



## DAILY MIRROR – ASSISTED DYING POLL, JUNE 2018

Methodology: ComRes interviewed 1,073 adults online on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of all GB adults by region, gender and age. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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## Assisted Dying Poll

### ONLINE Fieldwork : 5th June 2018

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

**Q1. Currently, it is illegal for a doctor in the UK to help someone with a terminal illness to end their life. An assisted dying law (also called 'assisted suicide') has been suggested that would allow terminally ill, mentally competent people who are advised that they have six months or less to live, to request medication to end their own lives. A request would need to be approved by two independent doctors and a judge, and the person would be able to withdraw their request at any point. Opponents of the new law argue that it would inevitably lead to some people opting to commit suicide for fear of being a burden on their loved ones, and that doctors often find it difficult to judge issues like life expectancy and mental competency. In principle, would you support or oppose such a proposed change in the law?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Region										
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	Scot- land (i)	North East (j)	North West (k)	York- shire & Humb- erside (l)	West Mid- lands (m)	East Mid- lands (n)	Wales (o)	East- ern (p)	London (q)	South East (r)	South West (s)
Unweighted base	1073	543	530	134	192	196	200	156	195	95	44	107	103	88	74	57	117	146	145	97
Weighted base	1073	524	549	120	185	173	191	158	247	94*	45*	123	90	97*	80*	54*	103	143	149	94*
Support	806 75%	405 77% <sup>b</sup>	401 73%	84 70%	136 74%	122 70%	148 78%	128 81% <sup>CdE</sup>	189 76%	77 81% <sup>Q</sup>	33 72%	93 75% <sup>q</sup>	67 75%	75 78% <sup>Q</sup>	68 84% <sup>opQs</sup>	39 72%	75 73%	93 65%	117 79% <sup>Q</sup>	70 74%
Oppose	123 11%	57 11%	66 12%	10 8%	18 10%	22 13%	18 10%	18 12%	36 15%	7 7%	9 19% <sup>IMN</sup>	14 11%	10 11%	7 7%	3 4%	9 16% <sup>iN</sup>	12 12% <sup>n</sup>	24 17% <sup>IMN</sup>	16 11%	13 14% <sup>N</sup>
Don't know	144 13%	62 12%	83 15%	26 22% <sup>FGH</sup>	31 17% <sup>GH</sup>	29 17% <sup>GH</sup>	25 13% <sup>g</sup>	11 7%	22 9%	11 12%	4 9%	17 14%	13 14%	14 15%	9 11%	7 12%	16 15%	26 18% <sup>r</sup>	16 11%	12 12%

**Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k/l/m/n/o/p/q/r/s**

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Table 2

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	Voting Intention							
	Total	Conservative (a)	Labour (b)	Liberal Democrat (c)	SNP (d)	Plaid Cymru (e)	Some other party (f)	Would not vote (g)
Unweighted base	1073	331	382	75	35	8	63	54
Weighted base	1073	367	367	63*	27*	9**	63*	54*
Support	806 75%	270 74%g	275 75%g	49 78%g	23 87%G	8 89%	53 85%abG	34 63%
Oppose	123 11%	54 15%c	39 11%	4 7%	2 8%	1 11%	6 9%	9 17%c
Don't know	144 13%	42 12%	53 14%f	9 15%f	1 5%	-	4 6%	11 20%adF

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Table 3

**Q2. Imagine at the next General Election there was a candidate standing in your constituency who supported the proposed law on assisted dying but who represented a party you would not generally vote for. To what extent, if at all, would their support for the proposed law make you more inclined or less inclined to vote for them, or would it make no difference?**

