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Top Line Survey Results
Montana Statewide Public Opinion Survey
Interviews Conducted Feb. 6-12, 2023
Sample Size: 601 Montana Voters

COMPASSION AND CHOICES – TOP LINE RESULTS AND QUESTIONNAIRE

Good morning/afternoon/evening, my name is (YOUR FIRST NAME). I am calling on behalf of Susquehanna Polling and Research, a public opinion research firm. May I speak to (name on list) or another registered voter in your household? (If name on list or another registered voter is not available, THANK AND TERMINATE)

INTRODUCTION: We are conducting a brief survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Montana today. May we have just 4 to 5 minutes of your time to complete a brief survey?

Great, thank you...

F1: To confirm, are you a registered voter in the state of Montana?

- 1. If yes 601 (100%) PROCEED TO Q1
2. If no -- THANK AND TERMINATE

The next few questions deal with decisions you might have to make when confronted with end-of-life care issues for you or your loved ones...thank you for any information you are willing to share about this important topic...

Q1. Regardless of your age or health, have you had any discussions with either your loved ones or your medical providers about your end-of-life care wishes? (Check all that apply)

- 1. Yes, had discussions with loved ones 362 60%
2. Yes, had discussions with my medical providers 177 29%
Yes, TOTAL (unique respondents): 380 63%
3. No/have not had any discussions about end-of-life care wishes 221 37%

Q2. When it comes time to make important decisions about end-of-life care options for patients, who should be the primary decision maker, including how you die – the government – or patients, in consultations with doctors and loved ones?

1.	Government	0	00%
2.	Patients, in consultations with doctors and loved ones	593	99%
3.	Not sure	6	01%
4.	Refuse	2	00%

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Q3. As you may or may not know, medical aid-in-dying laws give mentally capable, terminally ill, adult patients the freedom to end unbearable suffering and untreatable pain by requesting a prescription medication they can decide to take to die gently in their sleep. Do you think a mentally capable adult patient with an incurable, terminal illness, who only has six months or less to live, should have the legal option of medical aid in dying to pass peacefully in their sleep?

1. Yes	452	75%
2. No	76	13%
3. Not Sure	66	11%
4. Refuse	7	01%

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Q4. If you had an incurable, terminal illness, still had a capable mind, had less than six months to live, and you met the legal requirements, would you personally want the legal option of medical aid in dying available to you, even though you might not choose to use it?

1. Yes	442	74%
2. No	98	16%
3. Not Sure	58	10%
4. Refuse	3	00%

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Q5. Montana is one of 10 states that currently gives terminally ill patients the legal option of medical aid in dying. Do you support continuing to give these patients this legal option?

1. Yes	499	83%
2. No	69	11%
3. Not Sure	32	05%
4. Refuse	1	01%

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Q6. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Mentally capable, terminally ill patients with incurable diseases who have six months or less to live should have the personal freedom and legal right to dictate the terms of their dying, by using medical aid in dying." (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly agree	386	64%
2. Somewhat agree	87	14%
<b>Total Agree:</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>79%</b>
3. Neither agree nor disagree/neutral	48	08%
4. Somewhat disagree	36	06%
5. Strongly disagree	40	07%
<b>Total Disagree:</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>13%</b>
6. Refuse	4	01%

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Q7. Do you support or oppose legislation that would subject a licensed physician to criminal prosecution for homicide if they honor a terminally ill patient's request to write a prescription for medical aid in dying? Homicide is a felony crime that in Montana carries a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of the death penalty.

1. Yes/support	40	07%
2. No/Oppose	527	88%
3. Not Sure	29	05%
4. Refuse	5	01%

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Q8. Do you consider yourself to be pro-life or pro-choice on the subject of abortion? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly pro-life	174	29%
2. Somewhat pro-life	47	08%
<b>Total Pro-life:</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>37%</b>
3. Neither pro-life nor pro-choice/Neutral	76	13%
4. Somewhat pro-choice	72	12%
5. Strongly pro-choice	223	37%
<b>Total Pro-choice:</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>49%</b>
6. Refuse	9	01%

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**We have just a few questions for demographic purposes...**

Q9. Do you identify as having a disability? A disability is a physical or mental impairment that seriously limits your life activities such as conditions affecting a person's vision, movement, thinking, remembering, learning, communicating, hearing, mental health, and social relationships.

1. Yes	101	17%
2. No	491	82%
3. Not Sure	6	01%
4. Refuse	3	00%

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Q10. Do you, or does anyone in your household own any type of gun or firearm? (Check All that apply)

1. Yes, respondent	321	53%
2. Yes, other in household	224	37%
<b>Yes, Total Unique HH's:</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>63%</b>
3. No	127	21%
4. Refuse	95	16%

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Q11. When it comes to your political affiliation, do you consider yourself to be more of a Republican, a Democrat, a Libertarian, an Independent or unaffiliated voter, or something else?

