Most Americans Support Medical Aid in Dying

In multiple national surveys, across multiple demographics, people support having options to end their suffering.

**STEADY SUPPORT OVER TIME**

“When a person has a disease that cannot be cured...doctors should be allowed by law to end the patient’s life by some painless means if the patient and his or her family request it.” (Gallup Poll, May 2020)

- 2020: YES 74%, NO 25%, NO OPINION 1%
- 2019: YES 68%, NO 30%, NO OPINION 2%
- 2018: YES 72%, NO 27%, NO OPINION 1%

**SUPPORT ACROSS DIFFERENT RACES**

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- AGREE:
  - White: 77%
  - Non-white: 65%

**SUPPORT ACROSS DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS**

“When a person has a disease that cannot be cured...doctors should be allowed by law to end the patient’s life by some painless means if the patient and his or her family request it.” (Gallup Poll, May 2020)

- AGREE:
  - 18–34: 77%
  - 35–54: 79%
  - 55+: 68%
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**Support Across Different Political Affiliations**

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AGREE

Democrats/Democratic-leaning independents: 85%

Republicans/Republican-leaning independents: 69%

**Support Across Different Political Ideologies**

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AGREE

Liberal: 87%

Moderate: 80%

Conservative: 57%

**Support Across Multiple Religious Affiliations**

“When a person is facing a terminal disease, it is morally acceptable to ask for a physician’s aid in taking his or her own life.” (LifeWay Research, September-October 2016)

AGREE

Catholics: 70%

Christians: 59%

Protestants: 53%

Nonreligious: 84%

Other Religions: 70%