Arguments Against Same-Sex Marriage

- People who choose to be gay know that their choice means they cannot get married (-28)
- It is fine for same-sex couples to have a ceremony, but it should not be called ‘marriage’ (-33)
- The recognition of de facto relationships and civil unions is enough; we don’t need same-sex marriage too (-34)
- Children need both a mother and a father, and legalising same-sex marriage could break that down (-36)
- The institution is already under threat and should not be further undermined by this (-43)
- Marriage is only meant to be between a man and a woman, so this is wrong and should not be encouraged (-44)
- Marriage is a religious institution and no changes should be made to it against the wishes of religious groups
- Same-sex marriages could devalue traditional marriages (-51)
- Allowing same-sex marriage will lead to some people losing their religious freedoms (-55)
- Allowing same-sex marriage is a slippery slope and could lead to issues like polygamy (-57)

N.B. Sorted by net agreement (given in brackets) = % Total agree - % Total disagree

Q36) I’m now going to read you out some arguments that other people have given us for and against same-sex couples being able to marry and, regardless of your overall opinion, I would like you to tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with what’s being said.