

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1876

Fieldwork: 24th - 25th January 2007

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Strength of feeling		
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	Matter of principle	Don't mind too much	Don't know
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Parliament recently passed the Equality Act, which gives people the right to be treated equally in a variety of circumstances. These include the right of gay couples to adopt children. Catholic adoption agencies wish to be exempt from this particular rule. They say that adoption by gay couples is against their religious principles. What do you think Parliament should do?

Exempt Catholic adoption agencies from this rule, and allow them to reject gay couples who wish to adopt children	42	57	36	29	47	38	32	37	56	45	39	54	36	15
NOT exempt Catholic adoption agencies, and require them to consider gay couples on the same basis as other couples	43	30	49	61	40	46	51	46	34	42	44	41	48	30
Don't know	15	13	15	10	14	16	17	17	11	13	17	4	16	55

Which of these statements about the adoption dispute comes closer to your view?

This is an important matter of principle and I feel strongly about it'	47	49	42	53	49	44	40	42	57	50	43	100	0	0
Other issues facing Parliament are much more important, and I don't mind too much how this matter is resolved'	43	46	47	38	42	44	46	47	37	42	45	0	100	0
Don't know	11	5	11	10	9	12	14	12	7	9	13	0	0	100