

"Assisted dying (disabled sample)"
FIELDWORK DATES: 11TH - 13TH NOVEMBER 2013

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BACKGROUND

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Methodology. This survey has been conducted using an online interview administered members of the YouGov Plc GB panel of 100,000+ individuals who have agreed to take part in surveys. An email was sent to panellists selected at random from the base sample according to the sample definition, inviting them to take part in the survey and providing a link to the survey. (The sample definition could be "GB adult population" or a subset such as "GB adult females"). YouGov Plc normally achieves a response rate of between 35% and 50% to surveys however this does vary dependent upon the subject matter, complexity and length of the questionnaire. The responding sample is weighted to the profile of the sample definition to provide a representative reporting sample. The profile is normally derived from census data or, if not available from the census, from industry accepted data.

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All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total unweighted sample size was 1,036 adults. The sample comprises of an unweighted, non-representative sample of people who receive disability benefits, disability living allowance, and/or who are permanently disabled within the employment status. Fieldwork was undertaken between 11th - 13th November 2013. The survey was carried out online.

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YouGov/ Dignity in Dying Survey Results

Sample Size: 1036 UK adults (disabled)**

Fieldwork: 11th - 13th November 2013

	Gender		Age				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24*	25-39	40-59	60+
Unweighted Sample	1036	535	501	12	98	459	467
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Currently it is illegal for a doctor to help someone who is mentally competent with a terminal illness (i.e. a progressive disease where the patient will more than likely die within 6 months) to control the timing of their death. A new assisted dying law would allow terminally ill adults the option of assisted dying. If two doctors agreed that the patient met upfront safeguards to determine whether they were terminally ill and likely to die within six months, were of sound mind, had made the decision entirely voluntarily and were informed of their end-of-life care options, the patient could be given a prescription for life-ending medication to take themselves (i.e. a doctor could not directly administer the medication to the patient). The law would not apply to those who did not have a terminal illness. Whether or not you would want the choice for yourself, to what extent do you support or oppose the legislation of assisted dying for adults of sound mind with a terminal illness?

Strongly support	47	47	46	58	53	50	42
Tend to support	32	32	31	17	23	31	34
TOTAL SUPPORT	79	79	77	75	76	81	76
Neither support nor oppose	6	7	6	8	11	6	6
Tend to oppose	5	4	6	0	3	4	7
Strongly oppose	6	6	6	17	3	6	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	11	10	12	17	6	10	13
Don't know	4	4	4	0	6	4	4

Thinking about adults who have an incurable condition that is NOT terminal, or those who have become permanently disabled... To what extent do you support or oppose the legislation of assistance to die for these groups?

Strongly support	26	28	25	17	27	30	23
Tend to support	30	31	29	33	33	29	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	56	59	54	50	60	59	53
Neither support nor oppose	16	17	16	8	16	17	16
Tend to oppose	11	10	13	25	8	8	15
Strongly oppose	11	10	11	17	9	10	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	22	20	24	42	17	18	27
Don't know	5	4	7	0	7	6	4

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Thinking about disability rights groups and their position towards assisted dying for terminally ill people... Which one of the following best reflects your view?

Disability rights groups should support assisted dying	36	40	32	33	36	38	33
Disability rights groups should oppose assisted dying	8	8	7	25	12	6	7
Disability rights groups should be neutral towards assisted dying (i.e. neither support nor oppose it)	46	42	50	25	33	44	51
Prefer not to say	1	1	1	8	3	0	1
Don't know	10	9	11	8	15	11	7

Would you want the choice of having assisted dying made available to you if you became terminally ill?

Would want the choice	74	76	72	67	73	78	70
Would not want the choice	11	10	12	17	9	8	15
Prefer not to say	2	3	2	8	7	2	1
Don't know	13	11	14	8	10	12	13

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