1. Republican	213	35%
2. Democrat	149	25%
3. Libertarian	15	02%
4. Independent/Unaffiliated	186	31%
5. Other	26	04%
6. Refuse	12	02%

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Q12. What was your age on your last birthday? (Use brackets below)

1. 18-29	40	07%
2. 30-44	126	21%
3. 45-54	100	17%
4. 55-64	117	19%
5. 65 and older	217	36%
6. Refuse	1	00%

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Q13. When it comes to your political ideology, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, liberal, progressive, Libertarian or something else?

1.	Conservative	237	39%
2.	Moderate	144	24%
3.	Liberal	79	13%
4.	Progressive	39	06%
5.	Libertarian	3	00%
6.	Other	76	13%
7.	None	6	01%
8.	Refuse	17	03%

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Q14. What is your main religious affiliation?

(List is Alpha)

1.	Atheist (does not believe in God)	48	08%
2.	Agnostic (does not know if a God exists)	35	06%
3.	Baptist	36	06%
4.	Catholic	121	20%
5.	Evangelical Christian	39	06%
6.	Jewish	0	00%
7.	Lutheran	71	12%
8.	Methodist	29	05%
9.	Muslim	0	00%
10.	Protestant	49	08%
11.	Hindu	0	00%
12.	Sikh	0	00%
13.	Other (Christian, Mormon, born-again, etc.)	128	21%
14.	Refuse	45	07%

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Q15. What is your gender identity?

1. Male	296	49%
2. Female	303	50%
3. Nonbinary	2	01%

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.**

Vote History Universe (1 of 4 or better using G22, P22, G20 and/or P20):

1X	103	17%
2X	107	18%
3X	125	21%
4X	266	44%

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Television Media Market:

143	(24%)	1. <b>Billings</b> [Big Horn, Carbon, Custer, Garfield, Golden Valley, Meaghen, Mussel Shell, Park, Powder River, Rosebud, Still Water, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Wheatland, Yellowstone]
102	(17%)	2. <b>Butte-Bozeman</b> [Granite, Jefferson, Madison, Beaverhead, Gallatin, Silver bow, Deer Lodge]
10	(02%)	3. <b>Glendive</b> [Dawson, Wibaux, Prairie]
79	(13%)	4. <b>Great Falls</b> [Toole, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Petroleum, Fergus, Judith Basin, Cascade, Teton, Choteau, Pondera, Glacier]
48	(08%)	5. <b>Helena</b> [Lewis & Clark, Powell, Broadwater]
183	(30%)	6. <b>Missoula</b> [Flathead, Sanders, Mineral, Ravali, Missoula, Lake]
36	(06%)	7. <b>Other</b> [Carter, Daniels, Fallon, Lincoln, McCone, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheraton, Valley]

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Phone Type:

1. Landline	167	28%
2. Mobile	434	72%

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## METHODOLOGY, SAMPLE FRAME CONSTRUCTION AND DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

This poll is commissioned by Compassion and Choices and conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc<sup>1</sup>. Interviews were conducted Feb. 6-12, 2023, with 601 registered voters in Montana. Survey respondents are randomly contacted using random selection procedures, and all telephone interviews are conducted using live telephone agents. The sample frame was compiled using random telephone sequence methods, and includes both landline and cellular households, purchased from a certified list vendor; all households are pre-screened to eliminate household telephone numbers on the federal Do Not Call registry in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. Only known registered voters were contacted, compiled from a list of households with prior vote history in 1 of 4 or better most recent elections using G22, P22, G20 and/or P20 as the base universe.

Interviews are closely monitored to ensure a representative sample of the Montana electorate is achieved based on geography, gender, age, party self-identification and other demographics; results are sometimes statistically weighted to adjust for coverage bias or non-response error.

The margin of error for a sample size of 601 interviews is +/-4.0% at the 95% confidence level.

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<sup>1</sup>Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. is a nationally recognized polling and focus group company and conducts polling for political, media and corporate clients both in Pa and numerous other states. SP&R's polling has been featured on many national platforms, including the Rush Limbaugh Radio Show, FOX News Channel, The O'Reilly Factor, the Bill Maher Show and MSNBC. The internet news service *Sunshine State News* of Florida referred to SP&R as "one of the most prominent pollsters in the country" for its accurate polling in the 2010 Florida Gubernatorial Republican Primary election. The website [www.realclearpolitics.com](http://www.realclearpolitics.com) rated SP&R the #1 polling firm in the USA for its accuracy in the 2020 Presidential election. SP&R CEO Jim Lee was also profiled on two episodes of CBS's *Inside Edition* for its polling accuracy.