

YouGov / Compassion in Dying Survey Results

Sample Size: 2093 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 1st - 3rd March 2024

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The following questions cover the topic of end-of life care and dying which some respondents may not wish to answer.

Please remember that your answers to all YouGov surveys are entirely confidential and will only ever be analysed in combination with other respondents' answers. We have also included a "prefer not to say" for all questions.

Are you happy to proceed with this part of the survey or would you rather skip this section?

I am happy to proceed with this part of the survey	92	94	94	95	94	95	90	94	79	94	94	93	94	90	92	97	90	91	91	93	93
I would like to skip this part of the survey	8	6	6	5	6	5	10	6	21	6	6	7	6	10	8	3	10	9	9	7	7

Weighted Sample	1932	642	474	169	692	739	913	1019	174	810	488	458	1120	812	1666	102	164	460	316	237	653	
Unweighted Sample	1953	653	469	181	772	770	886	1067	132	808	505	507	1182	771	1679	110	164	482	323	204	670	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

[The following were asked only to those who were happy to proceed with the survey; n=1953]

Thinking generally about the last years of your life, would you want to prioritise living longer or your quality of life?

Living longer	9	9	10	9	7	10	11	7	3	9	8	11	7	11	9	7	9	10	9	9	8
Quality of life	83	83	83	84	86	83	81	85	84	83	85	81	85	80	83	85	84	82	82	83	84
Prefer not to say	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	0	1
Don't know	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	11	7	6	7	7	7	7	6	5	8	8	7	7

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If you had an illness such as dementia or you were in a coma meaning you were unable to communicate and make decisions about the medical treatment you were given, who would you prefer to make the final decisions about what medical treatment you were given?

Yourselves, having written out your decisions about treatment in advance	43	43	40	45	42	45	38	47	40	41	47	42	44	42	43	50	37	41	44	45	44
Your partner	30	29	32	32	33	29	33	26	20	32	31	29	30	29	30	28	31	30	31	23	31
A close family member	16	17	16	10	13	16	16	16	28	14	12	20	15	17	16	12	16	17	14	14	17
A friend	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	3	0
A doctor	3	2	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	6	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1
Don't know	7	7	6	9	7	7	8	6	6	8	5	5	6	8	6	7	9	7	7	8	5

A Living Will, also known as an Advance Decision to Refuse Treatment, is a document that allows you to list treatments that you want to refuse, in the event that you become unable to make and communicate these decisions for yourself.

Have you made a Living Will?

Yes, I have	5	5	4	6	5	5	6	4	4	4	5	6	5	5	5	4	5	4	5	7	5
No, I have not	92	93	95	92	93	93	91	94	92	93	93	92	94	91	92	93	92	94	93	90	92
Prefer not to say	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	4	3	2	2	1	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	3

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A Lasting Power of Attorney for Health and Welfare gives a trusted person the legal power to make treatment and care decisions on your behalf, in the event that you become unable to make decisions for yourself. A Lasting Power of Attorney for Property and Finance gives a trusted person the legal power to make decisions on your behalf regarding your personal finance and property. Which, if any, of the following do you currently have?

A Lasting Power of Attorney for Health and Welfare	9	13	6	14	10	12	9	9	4	5	11	17	10	8	9	9	13	8	9	9	10
A Lasting Power of Attorney for Property and Finance	11	16	5	15	10	14	12	10	4	4	13	22	12	9	11	12	10	9	12	11	10
None of these	79	77	85	75	81	77	76	81	73	83	81	71	78	79	79	78	75	80	75	75	81
Prefer not to say	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	4	3	2	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	2	4	2
Don't know	6	3	5	3	4	4	6	6	16	8	2	3	6	7	6	8	6	6	9	7	4

Thinking back to the last close relative or friend you know who has died, did they die suddenly or were they suffering from a short or long-term illness?

[Asked only to those who were happy to proceed with the survey; n=1953]

They died suddenly	22	22	18	26	21	24	23	21	22	21	22	23	23	21	21	26	25	19	24	20	22
They were suffering from a short-term illness	22	23	27	21	23	23	22	22	15	23	23	24	22	23	23	18	22	24	20	20	23
They were suffering from a long-term illness	39	39	40	43	42	40	39	40	36	36	43	43	40	39	40	44	36	40	39	40	39
Not applicable – I have not recently had a close friend or relative die	11	11	10	8	10	9	10	12	15	14	9	8	12	10	12	4	13	11	9	15	12
Prefer not to say	3	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	5	4	1	1	2	4	3	4	2	3	3	3	2
Don't know	2	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	6	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	2	5	2	2

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Thinking about the same relative, towards the end of their life do you think they received medical treatment they would have wanted or medical treatment they would not have wanted?

[Asked only to those who answered short or long-term illness; n=1214]

Medical treatment they would have wanted	54	59	56	58	57	53	57	52	47	56	52	55	56	52	54	51	55	54	52	52	56
Medical treatment they would not have wanted	9	6	10	8	8	9	9	9	12	9	10	6	9	9	8	9	14	9	12	7	7
Both medical treatment they would have and medical treatment they would not have wanted	17	16	17	13	17	17	13	21	27	17	16	16	17	17	18	18	13	21	15	22	15
Prefer not to say	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	0	1	3	3	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	2	2
Don't know	18	17	15	19	17	19	19	17	14	17	19	21	17	20	18	20	17	15	21	18	19

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.