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Same-sex marriage poll

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 6,144 adults online between 16th to 25th January 2013. This included 508 respondents from ethnic minorities. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of all British adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 1
Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with these statements?
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age							Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	508	229	279	125	171	123	60	22	7	184	166	60	98	77	262
Weighted base	523	233	290	141	165	127	55	26	8	165	176	90	91	83	285
David Cameron's plan to legalise gay marriage is more to do with trying to make the Conservative Party look trendy and modern than because of his convictions															
Agree	323 62%	144 62%	179 62%	87 62%	94 57%	80 63%	37 66%	21 80%	5 58%	118 71%	105 59%	52 57%	49 54%	54 64%	181 64%
Disagree	76 15%	35 15%	41 14%	20 14%	26 16%	22 17%	5 9%	4 15%	-	22 13%	24 13%	15 16%	16 17%	10 12%	34 12%
Don't know	124 24%	54 23%	70 24%	34 24%	45 27%	26 21%	14 24%	1 5%	4 42%	25 15%	48 27%	24 27%	26 28%	20 24%	69 24%
I would have considered voting Conservative at the next election but will definitely not if the Coalition Government legalises same-sex marriage															
Agree	156 30%	84 36%	72 25%	45 32%	62 37%	31 24%	14 25%	2 9%	3 37%	54 33%	54 31%	31 34%	17 19%	31 37%	84 30%
Disagree	248 47%	100 43%	148 51%	56 40%	62 38%	74 58%	32 59%	20 79%	3 35%	92 55%	80 46%	32 35%	45 49%	38 46%	140 49%
Don't know	118 23%	48 21%	70 24%	41 29%	41 25%	22 17%	9 16%	3 13%	2 29%	20 12%	42 24%	28 31%	29 32%	14 17%	61 21%
Marriage should continue to be defined as a life-long, exclusive commitment between a man and a woman															
Agree	323 62%	156 67%	167 58%	86 61%	110 67%	74 58%	30 54%	16 61%	7 87%	107 64%	105 59%	64 71%	47 52%	58 70%	169 59%
Disagree	128 25%	48 21%	80 27%	34 24%	35 21%	31 25%	19 34%	8 33%	1 13%	42 25%	45 25%	16 18%	26 28%	19 23%	70 25%
Don't know	72 14%	29 12%	43 15%	21 15%	21 12%	22 17%	7 12%	2 7%	-	17 10%	27 15%	10 12%	18 20%	6 7%	46 16%

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<u>Once same-sex marriage is legalised, most people who currently oppose it will change their mind about it</u>															
Agree	164 31%	73 31%	91 31%	45 32%	63 38%	32 25%	17 31%	7 27%	* 5%	50 30%	61 34%	25 28%	28 31%	23 28%	103 36%
Disagree	246 47%	113 49%	133 46%	59 42%	72 43%	70 55%	26 47%	14 53%	6 72%	83 50%	76 43%	44 49%	42 47%	46 55%	123 43%
Don't know	113 22%	46 20%	66 23%	37 26%	30 18%	26 20%	12 22%	5 20%	2 23%	32 20%	39 22%	21 23%	20 22%	14 17%	59 21%
<u>The way David Cameron has managed the consultation over legalising same-sex marriage shows that he is prepared to listen to the views and concerns of ordinary voters</u>															
Agree	190 36%	88 38%	102 35%	68 48%	68 41%	35 27%	12 23%	5 18%	2 27%	68 41%	61 35%	21 24%	40 44%	27 32%	96 34%
Disagree	167 32%	77 33%	90 31%	35 25%	44 26%	57 45%	18 33%	9 36%	4 42%	51 31%	64 36%	36 39%	17 18%	32 38%	90 32%
Don't know	166 32%	68 29%	98 34%	38 27%	53 32%	36 28%	25 45%	12 46%	3 31%	46 28%	52 29%	33 37%	34 38%	24 29%	99 35%
<u>I am concerned that legalising same-sex marriage is likely to lead to more cases where people who believe in traditional marriage face the sack or demotion at work because of their views</u>															
Agree	258 49%	127 55%	130 45%	82 58%	81 49%	62 49%	19 34%	10 38%	5 55%	73 44%	90 51%	56 62%	39 43%	49 58%	136 48%
Disagree	188 36%	75 32%	113 39%	34 24%	58 35%	49 39%	31 56%	13 49%	4 45%	72 44%	59 33%	23 26%	34 38%	24 29%	110 39%
Don't know	77 15%	30 13%	47 16%	25 18%	27 16%	16 13%	6 10%	3 13%	- -	20 12%	28 16%	11 12%	17 19%	10 12%	38 13%

