

YouGov / University of Lancaster Survey Results

Sample Size: 4437 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 25th - 30th January 2013

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	4437	1154	1453	382	1395	1125	973	2156	2281	537	1131	1517	1251	2529	1908	568	1442	950	1092	386
Unweighted Sample	4437	1065	1504	332	1334	1163	981	2170	2267	412	1180	1715	1130	2839	1598	953	1338	833	998	315
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The law should be kept as it is	16	17	19	17	18	20	13	18	15	17	18	14	18	19	14	23	16	14	16	18
The law should be changed to allow assisted suicide in these circumstances	70	73	68	73	71	66	75	70	70	63	65	73	73	69	70	61	71	73	70	68
Don't know	14	9	14	10	11	14	12	13	15	20	16	13	9	12	16	16	13	13	14	13

You said that you think the current law on euthanasia should be kept as it is. Which of the following best describes your view? Please tick all that apply

[The following question only went to those who said the law should be kept as it is n=790]

Vulnerable people could be, or feel, pressured to die	59	66	60	47	65	55	62	52	67	65	47	63	64	65	49	55	70	58	52	51
It places too much of a burden on the person or people who help someone to die	55	59	56	40	57	53	59	49	63	59	43	56	65	56	54	49	54	59	55	67
You can never build in enough safeguards	48	53	49	44	57	48	47	46	50	49	42	48	53	53	39	43	57	41	43	54
Human life is sacred	48	43	46	52	46	44	54	47	50	41	41	53	53	47	50	48	49	49	49	41
Death should take its natural course	46	44	45	54	46	47	49	46	47	38	38	49	55	45	49	47	43	50	50	39
No-one can ever be certain that they really want to die, but the decision is irreversible	43	47	44	22	46	44	39	40	47	41	30	44	56	47	38	35	48	49	41	37
Other	3	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	2	13	4	1	1	3	3	1	5	3	2	6
Don't know	3	2	3	5	1	2	3	2	4	6	6	1	1	2	5	3	2	5	2	4

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Weighted Sample 4437	1630	1519	391	108	121	60	82	48	106	24	100	207
Unweighted Sample 4437	1649	1261	354	90	96	58	162	92	201	49	185	192
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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The law should be kept as it is	16	9	15	30	24	23	45	21	28	55	14	24	18
The law should be changed to allow assisted suicide in these circumstances	70	81	72	56	61	62	43	69	36	26	69	58	48
Don't know	14	10	13	14	15	15	12	10	36	19	17	17	35

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Vulnerable people could be, or feel, pressured to die	59	56	62	70	54	83	76	71	43	35	36	67	35
It places too much of a burden on the person or people who help someone to die	55	63	57	55	60	74	80	58	21	40	7	49	34
You can never build in enough safeguards	48	42	50	59	54	80	56	60	38	25	36	49	25
Human life is sacred	48	24	49	57	58	51	76	60	34	63	0	61	47
Death should take its natural course	46	29	47	52	63	33	55	44	37	67	41	63	39
No-one can ever be certain that they really want to die, but the decision is irreversible	43	39	50	47	43	35	64	53	19	33	16	45	26
Other	3	5	2	2	0	0	13	0	0	2	36	4	11
Don't know	3	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	16	6	2

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	Guidance										
Total	Religion	Family	God	Own reason	Own intuition	Religious leaders	Religious teachings	Friends	Deceased loved ones	Literature and art	Science
Weighted Sample 4437	138	2342	632	2862	2532	88	498	1629	276	255	854
Unweighted Sample 4437	167	2280	705	2941	2564	102	612	1642	244	286	927
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The law should be changed to allow assisted suicide in these circumstances	70	46	73	46	76	76	52	51	76	73	72	77
Don't know	14	12	13	15	11	11	12	14	11	9	12	8

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Vulnerable people could be, or feel, pressured to die	59	65	69	61	69	71	33	62	67	59	69	63
It places too much of a burden on the person or people who help someone to die	55	54	66	58	65	65	39	62	63	57	64	57
You can never build in enough safeguards	48	42	55	51	59	60	28	57	59	38	48	57
Human life is sacred	48	69	49	72	49	45	76	75	45	59	33	38
Death should take its natural course	46	62	49	61	46	48	60	67	42	42	29	32
No-one can ever be certain that they really want to die, but the decision is irreversible	43	47	48	44	49	52	34	50	47	63	44	46
Other	3	0	4	4	4	2	2	2	4	1	13	3
Don't know	3	9	3	1	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	0

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Weighted Sample 4437	583	129	246	960	1805	95	20	19	97	16	36
Unweighted Sample 4437	542	122	291	935	1850	112	21	23	96	18	25
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The law should be changed to allow assisted suicide in these circumstances	70	70	70	30	75	78	44	55	62	61	68	79
Don't know	14	16	14	16	12	9	16	19	12	9	5	3

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Vulnerable people could be, or feel, pressured to die	59	68	50	58	62	67	48	0	48	39	52	38
It places too much of a burden on the person or people who help someone to die	55	57	50	52	59	64	43	48	32	43	40	38
You can never build in enough safeguards	48	48	33	44	54	60	33	12	0	41	30	0
Human life is sacred	48	37	49	72	43	39	79	59	26	36	12	59
Death should take its natural course	46	43	30	56	48	43	81	5	41	17	0	59
No-one can ever be certain that they really want to die, but the decision is irreversible	43	44	31	40	47	50	43	41	12	27	13	34
Other	3	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0
Don't know	3	5	2	1	4	1	0	0	33	0	0	0

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[The following question only went to those who said the law should be changed =3044]

An individual has the right to choose when and how to die	82	83	82	81	83	81	85	80	84	83	79	85	82	81	84	86	84	81	80	80
It is preferable to drawn-out suffering	77	78	75	78	79	73	81	77	76	73	73	76	81	77	76	79	77	77	74	76
Those assisting suicide should not fear prosecution	76	79	72	80	80	73	79	74	78	72	69	77	82	75	78	77	77	78	76	69
It's happening anyway and regulation would improve safety and delivery	51	52	49	57	51	48	56	51	50	52	46	52	53	50	51	55	51	50	52	42
The national health and welfare systems cannot provide decent end of life care	35	36	35	27	40	34	34	35	36	31	29	35	43	34	38	38	36	38	32	34
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2
Don't know	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0

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Those assisting suicide should not fear prosecution	76	79	78	69	74	77	77	77	49	61	58	66	65
It's happening anyway and regulation would improve safety and delivery	51	54	51	42	49	49	42	55	36	39	66	54	37
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Don't know	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	7	5	0	5

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The national health and welfare systems cannot provide decent end of life care	35	51	33	40	36	38	56	44	32	40	41	39
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	5	3
Don't know	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1

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It's happening anyway and regulation would improve safety and delivery	51	43	52	45	53	54	42	43	39	70	6	54
The national health and welfare systems cannot provide decent end of life care	35	30	41	35	36	36	50	71	56	42	30	41
Other	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	12	0	1	0	0
Don't know	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	6	2	0	0