

YouGov / Dignity in Dying Survey Results

Sample Size: 1764 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 19th - 20th May 2016

	Vote in 2015					Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	1764	497	413	106	171	854	910	205	755	434	370	1005	759	212	586	379	425	162
Unweighted Sample	1764	503	435	117	182	788	976	193	706	479	386	1108	656	194	598	366	425	181
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An assisted dying law would allow terminally ill people, who are of sound mind and have six months or less to live, to request medication to end their own lives. A request would have to be approved by two independent doctors and a judge, and the person would be able to withdraw their request at any point.

The British Medical Association (BMA) is the trade union and professional body for 170,000 doctors in the UK.

Do you think the BMA should oppose or support assisted dying, or should they take a neutral position?

Oppose – Actively oppose and campaign against an assisted dying law	7	8	9	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	12	8	7	10	6	8	7	7
Support – Actively support and campaign for an assisted dying law	49	45	47	43	58	49	48	46	49	52	46	47	51	43	46	49	52	58
Neutral – Neither campaign for or against an assisted dying law	35	42	34	47	34	36	34	33	34	37	38	38	31	40	40	35	30	26
Don't know	9	5	10	3	1	7	10	13	12	5	4	7	11	7	8	8	11	9

Do you think the British Medical Association opposing assisted dying would damage or improve the relationship that terminally ill patients have with their doctor, or would it make no difference?

Definitely damage	7	8	6	7	9	9	6	8	8	7	5	6	9	10	5	8	9	8
Probably damage	25	27	24	30	29	25	26	22	27	26	24	26	24	24	27	25	25	21
TOTAL DAMAGE	32	35	30	37	38	34	32	30	35	33	29	32	33	34	32	33	34	29
Would make no difference	38	40	36	44	42	41	35	31	35	45	41	40	35	43	38	36	36	44
Probably improve	11	11	13	11	10	9	13	15	10	7	15	11	11	8	12	10	12	10
Definitely improve	2	3	3	1	3	1	3	1	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	2
TOTAL IMPROVE	13	14	16	12	13	10	16	16	12	10	18	13	14	10	14	13	15	12
Don't know	16	12	18	6	8	15	17	24	18	12	12	14	19	14	16	18	16	15

The British Medical Association is opposed to assisted dying and has repeatedly told Parliamentarians that the law should not be changed. Does knowing this make you have a more positive or negative view of the British Medical Association, or does it make no difference?

More positive	7	10	8	11	4	7	8	4	7	8	10	8	6	9	8	6	6	9
More negative	29	28	24	35	30	31	28	34	32	28	23	30	29	23	31	28	28	37
Makes no difference – I already have a positive view of the BMA	26	24	33	31	26	26	26	21	23	30	32	28	24	31	25	23	29	25
Makes no difference – I already have a negative view of the BMA	11	14	7	12	20	12	10	6	8	14	15	11	11	13	12	13	9	9
Don't know	26	24	27	10	19	24	28	34	31	20	19	23	31	24	24	31	28	20

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To date, the British Medical Association has never directly surveyed its members about their views on assisted dying. Do you think that the public debate on assisted dying would or would not be better informed if the British Medical Association were to carry out a survey of its members, or would it make no difference?

Would be better informed	58	57	61	78	64	57	59	58	59	59	57	62	54	59	61	56	53	68
Would not be better informed	5	6	3	4	3	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	5	4	6	4
It would make no difference	20	24	17	13	20	21	19	13	16	24	26	18	21	18	17	22	24	15
Don't know	17	14	19	5	13	17	18	24	20	12	13	15	20	19	17	18	17	13