

Dignity in Dying Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork: 11th-24th March 2019

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	Gender			Age							Social Grade				Region										Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Humber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	Public	Privat e
Unweighted base	5695	2841	2854	589	995	963	1021	865	1262	1510	1590	1114	1481	1057	218	609	427	436	397	238	532	537	786	458	866	2269
Weighted base	5695	2779	2916	632	985	911	1008	843	1316	1555	1600	1156	1384	495	239	655	478	507	416	285	547	769	797	507	920	2366
NET: Support	4782	2333	2449	519	784	756	874	714	1135	1326	1359	979	1117	430	210	527	416	420	368	244	462	591	691	423	781	1986
	84%	84%	84%	82%	80%	83%	87%	85%	86%	85%	85%	85%	81%	87%	88%	80%	87%	83%	88%	86%	84%	77%	87%	83%	85%	84%
Strongly support	2795	1308	1486	270	473	454	552	418	628	769	792	585	649	267	120	311	252	235	209	161	279	305	402	252	473	1171
	49%	47%	51%	43%	48%	50%	55%	50%	48%	49%	49%	51%	47%	54%	50%	47%	53%	46%	50%	57%	51%	40%	50%	50%	51%	49%
Somewhat support	1987	1024	962	248	311	302	322	296	507	557	567	394	468	163	90	216	163	185	158	83	183	286	289	171	308	815
	35%	37%	33%	39%	32%	33%	32%	35%	39%	36%	35%	34%	34%	33%	38%	33%	34%	36%	38%	29%	33%	37%	36%	34%	33%	34%
Somewhat oppose	252	135	117	35	44	42	30	40	61	75	70	41	66	19	9	31	19	31	17	17	17	41	31	20	45	98
	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%	6%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%
Strongly oppose	269	134	135	23	58	45	44	43	57	68	61	55	85	15	8	38	18	29	14	11	27	61	22	28	40	118
	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	3%	3%	6%	4%	6%	3%	4%	5%	8%	3%	5%	4%	5%
NET: Oppose	521	270	252	58	102	86	74	83	118	143	132	96	151	34	16	69	37	60	31	28	44	102	52	48	85	216
	9%	10%	9%	9%	10%	9%	7%	10%	9%	9%	8%	8%	11%	7%	7%	10%	8%	12%	7%	10%	8%	13%	7%	9%	9%	9%
Don't know	392	177	215	56	99	68	60	46	63	86	109	81	116	31	12	60	25	27	17	13	41	76	54	36	54	165
	7%	6%	7%	9%	10%	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%	7%	7%	8%	6%	5%	9%	5%	5%	4%	5%	7%	10%	7%	7%	6%	7%

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	2017 General Election Vote						Longstanding physical or mental condition or disability							To which of the following religious groups do you consider yourself to be a member of?									
	Total	Didn't vote	Labour	Conser-vative	SNP	Lib-eral Democ-rat	Other party	NET: Yes	Phys-ical cond-ition	Disab-ility	Mental cond-ition	Term-inal cond-ition	Other	No	Chris-tian	NET: Other	Muslim	Hindu	Jewish	Sikh	Budd-hist	Other	None
Unweighted base	5695	787	1714	1797	391	368	376	1353	812	470	562	13	43	4179	2636	323	128	34	29	13	31	88	2606
Weighted base	5695	763	1916	2033	145	355	224	1210	726	419	477	12	40	4329	2678	359	155	37	36	18	32	82	2519
NET: Support	4782	616	1581	1746	131	318	198	1042	629	356	422	9	34	3631	2201	227	56	31	25	15	27	72	2255
	84%	81%	82%	86%	91%	89%	88%	86%	87%	85%	88%	73%	87%	84%	82%	63%	37%	83%	71%	84%	84%	89%	90%
Strongly support	2795	363	935	1000	90	172	122	662	393	229	286	7	20	2072	1178	121	21	11	16	10	18	44	1447
	49%	48%	49%	49%	62%	48%	54%	55%	54%	55%	60%	61%	50%	48%	44%	34%	14%	31%	46%	53%	55%	54%	57%
Somewhat support	1987	253	645	746	42	146	76	380	236	127	135	1	15	1559	1023	107	35	20	9	5	10	28	808
	35%	33%	34%	37%	29%	41%	34%	31%	33%	30%	28%	12%	38%	36%	38%	30%	23%	53%	24%	30%	29%	35%	32%
Somewhat oppose	252	31	96	87	4	15	5	41	27	20	7	-	1	200	145	29	20	3	2	1	3	1	72
	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	5%	2%	-	4%	5%	5%	8%	13%	7%	5%	7%	9%	1%	3%
Strongly oppose	269	39	103	91	2	10	7	51	26	19	22	-	1	205	148	65	55	1	3	-	-	6	42
	5%	5%	5%	4%	1%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	-	2%	5%	6%	18%	36%	3%	8%	-	-	7%	2%
NET: Oppose	521	70	200	178	6	25	12	93	53	38	29	-	2	405	293	94	75	4	5	1	3	7	115
	9%	9%	10%	9%	4%	7%	5%	8%	7%	9%	6%	-	6%	9%	11%	26%	48%	10%	13%	7%	9%	8%	5%
Don't know	392	77	136	109	8	13	15	76	44	26	27	3	3	293	184	38	23	2	6	2	2	2	149
	7%	10%	7%	5%	5%	4%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	27%	7%	7%	7%	10%	15%	7%	17%	10%	7%	3%	6%

