

YouGov Survey Results

RESULTS for Dignity in Dying

Sample Size: 2000
 Fieldwork: 8 - 10 May 2006

	Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 50	Over 50	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands and Wales	North	Scotland
All GB adults	2000	960	1040	409	775	816	1080	920	420	400	480	520	180
Unweighted N	2000	976	1024	453	964	583	1150	850	374	429	478	537	182
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The following pages contain questions about the treatment and care of people with terminal illnesses.
 Are you happy to answer questions on this topic?

Yes – happy to answer	89	88	90	85	91	89	88	90	84	90	89	91	90
No – prefer not to answer	11	12	10	15	9	11	12	10	16	10	11	9	10

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All GB adults	2000	416	297	136	176	79	169	205	99	211	126
Unweighted N	2000	368	303	145	168	82	184	224	92	216	125
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The following pages contain questions about the treatment and care of people with terminal illnesses.

Are you happy to answer questions on this topic?

Yes – happy to answer	89	84	88	89	92	93	89	93	86	93	91
No – prefer not to answer	11	16	12	11	8	7	11	7	14	7	9

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All willing to answer	1770	839	931	344	703	721	946	822	353	358	426	471	161
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you agree or disagree with the statement: 'These days people in the latter stages of terminal illnesses such as cancer (for example, people diagnosed as having 6 months left to live) can receive excellent palliative and hospice care to manage their symptoms; allowing them a useful and peaceful conclusion to their life' ?

Agree strongly	18	18	18	14	16	22	17	20	16	16	20	18	20
Agree	41	40	42	36	40	44	43	38	39	46	39	39	41
Neither agree nor disagree	19	20	18	23	20	16	18	19	20	17	19	20	17
Disagree	10	11	10	11	11	9	10	10	11	10	11	9	11
Disagree strongly	4	3	4	2	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	1
Don't know	8	8	9	13	10	5	7	10	9	9	7	9	9

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All willing to answer 1770	351	259	121	162	72	152	189	84	194	113
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Agree strongly	18	16	19	11	22	18	21	27	8	14	23
Agree	41	39	36	43	47	51	48	37	41	41	42
Neither agree nor disagree	19	20	20	21	16	14	13	16	26	21	15
Disagree	10	11	12	11	8	11	7	9	8	10	11
Disagree strongly	4	4	5	4	3	0	2	3	9	4	2
Don't know	8	9	8	10	5	6	9	8	8	9	7

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Knowing this, do you think the law should be changed to allow such patients to receive a prescription from their doctor to end their suffering, subject to a range of safeguards?

Yes – assisted dying should be legal	76	76	76	72	81	73	74	79	73	75	76	80	77
No – it should not	13	15	11	12	10	16	15	10	17	14	12	9	16
Don't know	11	9	12	15	9	10	11	11	10	11	12	11	7

Religious leaders are spending hundreds of thousands of pounds opposing proposals in Parliament, which could change the law to allow assisted dying.

Do their actions make you any more likely or less likely to attend services and/or donate to the religions which these leaders represent?

More likely	3	3	3	2	3	4	4	2	3	2	3	2	6
Less likely	12	14	10	11	12	11	13	11	13	10	12	12	12
Would have no effect – would attend services and/or donate regardless of such matters	19	18	20	14	18	23	22	16	23	20	18	18	18
Would have no effect – do not attend services or donate to any religion	58	60	56	61	58	56	55	61	52	60	58	61	54
Don't know	8	6	11	12	9	6	7	10	9	7	9	7	10

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Less likely	12	13	11	16	14	5	7	12	8	13	13
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Have you had any experience of hospice or palliative care, either yourself directly or indirectly through the experience of a loved one?

Yes – have experience of hospice / palliative care	39	36	41	24	36	48	41	36	41	40	37	39	35
No – have not	59	62	56	72	61	51	57	61	58	57	60	60	59
Prefer not to answer	2	1	3	4	2	1	1	3	1	3	3	1	6

Would you describe yourself as...?

Church of England/ Anglican/ Episcopal	33	28	38	23	32	40	31	36	30	39	38	38	6
Roman Catholic	9	8	9	5	10	9	11	6	12	7	6	8	14
Presbyterian/ Church of Scotland	3	4	3	1	3	5	4	3	1	0	1	2	24
Methodist	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	1
Baptist	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	2
United Reformed Church	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	0
Free Presbyterian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brethren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jewish	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	1
Hindu	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Muslim	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1
Sikh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buddhist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Other form of religion	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	4	5	4
Not religious	40	45	35	53	44	30	38	42	37	39	42	39	45
Prefer not to say	2	2	1	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	3

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No – have not	59	58	61	56	58	46	62	55	66	63	57
Prefer not to answer	2	1	4	5	2	0	3	0	1	1	8

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Hindu	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sikh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buddhist	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	0
Other form of religion	5	6	5	5	4	7	6	5	7	3	5
Not religious	40	37	42	45	42	41	34	35	46	39	44
Prefer not to say	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	0	3