

Survey carried out on behalf of Dignity in Dying

Public opinions on assisted suicide

Topline findings - 12th June 2009

- Ipsos MORI interviewed a nationally representative sample of 1755 English and Welsh adults, aged 18+ across England and Wales between 5th and 11th June 2009
- All figures presented are based on 1755 respondents unless otherwise stated
- Interviews were conducted face-to-face using CAPI (Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing) equipment. Data were weighted to match the known population profile
- All figures quoted are percentages
- Where figures do not sum to 100 percent, this may be due to computer rounding or multiple response answers
- * represents a figure greater than zero, but less than 0.5%

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Question DD01A

SHOW CARD DD01

Think of a situation where a terminally ill but mentally competent adult travels abroad to have an assisted suicide in a country where this is legal. This adult asks a family member or friend to enable or assist them to travel abroad to die. In your opinion, do you think this family member or friend should or should not be prosecuted if they enable or assist that adult to travel abroad to die? Please just read out the letter which applies

PLEASE READ OUT QUESTION SLOWLY AND CLEARLY AND REPEAT IF REQUIRED

		%
A.	Should be prosecuted	10
B.	Should not be prosecuted	80
	I would prefer not to answer	5
	Don't know	5

Base: Split sample of **876** English and Welsh adults 18+

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Question DD01B

SHOW CARD DD01

At present assisting somebody to commit suicide is a crime in England and Wales and punishable by up to 14 years in prison

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		%
A.	Should be prosecuted	12
B.	Should not be prosecuted	76
	I would prefer not to answer	7
	Don't know	5

Base: Split sample of **879** English and Welsh adults 18+**UNINFORMED**

Question DD02

SHOW CARD DD02

Currently, in England and Wales it is illegal for a family member or friend to enable or assist a terminally ill, but mentally competent adult to travel abroad to have an assisted suicide in a country where assisted suicide is legal.

In your opinion, do you think that the law in England and Wales should be changed to allow a family member or friend to enable or assist a terminally ill adult to travel abroad to a country where assisted suicide is not a crime, or do you think the law should not be changed? Please just read out the letter which applies

		%
A.	The law in England and Wales should be changed so it is no longer illegal	65
B.	The law in England and Wales should not be changed so it is no longer illegal	22
	I would prefer not to answer	5
	Don't know	7

Base: 876 English and Welsh adults 18+

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		%
A.	The law in England and Wales should be changed so it is no longer illegal	62
B.	The law in England and Wales should not be changed so it is no longer illegal	23
	I would prefer not to answer	7
	Don't know	7

Base: 879 English and Welsh adults 18+