

## Is this secularism?

'One of our key aims is that the UK should be a **secular state** guaranteeing human rights, with no privilege or discrimination on grounds of religion or belief. This is not only because it is the fairest approach, but also because it reflects the diversity of Britain today.'

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Sort the statements into those that a secularist would support and those that they wouldn't.

- 1) Everybody should be treated equally regardless of their religion or belief.
- 2) Religion should have a special place in society.
- 3) People should be free to believe what they want – free to be religious or non-religious.
- 4) The religion of the majority should be favoured by the state.
- 5) The state should ban religion.
- 6) We should not discriminate against anyone because of their religion or belief.
- 7) Religious people's opinions should not be listened to.
- 8) The state should aim to be neutral on matters of religion and belief.
- 9) The church should not have any influence over the government's decisions.
- 10) Life would be better if everyone was a humanist.

### Answers

- 1) Support
- 2) Don't support
- 3) Support
- 4) Don't support
- 5) Don't support
- 6) Support
- 7) Don't support
- 8) Support
- 9) A secularist would believe that the church should not have any more influence over the government's decisions than any other interest group
- 10) Some secularists might believe this but they would not support a state that enforced it