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Weighted base	1073	524	549	120	185	173	191	158	247	94*	45*	123	90	97*	80*	54*	103	143	149	94*
NET: More inclined to vote for them	289 27%	133 25%	156 28%	36 30% <sup>H</sup>	68 37% <sup>EFGH</sup>	47 27%	53 28% <sup>h</sup>	35 22%	50 20%	24 25%	17 39% <sup>kQS</sup>	30 24%	25 28%	25 26%	28 35% <sup>QS</sup>	20 37% <sup>kQS</sup>	30 29% <sup>qs</sup>	28 20%	45 30% <sup>QS</sup>	17 18%
It would definitely make me more inclined to vote for them	67 6%	32 6%	35 6%	11 10% <sup>H</sup>	14 8% <sup>h</sup>	11 6%	12 6%	9 6%	9 4%	7 7%	3 7%	3 2%	4 4%	8 8% <sup>kp</sup>	12 15% <sup>KLPQS</sup>	6 11% <sup>KIPQs</sup>	2 2%	5 3%	14 9% <sup>KPQ</sup>	4 4%
It would probably make me more inclined to vote for them	223 21%	101 19%	121 22%	25 20%	54 29% <sup>cefGH</sup>	36 21%	41 22%	26 16%	42 17%	17 18%	14 32% <sup>imQS</sup>	27 22%	21 23% <sup>s</sup>	17 18%	16 20%	14 26% <sup>s</sup>	28 27% <sup>QS</sup>	23 16%	32 21%	13 14%
It would make no difference either way	580 54%	310 59% <sup>B</sup>	270 49%	53 44%	77 42%	90 52% <sup>d</sup>	101 53% <sup>D</sup>	103 65% <sup>CDEF</sup>	156 63% <sup>CDEF</sup>	53 56%	18 41%	67 54%	50 55%	44 46%	40 50%	24 45%	56 54%	85 59% <sup>JMo</sup>	80 54%	63 66% <sup>JkMNOp</sup>
It would probably make me less inclined to vote for them	31 3%	15 3%	16 3%	5 5% <sup>D</sup>	1 1%	6 4% <sup>D</sup>	5 2%	2 1%	11 5% <sup>Dg</sup>	3 3%	2 5% <sup>n</sup>	7 6% <sup>lNQ</sup>	1 1%	4 4% <sup>n</sup>	-	1 1%	3 3%	2 1%	5 4% <sup>n</sup>	2 2%
It would definitely make me less inclined to vote for them	53 5%	25 5%	29 5%	4 3%	10 5%	8 5%	10 5%	7 4%	15 6%	4 4%	3 7% <sup>n</sup>	9 7% <sup>n</sup>	5 5%	5 5%	1 1%	5 8% <sup>n</sup>	5 4%	8 6%	6 4%	3 3%
NET: Less inclined to vote for them	84 8%	40 8%	44 8%	9 7%	11 6%	14 8%	14 8%	9 6%	26 11% <sup>d</sup>	7 8% <sup>n</sup>	5 12% <sup>N</sup>	16 13% <sup>Ns</sup>	6 6%	9 10% <sup>N</sup>	1 1%	5 10% <sup>N</sup>	8 8% <sup>n</sup>	10 7% <sup>n</sup>	12 8% <sup>n</sup>	5 5%
Don't know	120 11%	40 8%	79 14% <sup>A</sup>	22 19% <sup>fGH</sup>	29 15% <sup>GH</sup>	22 13% <sup>gH</sup>	22 12% <sup>H</sup>	10 7%	14 6%	11 11%	4 8%	11 9%	10 11%	18 19% <sup>koPR</sup>	11 14%	4 8%	9 9%	20 14% <sup>r</sup>	11 8%	10 11%

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NET: More inclined to cote for them	289 27%	90 24%	99 27%	25 39%ABG	6 23%	5 53%	18 29%	12 22%
It would definitely make me more inclined to vote for them	67 6%	22 6%	17 5%	8 13%ABD	- -	- -	7 10%bd	6 10%bd
It would probably make me more inclined to vote for them	223 21%	67 18%	82 22%g	16 26%g	6 23%	5 53%	11 18%	6 12%
It would make no difference either way	580 54%	219 60%Cg	200 55%C	26 42%	18 68%Cg	2 26%	37 59%c	25 47%
It would probably make me less inclined to vote for them	31 3%	10 3%	13 4%	2 3%	1 3%	- -	2 3%	1 2%
It would definitely make me less inclined to vote for them	53 5%	27 7%B	14 4%	2 2%	1 3%	1 11%	4 6%	3 6%
NET: Less inclined to cote for them	84 8%	37 10%	27 7%	3 5%	1 6%	1 11%	6 9%	4 8%
Don't know	120 11%	21 6%	41 11%Af	8 14%AdF	1 3%	1 11%	2 3%	12 23%ABDF

