

## EUTHANASIA ISSUES POLL November 2017

- CLIENT:** Euthanasia-Free NZ
- POLL DATES:** Mon 30 October to Tue 14 November 2017. The median response was collected on Mon 06 November 2017.
- TARGET POPULATION:** New Zealand adults.
- SAMPLE POPULATION:** New Zealand adults who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone.
- SAMPLE SIZE:** 894 respondents agreed to participate.
- SAMPLE SELECTION:** A random selection of 15,000 nationwide phone numbers.
- WEIGHTING:** The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult population in terms of gender, age, and area.
- SAMPLE ERROR:** Based on this sample of 894 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.3%, at the 95% confidence level.
- CODE COMPLIANCE:** This poll was conducted in accordance with the New Zealand Political Polling Code, the Research Association New Zealand Code of Practice and the International Chamber of Commerce/European Society for Opinion and Market Research Code on Market and Social Research.



**It has been proposed that people with a terminal or irremediable condition should be allowed assistance to end their lives, also called assisted dying. To what extent do you support or oppose assisted dying? Do you strongly oppose, somewhat oppose, somewhat support or strongly support it?**

### Assisted Dying

		Count	Col %
Assisted Dying	Strongly oppose	145	16%
	Somewhat oppose	53	6%
	Neutral	94	11%
	Somewhat support	247	28%
	Strongly support	301	34%
	Unsure/Refuse	50	6%
	Total	890	100%

62% of respondents say they support assisted dying and 22% oppose it.

### Assisted Dying BY Gender

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Assisted Dying	Strongly oppose	15%	18%
	Somewhat oppose	7%	5%
	Neutral	10%	11%
	Somewhat support	28%	27%
	Strongly support	34%	34%
	Unsure/Refuse	5%	6%
	Total	100%	100%

### Assisted Dying BY Age Group

		Age Group			
		18-30	31-45	46-60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Assisted Dying	Strongly oppose	16%	18%	16%	16%
	Somewhat oppose	3%	7%	5%	7%
	Neutral	9%	8%	10%	14%
	Somewhat support	34%	28%	26%	26%
	Strongly support	35%	32%	40%	29%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	6%	3%	9%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

### Assisted Dying BY Area Type

		Area Type					
		Akl	Wlg	Chch	Prov Cities	Towns	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Assisted Dying	Strongly oppose	22%	14%	18%	13%	10%	15%
	Somewhat oppose	7%	6%	2%	6%	4%	7%
	Neutral	11%	10%	8%	9%	16%	10%
	Somewhat support	24%	31%	27%	30%	24%	32%
	Strongly support	29%	34%	37%	38%	38%	31%
	Unsure/Refuse	6%	6%	8%	4%	8%	4%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### Assisted Dying BY Probed Party Vote (All Voters)

		Probed Party Vote (All Voters)				
		National	Labour	NZ First	Green	Undecided
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Assisted Dying	Strongly oppose	18%	14%	25%	19%	12%
	Somewhat oppose	7%	5%	5%	9%	3%
	Neutral	7%	13%	19%	6%	17%
	Somewhat support	29%	26%	25%	34%	26%
	Strongly support	34%	36%	24%	29%	38%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

I'm now going to read you out a list of practices that in your opinion may or may not be part of assisted dying. For each question please answer yes, no or unsure.

- Does assisted dying include turning off life support?
- Does assisted dying include the stopping of medical tests, treatment and surgeries?
- Does assisted dying include making a 'Do Not Resuscitate' (no CPR) request?
- Does assisted dying include stopping food and/or fluids?
- Does assisted dying include receiving as much medication as needed to treat pain and other symptoms?
- Does assisted dying include receiving a deadly dose of drugs to swallow later?
- Does assisted dying include receiving a deadly dose of drugs by injection?

**Turning off life support + Stopping medical treatment + DNR requests + Stopping food/fluids + Receiving pain medication + Deadly drugs for later + Deadly drugs injected**

		Count	Col %
Turning off life support	Yes	587	66%
	No	188	21%
	Unsure/refuse	109	12%
Stopping medical treatment	Yes	448	51%
	No	301	34%
	Unsure/refuse	136	15%
DNR requests	Yes	524	59%
	No	256	29%
	Unsure/refuse	106	12%
Stopping food/fluids	Yes	410	46%
	No	335	38%
	Unsure/refuse	139	16%
Receiving pain medication	Yes	451	51%
	No	301	34%
	Unsure/refuse	132	15%
Deadly drugs for later	Yes	543	62%
	No	172	20%
	Unsure/refuse	164	19%
Deadly drugs injected	Yes	596	68%
	No	133	15%
	Unsure/refuse	149	17%

The proportions answering yes for each, in order, was:

- Injection of deadly drugs 68%
- Turning off life support 66%
- Deadly drugs for later use 62%
- DNR requests 59%
- Receiving pain medication 51%
- Stopping medical treatment 51%
- Stopping food/fluids 46%

