

## EUTHANASIA ISSUES POLL April May 2019

- CLIENT:** Euthanasia-Free NZ
- POLL DATES:** Sunday 14 April, Wednesday 17 April, Wednesday 2 May, Sunday 5 May 2019.
- TARGET POPULATION:** New Zealand adults.
- SAMPLE POPULATION:** New Zealand adults who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone.
- SAMPLE SIZE:** 1,048 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 1,040 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.0%, at the 95% confidence level.
- CODE COMPLIANCE:** This poll was conducted in accordance 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 a doctor should be allowed to give deadly drugs to deliberately kill a patient?**

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

		Count	Col %
Should doctors be allowed to kill their patients?	Yes	600	57%
	No	305	29%
	Unsure/Refuse	143	14%
	Total	1048	100%

57% of respondents said they think doctors should be allowed to kill their patients and 29% 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	56%	59%
	No	28%	30%
	Unsure/Refuse	16%	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	61%	60%	59%	63%	57%	53%
	No	32%	17%	24%	29%	34%	29%
	Unsure/Refuse	7%	23%	17%	8%	9%	18%
	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	52%	60%	65%
	No	34%	24%	25%
	Unsure/Refuse	14%	16%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

It's being proposed that a person as young as 18 could request a lethal injection without having to tell their loved ones about it. The first their family might know is when receiving their death certificate. Would you like New Zealand to have a law where people can request a lethal injection without having to tell their loved ones about it?

**Should NZ have law that allows euthanasia without informing loves ones**

		Count	Col %
Should NZ have law that allows euthanasia without informing loves ones	Yes	211	20%
	No	767	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	70	7%
	Total	1048	100%

73% of respondents are opposed to a law where people can request a lethal injection without telling their loved ones about it.

**Should NZ have law that allows euthanasia without informing loves ones BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law that allows euthanasia without informing loves ones	Yes	18%	22%
	No	73%	74%
	Unsure/Refuse	9%	4%
	Total	100%	100%

**Should NZ have law that allows euthanasia without informing loves ones BY Age**

		Age					
		18 - 25	26 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law that allows euthanasia without informing loves ones	Yes	14%	41%	27%	18%	16%	18%
	No	82%	54%	73%	72%	74%	75%
	Unsure/Refuse	3%	5%	0%	10%	10%	7%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Should NZ have law that allows euthanasia without informing loves ones BY Area**

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law that allows euthanasia without informing loves ones	Yes	21%	17%	21%
	No	72%	77%	72%
	Unsure/Refuse	7%	6%	7%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Would you like New Zealand to have a law that would allow a terminally ill person to receive a lethal injection because they feel depressed or that life is meaningless?**

**Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone is depressed**

		Count	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone is depressed	Yes	362	35%
	No	584	56%
	Unsure/Refuse	101	10%
	Total	1048	100%

Only 35% of respondents support New Zealand having a law that would allow a terminally ill person to choose euthanasia because they feel depressed or that life is meaningless.

**Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone is depressed BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone is depressed	Yes	36%	32%
	No	54%	58%
	Unsure/Refuse	9%	10%
	Total	100%	100%

**Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone is depressed 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 euthanasia if someone is depressed	Yes	26%	38%	34%	35%	35%	36%
	No	66%	43%	56%	58%	56%	55%
	Unsure/Refuse	8%	18%	10%	7%	10%	9%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone is depressed BY Area**

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone is depressed	Yes	32%	36%	38%
	No	57%	55%	54%
	Unsure/Refuse	11%	9%	8%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Would you like New Zealand to have a law that would allow a terminally ill person to receive a lethal injection because they feel they are a burden?**

**Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone feels they are a burden**

		Count	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone feels they are a burden	Yes	266	25%
	No	663	63%
	Unsure/Refuse	118	11%
	Total	1048	100%

Only 25% of respondents support New Zealand having a law that would allow a terminally ill person to choose euthanasia because they feel they are a burden.

**Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone feels they are a burden BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone feels they are a burden	Yes	22%	29%
	No	67%	59%
	Unsure/Refuse	11%	12%
	Total	100%	100%

**Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone feels they are a burden 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 euthanasia if someone feels they are a burden	Yes	23%	30%	24%	21%	23%	29%
	No	70%	50%	59%	70%	67%	61%
	Unsure/Refuse	8%	20%	16%	9%	10%	11%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone feels they are a burden BY Area**

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should NZ have law allowing euthanasia if someone feels they are a burden	Yes	24%	21%	34%
	No	63%	69%	56%
	Unsure/Refuse	12%	10%	11%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Under New Zealand law doctors are allowed to give patients as much pain medication as they need to be comfortable, even if this might hasten their deaths. However, doctors are NOT allowed to give drugs with the intention to kill. Do you think doctors should be allowed to give deadly drugs to deliberately kill their patients, even if they are NOT in pain?**

**Should doctors be able to kill patients, even if not in pain**

		Count	Col %
Should doctors be able to kill patients, even if not in pain	Yes	284	27%
	No	622	59%
	Unsure/Refuse	141	13%
	Total	1048	100%

Only 27% of respondents support doctors being able to kill their patients, even if the patients are not in pain.

**Should doctors be able to kill patients, even if not in pain BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should doctors be able to kill patients, even if not in pain	Yes	26%	28%
	No	60%	59%
	Unsure/Refuse	14%	13%
	Total	100%	100%

**Should doctors be able to kill patients, even if not in pain BY Age**

		Age					
		18 - 25	26 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should doctors be able to kill patients, even if not in pain	Yes	19%	27%	39%	32%	28%	22%
	No	72%	42%	51%	61%	59%	63%
	Unsure/Refuse	8%	31%	10%	7%	13%	15%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Should doctors be able to kill patients, even if not in pain BY Area**

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should doctors be able to kill patients, even if not in pain	Yes	25%	26%	32%
	No	58%	63%	58%
	Unsure/Refuse	16%	11%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%



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