

## EUTHANASIA ISSUES POLL April 2019

- CLIENT:** Euthanasia-Free NZ
- POLL DATES:** Wednesday 10 April 2019.
- TARGET POPULATION:** New Zealand adults.
- SAMPLE POPULATION:** New Zealand adults who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone.
- SAMPLE SIZE:** 650 respondents agreed to participate.
- SAMPLE SELECTION:** A random selection of 10,000 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 650 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.8%, 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.



**Under New Zealand law, doctors are allowed to turn off life support and stop medical treatment, but doctors are not allowed to give drugs with the intention to kill. Do you think doctors should be allowed to kill their patients?**

**Should doctors be allowed to kill their patients?**

		Count	Col %
Should doctors be allowed to kill their patients?	Yes	383	57%
	No	188	28%
	Unsure/Refuse	96	14%
	Total	666	100%

57% of respondents said they think doctors should be allowed to kill their patients and 28% disagreed.

**Should doctors be allowed to kill their patients? BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should doctors be allowed to kill their patients?	Yes	62%	53%
	No	21%	36%
	Unsure/Refuse	17%	11%
	Total	100%	100%

**Should doctors be allowed to kill their patients? BY Age**

		Age					
		18 - 25	26 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should doctors be allowed to kill their patients?	Yes	50%	73%	50%	58%	64%	55%
	No	34%	13%	37%	32%	19%	31%
	Unsure/Refuse	16%	14%	13%	10%	17%	14%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### Should doctors be allowed to kill their patients? BY Area

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should doctors be allowed to kill their patients?	Yes	53%	65%	59%
	No	32%	24%	24%
	Unsure/Refuse	15%	11%	18%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### If the law was changed to allow doctors to kill their patients, do you think the number and categories of people asking to die would increase over time, decrease, or stay the same?

#### How will categories of people asking to die change over time?

		Count	Col %
How will categories of people asking to die change over time?	Increase	383	58%
	Decrease	20	3%
	Stay the same	171	26%
	Unsure/Refuse	93	14%
	Total	666	100%

58% of respondents said they think if the law changes, the number and categories of people asking to die will increase over time. Only 3% thought it would decrease and 26% thought it would stay the same.

#### How will categories of people asking to die change over time? BY Gender

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
How will categories of people asking to die change over time?	Increase	55%	61%
	Decrease	4%	2%
	Stay the same	26%	25%
	Unsure/Refuse	15%	12%
	Total	100%	100%

### How will categories of people asking to die change over time? BY Age

		Age					
		18 - 25 Col %	26 - 30 Col %	31 - 40 Col %	41 - 50 Col %	51 - 60 Col %	61+ Col %
How will categories of people asking to die change over time?	Increase	34%	52%	75%	62%	65%	48%
	Decrease	12%	14%	0%	0%	2%	1%
	Stay the same	34%	15%	11%	33%	25%	31%
	Unsure/Refuse	21%	19%	14%	5%	7%	20%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### How will categories of people asking to die change over time? BY Area

		Area		
		Metro Col %	Provincial Col %	Rural Col %
How will categories of people asking to die change over time?	Increase	60%	57%	53%
	Decrease	4%	3%	1%
	Stay the same	24%	26%	29%
	Unsure/Refuse	13%	14%	17%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**In some countries, an 18-year-old with a curable or manageable condition would be allowed to refuse treatment and ask instead for drugs that will kill them. Would you like New Zealand to have such a law or not?**

### Should NZ have law allowing 18 year olds with a manageable condition to ask for drugs to kill them?

		Count	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing 18 year olds with a manageable condition to ask for drugs to kill them?	Yes	159	24%
	No	400	60%
	Unsure/Refuse	107	16%
	Total	666	100%

Only 24% of respondents support New Zealand having a law that would allow an 18 year old with a curable or manageable condition to ask for drugs to kill them. 60% would oppose such a law.

**Should NZ have law allowing 18 year olds with a manageable condition to ask for drugs to kill them? BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing 18 year olds with a manageable condition to ask for drugs to kill them?	Yes	26%	21%
	No	57%	63%
	Unsure/Refuse	17%	15%
	Total	100%	100%

**Should NZ have law allowing 18 year olds with a manageable condition to ask for drugs to kill them? BY Age**

		Age					
		18 - 25	26 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing 18 year olds with a manageable condition to ask for drugs to kill them?	Yes	14%	18%	14%	33%	28%	26%
	No	71%	54%	64%	48%	58%	62%
	Unsure/Refuse	15%	28%	22%	19%	13%	11%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Should NZ have law allowing 18 year olds with a manageable condition to ask for drugs to kill them? BY Area**

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing 18 year olds with a manageable condition to ask for drugs to kill them?	Yes	23%	29%	20%
	No	57%	61%	68%
	Unsure/Refuse	20%	11%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

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