

# Westminster Faith Debates

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# **Do Christians Really Oppose Same-Sex Marriage?**

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# YouGov survey for Westminster Faith Debates, 2013

- Online survey
- Total sample size 4,437 adults
- Fieldwork undertaken 25th - 30th January 2013
- The figures have been weighted and are representative of all GB adults (aged 18+)

allowed to get married?	ALL	No religion	Anglican	RC	Presbyterian	Methodist	Baptist	Religion TOTAL
<b>Should</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Should NOT</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>

ADHERENTS

<b>Allowed to get married</b>	<b>Anglican</b>	<b>Methodist</b>	<b>Baptist</b>	<b>Jewish</b>	<b>Hindu</b>	<b>Muslim</b>	<b>Gen Popn</b>
<b>Right</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Wrong</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>

ADHERENTS

<b>allowed to get married?</b>	<b>Roman Catholic</b>	<b>Anglican</b>	<b>Church of Scotland</b>	<b>Methodist/ Baptist</b>	<b>Pente- costal</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Should</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Should NOT</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>

**Participate in a group**

- Most common reason given by Christians who say gay marriage is RIGHT:

“People should be treated equally whatever their sexual orientation” (77%)

- Most common reason given by Christians who say gay marriage is WRONG:

“Marriage should be between a man and a woman” (79%)

# John Gummer, Lord Deben

**John Gummer left the House of Commons in 2010 was appointed to the House of Lords as Lord Deben.**

**He is a practising Catholic.**



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