

Ipsos Assisted dying polling

September 2026

The below information was given to respondents before they answered the questions in this survey.

Assisted dying refers to a patient aged 18 or over being provided with life-ending medication if at least two doctors think that all the following conditions were met:

The patient would need to be of sound mind

The patient would be terminally ill, and it is believed that they have 6 months or less to live

The patient would have made a voluntary, clear and settled decision to end their life (and made and signed a declaration to that effect in the presence of a witness), with time to consider all other options

The patient is ordinarily, and has been resident in the country for at least a year

The patient is registered as a patient with a general medical practice

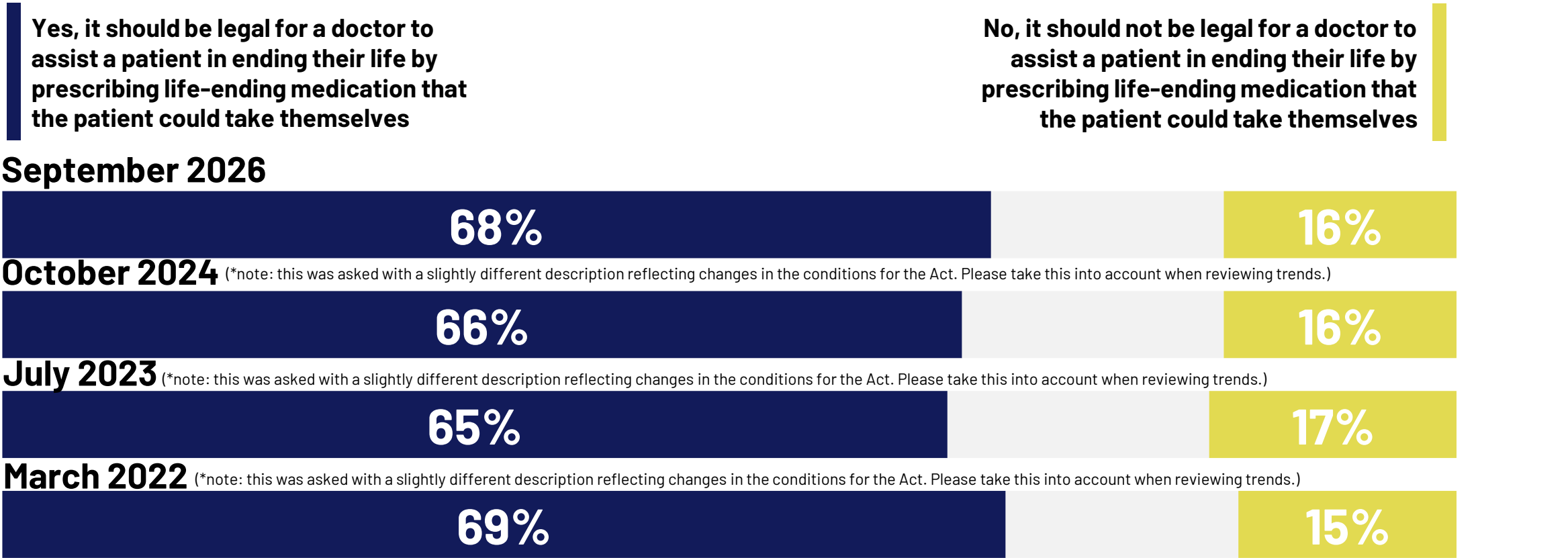
The Voluntary Assisted Dying Commissioner will refer the case to a multidisciplinary “Assisted Dying Review Panel”, consisting of a senior legal figure, a consultant psychiatrist, and a social worker to determine, among other things, that a person was terminally ill and had capacity to make the decision to end their own life

If the conditions are met, a health professional may help to prepare and assist with the medication, but the decision to self-administer the medicine and the final act of doing so must be taken by the patient themselves

Assisted dying is not currently legal in the UK.

Should it be legal for a doctor to assist a terminally ill patient in ending their life by prescribing life-ending medication?

