

BBC Daily Politics Show Poll

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Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region							
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1004	452	552	97	178	198	154	146	231	275	352	377	277	199	179	349	265	262	247	142	88
Weighted base	1004	482	522	110	171	201	171	151	201	281	371	352	251	291	211	251	267	262	247	140	88
<u>Children adopted by gay couples are as likely to have a good upbringing as those adopted by heterosexual couples.</u>																					
Agree	583	247	336	62	127	129	105	83	77	189	233	160	144	175	117	147	162	147	139	86	49
	58%	51%	64%	56%	75%	64%	61%	55%	38%	67%	63%	45%	57%	60%	56%	58%	61%	56%	56%	62%	55%
Disagree	383	214	169	44	38	66	58	61	116	82	124	178	98	108	83	94	96	103	99	47	38
	38%	44%	32%	40%	22%	33%	34%	41%	58%	29%	33%	50%	39%	37%	39%	38%	36%	40%	40%	34%	43%
Don't know	38	21	17	5	5	6	8	7	8	10	14	14	9	8	11	10	10	12	9	6	1
	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%
<u>Church groups that organise adoptions should be exempt from these laws, allowing them to continue to place children for adoption according to their own beliefs</u>																					
Agree	551	269	281	64	89	113	71	91	123	153	184	214	141	137	132	141	151	141	135	76	48
	55%	56%	54%	58%	52%	56%	42%	60%	61%	55%	50%	61%	56%	47%	63%	56%	56%	54%	55%	54%	54%
Disagree	410	195	215	41	72	78	94	54	71	112	173	125	101	145	69	95	108	104	99	62	37
	41%	40%	41%	37%	42%	39%	55%	36%	35%	40%	47%	36%	40%	50%	33%	38%	40%	40%	40%	44%	42%
Don't know	43	18	26	6	10	9	5	6	8	16	14	13	9	10	9	15	8	17	13	3	3
	4%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	3%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	6%	3%	6%	5%	2%	3%
<u>There are some issues where people's individuals' religious beliefs are more important than attempts to stop discrimination</u>																					
Agree	527	252	275	67	91	108	80	85	96	158	188	181	123	152	122	130	141	137	135	67	47
	52%	52%	53%	61%	53%	54%	47%	57%	48%	56%	50%	52%	49%	52%	58%	52%	53%	52%	55%	48%	54%
Disagree	399	208	190	34	68	82	76	53	86	102	158	139	110	118	73	97	100	107	92	62	38
	40%	43%	36%	31%	40%	41%	45%	35%	43%	36%	43%	39%	44%	40%	35%	39%	37%	41%	37%	44%	43%
Don't know	78	22	57	9	12	10	15	12	19	21	25	32	18	21	15	24	27	18	20	11	3
	8%	5%	11%	8%	7%	5%	9%	8%	10%	8%	7%	9%	7%	7%	7%	10%	10%	7%	8%	8%	4%

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<u>Although they talk about conscience and principles, religious groups that complain about anti-discrimination laws are often just prejudiced</u>																					
Agree	632 63%	286 59%	346 66%	56 51%	110 64%	132 66%	111 65%	102 67%	121 60%	166 59%	244 66%	223 63%	160 64%	182 63%	132 63%	159 63%	175 65%	159 61%	159 64%	81 58%	59 66%
Disagree	303 30%	169 35%	134 26%	48 43%	52 31%	50 25%	53 31%	38 25%	61 30%	100 36%	104 28%	99 28%	74 29%	89 31%	68 32%	72 29%	74 28%	83 32%	75 30%	47 33%	25 28%
Don't know	69 7%	26 5%	43 8%	6 6%	8 5%	18 9%	6 3%	11 7%	19 9%	15 5%	24 6%	30 8%	18 7%	20 7%	11 5%	20 8%	18 7%	20 8%	13 5%	12 9%	5 6%