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Table 5

**Q3. Would you personally want the choice to end your own life, under the terms of the proposed new law, if you were diagnosed with a terminal illness, or not?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age							Region										
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	Scotland (i)	North East (j)	North West (k)	Yorkshire & Humberside (l)	West Midlands (m)	East Midlands (n)	Wales (o)	East-ern (p)	London (q)	South East (r)	South West (s)
Unweighted base	1073	543	530	134	192	196	200	156	195	95	44	107	103	88	74	57	117	146	145	97
Weighted base	1073	524	549	120	185	173	191	158	247	94*	45*	123	90	97*	80*	54*	103	143	149	94*
NET: Want the choice	828 77%	411 79%	417 76%	92 76%	142 77%	136 79%	146 76%	133 84%cdfH	179 73%	77 82%Q	36 81%	95 77%	67 75%	79 82%Q	66 82%q	40 75%	78 76%	101 70%	118 79%	70 75%
I would definitely want the choice	522 49%	261 50%	261 47%	54 45%	85 46%	85 49%	100 52%h	91 58%CDH	107 43%	53 56%lQs	29 64%KLpQrS45%	56 45%	39 43%	53 55%lQ	42 52%	27 50%	50 49%	59 41%	73 49%	41 44%
I would probably want the choice	306 29%	150 29%	156 28%	38 32%	57 31%	51 30%	46 24%	42 27%	72 29%	24 26%	8 17%	39 32%j	29 32%j	26 27%	24 30%	13 25%	28 27%	42 29%	44 30%j	29 31%j
I would probably not want the choice	65 6%	34 7%	30 6%	7 6%	9 5%	8 5%	11 6%	8 5%	21 9%	4 4%	1 2%	5 4%	8 9%	6 6%	2 3%	7 12%ijkNs	7 7%	13 9%n	8 5%	4 4%
I would definitely not want the choice	52 5%	24 5%	28 5%	5 4%	10 5%	8 4%	6 3%	4 3%	19 8%FG	2 2%	4 10%imN	6 5%	6 7%n	3 3%	1 1%	2 3%	7 6%	10 7%n	5 4%	7 7%n
NET: Not want the choice	117 11%	59 11%	58 11%	12 10%	20 11%	16 9%	16 9%	13 8%	40 16%EFG	6 6%	5 12%	11 9%	14 16%INr	8 8%	4 4%	8 16%iN	13 13%n	23 16%ikNr	13 9%	10 11%
Don't know	128 12%	54 10%	75 14%	16 13%	23 13%	21 12%	29 15%G	12 8%	27 11%	11 12%	3 7%	18 14%	8 9%	9 9%	11 14%	5 10%	12 11%	19 13%	18 12%	14 14%

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	Total	Conservative (a)	Labour (b)	Liberal Democrat (c)	SNP (d)	Plaid Cymru (e)	Some other party (f)	Would not vote (g)
Unweighted base	1073	331	382	75	35	8	63	54
Weighted base	1073	367	367	63*	27*	9**	63*	54*
NET: Want the choice	828 77%	277 76%	289 79%	48 76%	24 89%ag	8 89%	52 84%	40 74%
I would definitely want the choice	522 49%	165 45%	189 52%a	32 51%	18 69%Abcg	2 24%	32 51%	26 49%
I would probably want the choice	306 29%	112 31%	99 27%	16 25%	5 20%	6 65%	20 32%	13 25%
I would probably not want the choice	65 6%	29 8%	20 6%	2 4%	1 3%	-	2 3%	3 6%
I would definitely not want the choice	52 5%	19 5%	15 4%	4 6%	-	1 11%	4 6%	6 12%aBd
NET: Not want the choice	117 11%	48 13%d	35 10%	6 10%	1 3%	1 11%	6 10%	9 17%bD
Don't know	128 12%	42 11%	43 12%	9 14%	2 8%	-	4 6%	5 9%