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Unweighted base	508	19	13	45	26	54	33	8	24	211	66	9	-	508	96	245	109	34	24	
Weighted base	523	17	15	47	27	59	37	12	28	215	56	10	-	523	100	258	107	33	25	
David Cameron's plan to legalise gay marriage is more to do with trying to make the Conservative Party look trendy and modern than because of his convictions																				
Agree	323	13	9	30	14	32	18	11	17	135	37	8	-	323	64	158	72	15	14	
	62%	75%	59%	63%	51%	54%	48%	93%	61%	63%	67%	82%	-	62%	64%	61%	67%	46%	58%	
Disagree	76	2	3	11	5	13	6	1	2	23	9	1	-	76	16	38	14	3	4	
	15%	14%	21%	23%	18%	21%	15%	7%	7%	11%	16%	9%	-	15%	16%	15%	13%	10%	18%	
Don't know	124	2	3	6	9	14	14	-	9	57	9	1	-	124	21	61	21	15	6	
	24%	11%	20%	13%	31%	24%	37%	-	32%	26%	17%	9%	-	24%	21%	24%	20%	44%	24%	
I would have considered voting Conservative at the next election but will definitely not if the Coalition Government legalises same-sex marriage																				
Agree	156	9	2	14	10	16	8	3	2	79	12	-	-	156	22	98	19	10	8	
	30%	50%	14%	29%	37%	27%	22%	27%	8%	37%	22%	-	-	30%	22%	38%	18%	29%	32%	
Disagree	248	7	7	26	10	22	20	9	16	89	35	9	-	248	64	93	67	13	11	
	47%	41%	47%	55%	35%	37%	53%	73%	56%	42%	63%	91%	-	47%	64%	36%	63%	39%	43%	
Don't know	118	2	6	7	8	21	9	-	10	46	8	1	-	118	14	67	21	10	6	
	23%	9%	38%	16%	28%	36%	25%	-	37%	21%	15%	9%	-	23%	14%	26%	20%	32%	25%	
Marriage should continue to be defined as a life-long, exclusive commitment between a man and a woman																				
Agree	323	11	6	29	15	35	19	5	13	149	32	7	-	323	51	178	69	12	12	
	62%	62%	45%	62%	56%	59%	52%	46%	46%	69%	58%	72%	-	62%	51%	69%	65%	36%	49%	
Disagree	128	7	7	15	6	14	14	6	7	32	19	2	-	128	43	43	21	13	9	
	25%	38%	50%	31%	21%	23%	37%	50%	27%	15%	34%	15%	-	25%	43%	17%	20%	38%	36%	
Don't know	72	-	1	3	6	10	4	*	8	34	5	1	-	72	6	36	17	9	4	
	14%	-	6%	7%	23%	18%	11%	3%	27%	16%	8%	13%	-	14%	6%	14%	16%	26%	16%	

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Agree	164	1	5	19	7	16	10	2	6	74	22	2	-	164	44	90	20	7	3
	31%	8%	32%	41%	25%	26%	27%	18%	20%	35%	40%	21%	-	31%	43%	35%	19%	22%	13%
Disagree	246	13	6	20	11	30	17	10	14	92	27	7	-	246	41	105	67	17	15
	47%	75%	39%	43%	40%	51%	47%	82%	49%	43%	49%	66%	-	47%	41%	41%	63%	52%	62%
Don't know	113	3	4	8	10	14	10	-	9	49	6	1	-	113	16	63	20	9	6
	22%	17%	30%	16%	35%	23%	26%	-	32%	23%	11%	13%	-	22%	16%	24%	18%	26%	25%
The way David Cameron has managed the consultation over legalising same-sex marriage shows that he is prepared to listen to the views and concerns of ordinary voters																			
Agree	190	5	8	16	14	18	11	4	9	80	22	3	-	190	38	103	25	16	8
	36%	30%	54%	34%	51%	30%	30%	38%	34%	37%	40%	25%	-	36%	38%	40%	23%	50%	33%
Disagree	167	8	2	19	9	23	14	5	5	59	17	7	-	167	39	71	41	6	9
	32%	43%	12%	40%	33%	38%	39%	43%	17%	27%	31%	66%	-	32%	38%	28%	38%	20%	38%
Don't know	166	5	5	12	4	19	12	2	14	76	16	1	-	166	24	83	42	10	7
	32%	27%	34%	25%	16%	31%	32%	19%	49%	36%	29%	9%	-	32%	24%	32%	39%	31%	29%
I am concerned that legalising same-sex marriage is likely to lead to more cases where people who believe in traditional marriage face the sack or demotion at work because of their views																			
Agree	258	12	5	22	11	28	11	5	5	128	28	4	-	258	38	147	52	12	9
	49%	66%	37%	48%	39%	48%	29%	40%	17%	60%	50%	36%	-	49%	38%	57%	48%	37%	38%
Disagree	188	4	8	20	8	17	18	7	17	58	24	7	-	188	48	75	42	15	8
	36%	26%	52%	44%	30%	30%	50%	57%	61%	27%	42%	64%	-	36%	48%	29%	40%	46%	32%
Don't know	77	1	2	4	9	14	8	*	6	29	4	-	-	77	14	37	13	6	7
	15%	8%	10%	9%	31%	23%	22%	3%	22%	13%	8%	-	-	15%	14%	14%	12%	17%	30%