%	4%	1%	*	-	-	-	4%	1%	-	-	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	

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<u>A marriage between a man and a women is no different from a marriage between a man and a man, or a woman and a woman</u>																											
Agree	572	242	330	85	115	111	120	68	72	174	164	100	135	45	32	67	56	57	32	19	65	77	69	53	517	28	
	57%	49%	64%	71%	68%	66%	67%	46%	33%	65%	59%	46%	56%	50%	79%	60%	62%	63%	46%	39%	65%	59%	49%	58%	75%	11%	
Disagree	418	240	179	33	54	52	59	78	143	92	105	119	103	43	9	43	34	32	38	30	35	51	68	38	161	234	
	42%	49%	35%	27%	32%	31%	33%	52%	65%	34%	38%	54%	43%	47%	21%	39%	37%	35%	53%	59%	35%	39%	48%	42%	23%	89%	
Don't know	16	12	5	2	1	6	1	3	4	3	11	1	2	3	-	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	4	-	8	2	
	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%	*	2%	2%	1%	4%	*	1%	3%	-	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	-	1%	1%	
<u>It is not homophobic to disagree with the legalisation allowing same-sex marriage</u>																											
Agree	590	304	285	68	87	95	113	94	133	147	173	125	145	61	20	76	53	60	38	32	54	72	83	41	368	184	
	59%	62%	56%	57%	51%	56%	63%	63%	61%	55%	62%	57%	60%	67%	51%	68%	59%	66%	54%	64%	54%	55%	59%	45%	54%	70%	
Disagree	383	171	212	49	77	72	63	52	69	116	94	84	89	25	19	32	33	28	31	17	42	53	54	48	306	65	
	38%	35%	41%	41%	46%	42%	35%	35%	31%	43%	34%	38%	37%	28%	47%	29%	37%	31%	44%	34%	42%	41%	38%	53%	45%	25%	
Don't know	35	18	16	3	5	3	3	3	17	6	12	11	5	5	1	3	4	3	1	1	4	6	4	2	12	15	
	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	8%	2%	4%	5%	2%	5%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%	3%	4%	5%	3%	2%	2%	6%	