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	Q.9 Media sources: Print/ Online (Net)																			
	Total	NET: Press	The Guardian /Observer	The Times/Sunday Times	Daily/Sunday Telegraph	The Sun/Sun on Sunday	The Daily/Sunday Mirror	Daily Mail/Mail on Sunday	The Scottish Sun	The Scotsman/Scotland on Sunday	The Herald/Sunday Herald	Daily Record/Sunday Mail	The National	Local newspaper	NET: Social media	Twitter	Instagram	Snapchat	Facebook	None of these
Unweighted base	5695	3751	1090	653	645	754	562	1512	161	99	101	178	141	1710	2580	1078	691	366	2152	1136
Weighted base	5695	3782	1066	679	671	857	663	1575	80	47	45	85	96	1706	2554	1056	713	395	2139	1120
NET: Support	4782	3167	877	545	529	707	517	1298	67	38	39	69	81	1442	2187	893	600	315	1845	919
	84%	84%	82%	80%	79%	82%	78%	82%	84%	81%	87%	81%	85%	85%	86%	85%	84%	80%	86%	82%
Strongly support	2795	1802	514	300	290	412	286	739	45	24	20	37	45	821	1294	531	342	165	1110	561
	49%	48%	48%	44%	43%	48%	43%	47%	57%	51%	45%	44%	47%	48%	51%	50%	48%	42%	52%	50%
Somewhat support	1987	1365	363	245	239	294	232	559	22	14	19	32	36	621	892	362	258	150	735	358
	35%	36%	34%	36%	36%	34%	35%	35%	27%	30%	42%	38%	38%	36%	35%	34%	36%	38%	34%	32%
Somewhat oppose	252	187	63	40	50	33	30	72	4	3	2	3	3	86	101	45	33	16	83	42
	4%	5%	6%	6%	7%	4%	4%	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%
Strongly oppose	269	191	72	49	50	50	52	98	2	1	1	3	3	80	111	50	32	28	81	49
	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%	7%	4%	4%
NET: Oppose	521	378	135	89	100	83	81	170	6	4	3	6	6	166	212	95	65	44	164	91
	9%	10%	13%	13%	15%	10%	12%	11%	7%	9%	7%	7%	7%	10%	8%	9%	9%	11%	8%	8%
Don't know	392	237	54	45	42	68	64	107	7	5	3	9	8	97	156	68	48	36	130	110
	7%	6%	5%	7%	6%	8%	10%	7%	9%	10%	6%	11%	9%	6%	6%	6%	7%	9%	6%	10%

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Q.2 If your MP were to vote in support of a change in the law to allow assisted dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults, would you feel more positive or more negative towards them, or would it make no difference to you?

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	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Region										Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Humber-side	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	Public	Privat e
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NET: More positive	2988	1458	1530	348	525	522	528	426	639	846	831	635	676	260	135	325	255	262	247	157	297	366	422	263	515	1277
	52%	52%	52%	55%	53%	57%	52%	51%	49%	54%	52%	55%	49%	52%	56%	50%	53%	52%	59%	55%	54%	48%	53%	52%	56%	54%
Much more positive	1299	616	684	119	206	246	234	203	292	355	356	289	300	103	63	151	115	118	105	67	116	165	184	111	216	555
	23%	22%	23%	19%	21%	27%	23%	24%	22%	23%	22%	25%	22%	21%	27%	23%	24%	23%	25%	23%	21%	21%	23%	22%	23%	23%
A bit more positive	1688	842	846	229	319	276	294	223	347	491	475	346	377	156	72	174	140	144	141	90	181	201	237	152	299	722
	30%	30%	29%	36%	32%	30%	29%	26%	26%	32%	30%	30%	27%	32%	30%	27%	29%	28%	34%	32%	33%	26%	30%	30%	33%	30%
Would make no difference	2363	1161	1202	240	399	327	420	368	608	624	678	457	604	211	96	280	202	214	145	115	225	323	340	212	355	937
	41%	42%	41%	38%	41%	36%	42%	44%	46%	40%	42%	40%	44%	43%	40%	43%	42%	42%	35%	40%	41%	42%	43%	42%	39%	40%
A bit more negative	180	82	98	27	33	37	33	25	25	52	50	24	54	11	2	23	9	19	12	6	11	46	22	19	31	76
	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Much more negative	165	78	86	17	28	25	27	23	44	33	41	41	50	14	7	27	13	12	12	6	13	34	13	13	20	76
	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%
NET: More Negative	344	160	184	44	61	62	59	49	70	85	91	65	103	25	8	50	22	31	24	13	24	80	35	33	50	153
	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%	7%	5%	4%	8%	5%	6%	6%	4%	4%	10%	4%	6%	5%	6%