**Turning off life support + Stopping medical treatment + DNR requests + Stopping food/fluids + Receiving pain medication + Deadly drugs for later + Deadly drugs injected BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Turning off life support	Yes	65%	68%
	No	23%	19%
	Unsure/refuse	12%	13%
Stopping medical treatment	Yes	52%	49%
	No	33%	35%
	Unsure/refuse	14%	16%
DNR requests	Yes	60%	58%
	No	29%	29%
	Unsure/refuse	11%	13%
Stopping food/fluids	Yes	50%	42%
	No	35%	41%
	Unsure/refuse	15%	17%
Receiving pain medication	Yes	53%	49%
	No	33%	35%
	Unsure/refuse	14%	16%
Deadly drugs for later	Yes	64%	59%
	No	19%	20%
	Unsure/refuse	17%	21%
Deadly drugs injected	Yes	68%	67%
	No	15%	16%
	Unsure/refuse	17%	17%

**Turning off life support + Stopping medical treatment + DNR requests +  
Stopping food/fluids + Receiving pain medication + Deadly drugs for later +  
Deadly drugs injected BY Age Group**

		Age Group			
		18-30	31-45	46-60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Turning off life support	Yes	60%	62%	73%	67%
	No	28%	26%	18%	17%
	Unsure/refuse	12%	12%	9%	15%
Stopping medical treatment	Yes	50%	49%	54%	49%
	No	37%	37%	33%	31%
	Unsure/refuse	13%	14%	13%	19%
DNR requests	Yes	55%	53%	67%	59%
	No	36%	34%	25%	24%
	Unsure/refuse	9%	12%	8%	17%
Stopping food/fluids	Yes	53%	49%	49%	38%
	No	37%	35%	36%	43%
	Unsure/refuse	10%	17%	15%	19%
Receiving pain medication	Yes	40%	39%	61%	57%
	No	46%	44%	28%	25%
	Unsure/refuse	14%	17%	11%	17%
Deadly drugs for later	Yes	62%	70%	65%	52%
	No	24%	12%	18%	25%
	Unsure/refuse	15%	18%	17%	23%
Deadly drugs injected	Yes	74%	76%	69%	56%
	No	14%	9%	16%	20%
	Unsure/refuse	12%	15%	15%	23%

**Turning off life support + Stopping medical treatment + DNR requests + Stopping food/fluids +  
Receiving pain medication + Deadly drugs for later + Deadly drugs injected BY Area Type**

		Area Type					
		Akl	Wlg	Chch	Prov Cities	Towns	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Turning off life support	Yes	64%	59%	60%	71%	71%	69%
	No	20%	31%	21%	21%	17%	21%
	Unsure/refuse	16%	11%	19%	8%	12%	9%
Stopping medical treatment	Yes	52%	53%	54%	52%	50%	45%
	No	32%	33%	25%	34%	34%	42%
	Unsure/refuse	16%	14%	22%	15%	16%	12%
DNR requests	Yes	58%	52%	60%	61%	61%	62%
	No	27%	38%	23%	28%	28%	31%
	Unsure/refuse	15%	9%	17%	11%	11%	7%
Stopping food/fluids	Yes	50%	38%	41%	45%	48%	48%
	No	33%	40%	38%	43%	35%	41%
	Unsure/refuse	17%	22%	21%	12%	17%	12%
Receiving pain medication	Yes	48%	36%	54%	56%	56%	53%
	No	35%	50%	25%	32%	28%	35%
	Unsure/refuse	18%	13%	21%	11%	17%	11%
Deadly drugs for later	Yes	52%	68%	66%	63%	65%	69%
	No	23%	17%	13%	22%	17%	17%
	Unsure/refuse	25%	16%	21%	15%	18%	14%
Deadly drugs injected	Yes	59%	78%	67%	72%	66%	73%
	No	20%	9%	13%	12%	18%	12%
	Unsure/refuse	20%	13%	21%	16%	16%	15%

**Turning off life support + Stopping medical treatment + DNR requests + Stopping food/fluids + Receiving pain medication + Deadly drugs for later + Deadly drugs injected BY Probed Party Vote (All Voters)**

		Probed Party Vote (All Voters)				
		National	Labour	NZ First	Green	Undecided
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Turning off life support	Yes	69%	69%	77%	74%	62%
	No	22%	19%	8%	18%	19%
	Unsure/refuse	9%	12%	15%	8%	19%
Stopping medical treatment	Yes	52%	50%	54%	67%	49%
	No	36%	35%	18%	28%	33%
	Unsure/refuse	12%	15%	28%	5%	19%
DNR requests	Yes	59%	62%	66%	56%	73%
	No	31%	26%	22%	37%	15%
	Unsure/refuse	10%	12%	11%	7%	12%
Stopping food/fluids	Yes	48%	49%	26%	39%	47%
	No	40%	35%	42%	53%	38%
	Unsure/refuse	12%	16%	32%	8%	15%
Receiving pain medication	Yes	53%	53%	46%	55%	56%
	No	35%	32%	32%	34%	28%
	Unsure/refuse	11%	15%	22%	11%	16%
Deadly drugs for later	Yes	64%	63%	41%	68%	56%
	No	20%	19%	20%	21%	24%
	Unsure/refuse	16%	17%	39%	11%	20%
Deadly drugs injected	Yes	69%	68%	61%	80%	68%
	No	16%	15%	12%	7%	13%
	Unsure/refuse	14%	16%	27%	13%	19%



