

## YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 3874 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 25th February - 2nd March 2010

	Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>3874</b>	1864	2006	1055	1283	1248	2094	1769	495	1238	817	929	338
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Thinking about the recent media coverage of assisted suicide which of the following is the closest to your view?

Assisted suicide should not be allowed; taking a life is murder	<b>7</b>	8	6	6	6	8	6	8	9	6	6	7	7
Assisted suicide should not be allowed unless in very exceptional circumstances	<b>14</b>	14	14	16	13	13	15	13	18	13	12	15	13
Assisted suicide should be allowed but only the terminally ill person themselves can make the decision	<b>56</b>	53	58	55	55	58	57	54	53	57	57	54	57
Assisted suicide should be allowed and very close family members should be able to make the decision out of compassion	<b>18</b>	21	16	15	21	17	17	20	12	18	22	19	18
I don't know	<b>5</b>	4	6	7	5	5	5	6	8	5	4	5	5

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Keir Starmer QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, has recently introduced six 'mitigating factors' which may affect whether someone assisting the suicide of a terminally ill person should face criminal prosecution. The guidelines state that to escape criminal prosecution, the person assisting suicide should be motivated by compassion, should have attempted to dissuade the patient, be assured of the patient's personal and voluntary determination to die, offer only minor help, and report the suicide to the police. Starmer still warns that some helpers could still be charged with murder or manslaughter, and that his guidelines are not intended to legalise euthanasia. What do you think about these guidelines?

They sound sensible and cover the issues	<b>36</b>	40	33	34	38	37	40	32	37	35	35	36	40
They don't go far enough, those assisting in suicide should be assured that they will not be prosecuted afterwards	<b>38</b>	36	39	38	36	38	36	39	32	38	40	41	31
They are a worrying first step towards the legalisation of euthanasia	<b>10</b>	10	11	7	10	14	11	9	14	10	11	9	10
They go too far - there should be no 'mitigating factors' because euthanasia is wrong	<b>4</b>	5	3	3	4	5	4	4	5	4	3	3	7
I don't know	<b>12</b>	10	14	17	12	7	9	15	12	13	12	11	12