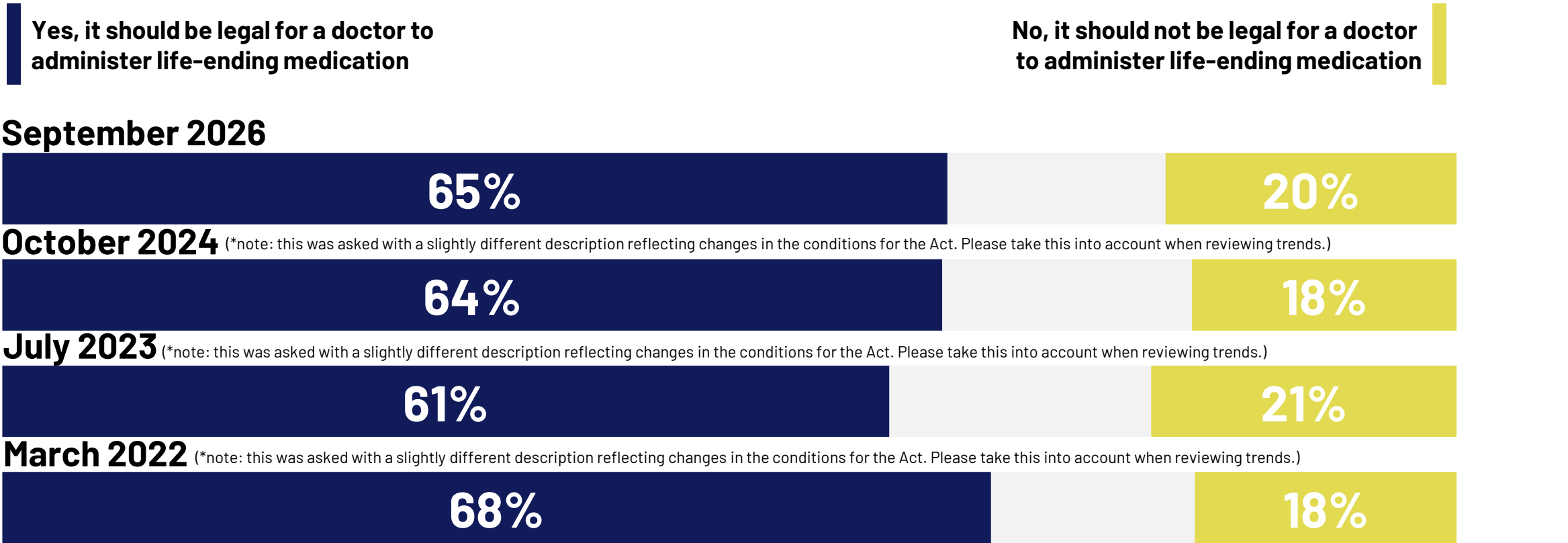
Do you think it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient aged 18 or over in ending their life by prescribing life-ending medication that the patient can take themselves, if all the conditions for assisted dying outlined above are met?*



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Should it be legal for a doctor to assist a terminally ill patient in ending their life by administering life-ending medication?

Do you think it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient aged 18 or over in ending their life, by the doctor administering life-ending medication, assuming that the other conditions for assisted dying outlined above are met?*



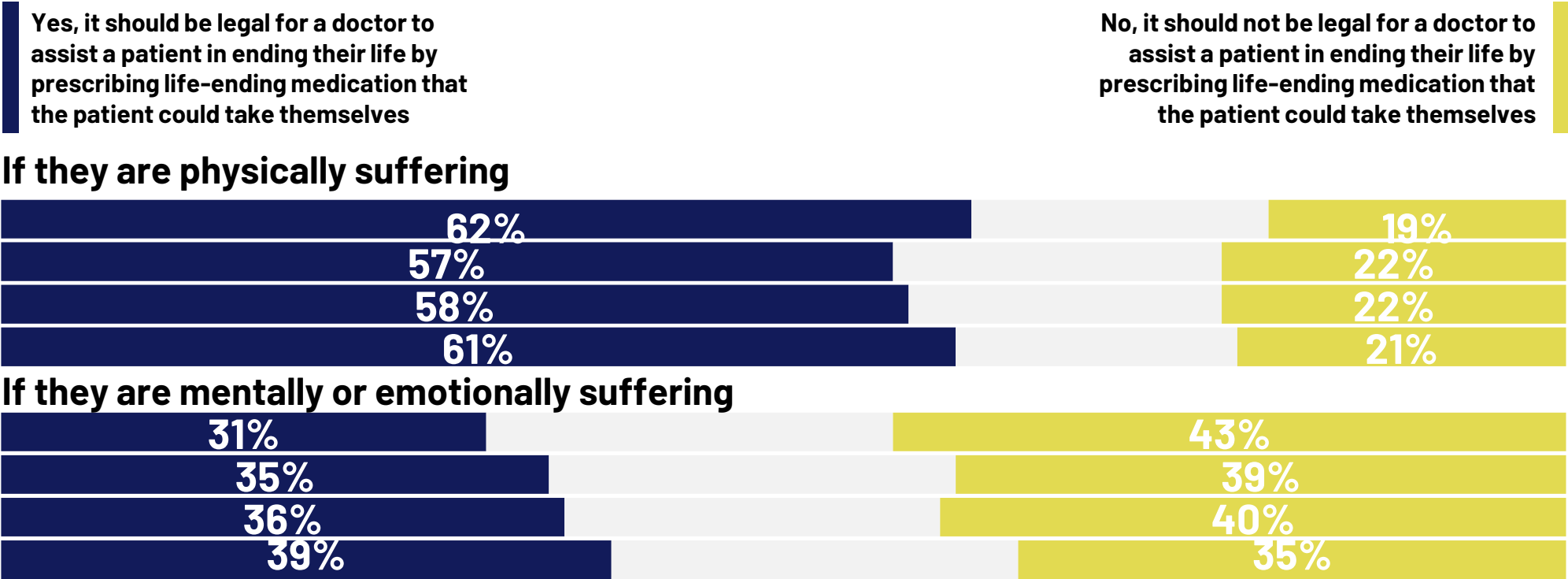
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Should it be legal for a doctor to assist a not terminally ill patient in ending their life by prescribing life-ending medication if they are...?