**Turning off life support + Stopping medical treatment + DNR requests + Stopping food/fluids + Receiving pain medication + Deadly drugs for later + Deadly drugs injected BY Assisted Dying**

		Assisted Dying					
		Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neutral	Somewhat support	Strongly support	Unsure/Refuse
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Turning off life support	Yes	39%	44%	56%	79%	85%	12%
	No	48%	42%	19%	15%	13%	6%
	Unsure/refuse	13%	14%	25%	7%	1%	82%
Stopping medical treatment	Yes	32%	38%	42%	57%	67%	4%
	No	55%	43%	32%	32%	28%	16%
	Unsure/refuse	13%	19%	26%	12%	5%	80%
DNR requests	Yes	36%	48%	54%	64%	79%	8%
	No	56%	41%	25%	30%	17%	9%
	Unsure/refuse	8%	11%	21%	6%	5%	83%
Stopping food/fluids	Yes	43%	35%	41%	46%	59%	4%
	No	49%	47%	32%	43%	32%	12%
	Unsure/refuse	8%	18%	27%	11%	9%	83%
Receiving pain medication	Yes	27%	38%	53%	57%	66%	8%
	No	61%	52%	21%	34%	27%	6%
	Unsure/refuse	12%	10%	26%	9%	7%	86%
Deadly drugs for later	Yes	64%	57%	53%	63%	71%	11%
	No	25%	26%	17%	21%	19%	1%
	Unsure/refuse	11%	17%	30%	16%	10%	88%
Deadly drugs injected	Yes	64%	61%	60%	74%	77%	12%
	No	26%	21%	16%	11%	14%	5%
	Unsure/refuse	11%	18%	24%	15%	9%	83%

**Parliament is considering an ‘assisted dying’ bill that would include only the last two practices: receiving a deadly dose of drugs by injection, and receiving a deadly dose of drugs to swallow or self-administer. Considering this definition of assisted dying, to what extent do you support or oppose it? Do you strongly oppose, somewhat oppose, somewhat support or strongly support it?**

### New view on assisted dying

		Count	Col %
New view on assisted dying	Strongly oppose	156	18%
	Somewhat oppose	72	8%
	Neutral	72	8%
	Somewhat support	233	26%
	Strongly support	252	29%
	Unsure/Refuse	94	11%
	Total	879	100%

### New view on assisted dying BY Gender

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
New view on assisted dying	Strongly oppose	17%	18%
	Somewhat oppose	8%	9%
	Neutral	9%	7%
	Somewhat support	25%	28%
	Strongly support	31%	26%
	Unsure/Refuse	10%	11%
	Total	100%	100%

### New view on assisted dying BY Age Group

		Age Group			
		18-30	31-45	46-60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
New view on assisted dying	Strongly oppose	17%	15%	17%	21%
	Somewhat oppose	5%	12%	7%	8%
	Neutral	8%	4%	9%	11%
	Somewhat support	29%	29%	26%	24%
	Strongly support	34%	31%	33%	20%
	Unsure/Refuse	7%	10%	8%	16%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

### New view on assisted dying BY Area Type

		Area Type					
		Akl	Wlg	Chch	Prov Cities	Towns	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
New view on assisted dying	Strongly oppose	25%	22%	8%	15%	14%	15%
	Somewhat oppose	10%	7%	6%	9%	4%	9%
	Neutral	7%	6%	6%	10%	8%	11%
	Somewhat support	21%	25%	37%	28%	30%	27%
	Strongly support	26%	30%	24%	32%	34%	27%
	Unsure/Refuse	11%	10%	19%	6%	11%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### New view on assisted dying BY Probed Party Vote (All Voters)

		Probed Party Vote (All Voters)				
		National	Labour	NZ First	Green	Undecided
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
New view on assisted dying	Strongly oppose	23%	14%	21%	10%	13%
	Somewhat oppose	10%	6%	7%	9%	6%
	Neutral	7%	7%	16%	8%	10%
	Somewhat support	28%	24%	27%	29%	22%
	Strongly support	24%	37%	15%	35%	35%
	Unsure/Refuse	8%	12%	16%	8%	15%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### Assisted Dying BY New view on assisted dying

		New view on assisted dying					
		Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neutral	Somewhat support	Strongly support	Unsure/Refuse
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Assisted Dying	Strongly oppose	73%	7%	0%	4%	10%	5%
	Somewhat oppose	27%	54%	3%	6%	2%	8%
	Neutral	13%	11%	35%	15%	10%	17%
	Somewhat support	5%	6%	9%	65%	9%	7%
	Strongly support	5%	3%	5%	16%	68%	3%
	Unsure/Refuse	3%	2%	4%	6%	0%	84%

This table shows the views of respondents to the original question on assisted dying and what their view is after being told that the bill's definition of assisted dying. The results should be read across in rows so for example of those who somewhat supported assisted dying, 5% then strongly opposed it, 6% somewhat opposed it, 9% became neutral, 65% remained somewhat supportive and 9% became strongly supportive.



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