

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2053 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 26th - 28th January 2010

	Gender		Age			Social grade		Region					
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	2053	985	1068	604	731	718	1128	925	263	668	439	506	178
Unweighted Sample	2053	975	1078	440	684	929	1297	756	307	683	379	494	190
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Assisting a suicide is a criminal offence punishable by 14 years in prison. Do you believe the law on assisted suicide should...?

Remain as it is - to change it would be to start down a dangerously slippery slope	13	15	11	13	11	15	14	11	15	14	10	11	17
Be amended to allow some people, such as doctors and/or close relatives to assist a suicide in particular circumstances	75	72	78	72	78	75	76	74	68	75	79	76	72
Be abolished altogether	7	8	6	6	7	8	6	8	7	7	6	9	6
Don't know	5	5	5	9	4	3	4	7	10	4	5	4	5

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has signalled that although assisted suicide remains a criminal offence he will not prosecute relatives who assist in the suicide of a relative or close friend with a 'clear, settled and informed' wish to die.

As long as the law remains unchanged, do you agree with this approach?

Agree - it's a sensible and humane approach	82	80	83	76	83	86	83	80	73	80	83	86	82
Disagree - the DPP should enforce the law, not pick and choose	11	12	9	12	10	10	10	11	14	12	9	8	13
Don't know	8	7	8	12	7	4	7	9	13	8	8	5	5

Do you think doctors should have the legal power to end the life of a terminally ill patient who has given a clear indication of a wish to die?

Yes, doctors should have this power	67	67	67	67	71	64	66	69	57	68	69	70	71
No, doctors should not	21	22	20	19	18	25	23	19	25	20	20	21	20
Don't know	12	10	13	14	11	11	11	13	18	12	12	9	9