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Table 7

**Q4. Do you think the law should be changed or not, to allow assisted dying for someone suffering from an incurable illness, but one which is not classified as terminal?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age							Region										
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	Scotland (i)	North East (j)	North West (k)	Yorkshire & Humberside (l)	West Midlands (m)	East Midlands (n)	Wales (o)	Eastern (p)	London (q)	South East (r)	South West (s)
Unweighted base	1073	543	530	134	192	196	200	156	195	95	44	107	103	88	74	57	117	146	145	97
Weighted base	1073	524	549	120	185	173	191	158	247	94*	45*	123	90	97*	80*	54*	103	143	149	94*
Yes, the law should be changed	675 63%	339 65%	336 61%	70 58%	116 63%	108 63%	131 68% <sup>cH</sup>	107 68% <sup>ch</sup>	143 58%	61 65%	30 66%	81 65%	60 66%	68 70% <sup>QS</sup>	51 63%	37 69% <sup>q</sup>	63 62%	80 56%	92 62%	53 56%
No, the law should not be changed	189 18%	88 17%	102 18%	18 15%	30 16%	32 18% <sup>F</sup>	21 11%	22 14%	66 27% <sup>CDeFG</sup>	11 11%	7 16%	25 20%	15 17%	12 12%	9 12%	9 17%	20 20%	30 21% <sup>imn</sup>	30 20% <sup>i</sup>	21 23% <sup>Imn</sup>
Don't know	209 19%	97 19%	112 20%	32 27% <sup>eH</sup>	38 20%	33 19%	39 21%	29 19%	38 15%	22 23%	8 18%	18 14%	15 17%	17 18%	20 25% <sup>k</sup>	7 14%	19 19%	33 23% <sup>k</sup>	27 18%	20 22%

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Yes, the law should be changed	675 63%	225 61%	228 62%	42 67%	20 73%	7 78%	45 72%	32 59%
No, the law should not be changed	189 18%	74 20%	64 17%	9 15%	4 15%	1 11%	7 12%	11 20%
Don't know	209 19%	67 18%	75 20%	11 18%	3 12%	1 12%	10 16%	11 21%

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Table 9

**Q5. Do you know anybody close to you who has died, and whom you think would have seriously considered an assisted death if it was a legal option for them?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age							Region										
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	Scotland (i)	North East (j)	North West (k)	York- shire & Humb- erside (l)	West Mid- lands (m)	East Mid- lands (n)	Wales (o)	East- ern (p)	London (q)	South East (r)	South West (s)
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Yes	299 28%	134 26%	164 30%	27 23%	54 29%	43 25%	51 27%	45 29%	78 32% <sup>c</sup>	19 21%	10 22%	35 28% <sup>Q</sup>	24 26% <sup>q</sup>	24 25%	27 34% <sup>iQ</sup>	20 38% <sup>lJQ</sup>	31 30% <sup>Q</sup>	24 17%	54 36% <sup>lJmQ</sup>	30 32% <sup>iQ</sup>
No	639 60%	330 63% <sup>B</sup>	310 56%	68 57%	105 57%	95 55%	117 61%	99 63%	155 63%	57 60%	25 55%	79 64% <sup>n</sup>	53 59%	61 63%	41 51%	27 51%	59 57%	99 70% <sup>jlNOPR</sup>	86 58%	52 55%
Prefer not to say	23 2%	7 1%	16 3% <sup>a</sup>	5 4% <sup>e</sup>	5 3%	2 1%	6 3%	2 1%	4 1%	1 1%	1 3%	2 2%	2 2%	2 2%	3 4%	1 2%	2 2%	4 3%	3 2%	2 2%
Don't know	112 10%	53 10%	60 11%	20 17% <sup>FGH</sup>	20 11% <sup>H</sup>	33 19% <sup>DFGH</sup>	17 9% <sup>H</sup>	11 7%	10 4%	17 18% <sup>KR</sup>	9 20% <sup>KmR</sup>	8 6%	11 12% <sup>R</sup>	9 9%	9 11% <sup>r</sup>	5 10%	11 11% <sup>R</sup>	16 11% <sup>R</sup>	6 4%	11 11% <sup>R</sup>

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Prefer not to say	23 2%	6 2%	8 2%	2 3%	-	-	1 1%	1 2%
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