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Weighted base	5695	763	1916	2033	145	355	224	1210	726	419	477	12	40	4329	2678	359	155	37	36	18	32	82	2519
NET: More positive	2988	342	1048	1093	83	189	126	668	393	242	268	6	22	2242	1321	152	43	23	15	9	24	38	1454
	52%	45%	55%	54%	57%	53%	56%	55%	54%	58%	56%	52%	56%	52%	49%	42%	28%	62%	42%	50%	74%	46%	58%
Much more positive	1299	143	433	498	35	85	58	307	183	116	130	2	12	960	575	70	16	8	9	5	13	20	628
	23%	19%	23%	25%	24%	24%	26%	25%	25%	28%	27%	20%	31%	22%	21%	20%	10%	22%	25%	25%	40%	24%	25%
A bit more positive	1688	199	614	595	48	103	68	361	210	126	139	4	10	1282	747	82	27	15	6	4	11	18	826
	30%	26%	32%	29%	33%	29%	30%	30%	29%	30%	29%	32%	25%	30%	28%	23%	17%	40%	18%	24%	34%	22%	33%
Would make no difference	2363	370	738	831	57	149	89	482	300	158	188	4	15	1818	1164	130	48	11	16	7	8	39	1005
	41%	48%	38%	41%	40%	42%	39%	40%	41%	38%	39%	37%	38%	42%	43%	36%	31%	30%	45%	38%	26%	48%	40%
A bit more negative	180	26	69	59	3	9	5	32	19	8	11	-	2	140	99	43	33	2	3	2	-	2	32
	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	-	4%	3%	4%	12%	21%	6%	8%	12%	-	3%	1%
Much more negative	165	26	62	50	2	9	4	28	14	12	10	1	*	130	93	35	30	1	2	-	-	2	28
	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	11%	1%	3%	3%	10%	20%	2%	5%	-	-	3%	1%
NET: More Negative	344	52	131	109	5	18	10	60	33	20	21	1	2	269	192	78	63	3	5	2	-	5	60
	6%	7%	7%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	11%	5%	6%	7%	22%	41%	8%	13%	12%	-	6%	2%

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Unweighted base	5695	3751	1090	653	645	754	562	1512	161	99	101	178	141	1710	2580	1078	691	366	2152	1136
Weighted base	5695	3782	1066	679	671	857	663	1575	80	47	45	85	96	1706	2554	1056	713	395	2139	1120
NET: More positive	2988 52%	2036 54%	599 56%	353 52%	381 57%	508 59%	338 51%	869 55%	47 58%	26 55%	21 46%	46 54%	64 66%	916 54%	1444 57%	586 55%	406 57%	220 56%	1235 58%	498 45%
Much more positive	1299 23%	876 23%	242 23%	139 20%	147 22%	223 26%	138 21%	403 26%	18 22%	9 20%	7 15%	15 17%	33 34%	391 23%	611 24%	247 23%	162 23%	77 19%	527 25%	223 20%
A bit more positive	1688 30%	1160 31%	357 33%	214 31%	234 35%	285 33%	200 30%	466 30%	29 36%	17 35%	14 31%	31 37%	31 32%	525 31%	833 33%	339 32%	245 34%	144 36%	708 33%	276 25%
Would make no difference	2363 41%	1495 40%	373 35%	258 38%	224 33%	291 34%	263 40%	580 37%	28 35%	19 40%	20 44%	33 39%	25 26%	685 40%	962 38%	405 38%	264 37%	145 37%	793 37%	563 50%
A bit more negative	180 3%	142 4%	58 5%	41 6%	38 6%	31 4%	34 5%	67 4%	3 3%	1 3%	2 5%	3 4%	5 6%	59 3%	77 3%	40 4%	26 4%	15 4%	59 3%	25 2%
Much more negative	165 3%	110 3%	37 3%	28 4%	27 4%	26 3%	28 4%	58 4%	2 3%	1 2%	3 6%	2 3%	2 2%	46 3%	71 3%	26 2%	17 2%	14 4%	52 2%	34 3%
NET: More Negative	344 6%	251 7%	95 9%	68 10%	65 10%	58 7%	62 9%	126 8%	5 6%	2 5%	5 10%	5 6%	7 8%	105 6%	148 6%	66 6%	43 6%	30 7%	111 5%	59 5%