Do you think that it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient (aged 18 or over in ending their life, if they are **not terminally ill**, but are physically suffering in a way that the patient finds unbearable and which cannot be cured or improved with existing medical science, and where the patient has expressed a clear desire to end their life? Assume that the other conditions for assisted dying outlined above are met.

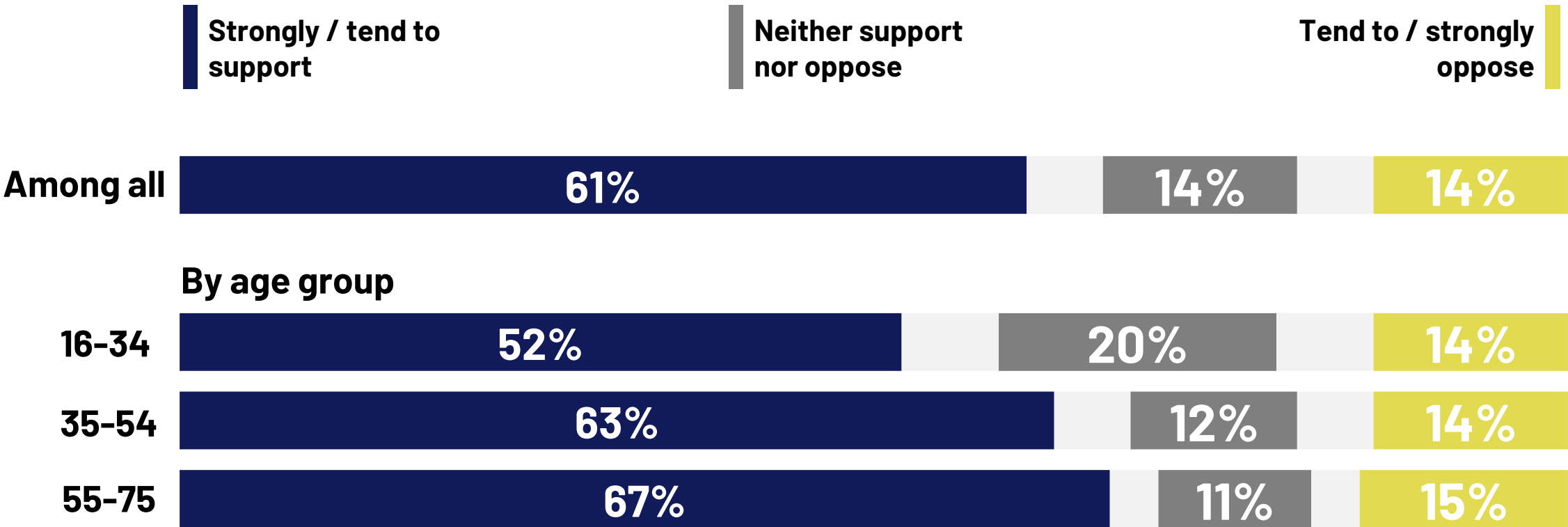
And do you think it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient aged 18 or over in ending their life, if they are **not terminally ill**, but are mentally or emotionally suffering in a way that the patient finds unbearable and which cannot be cured or improved with existing medical science, and where the patient has expressed a clear desire to end their life? Assume that the other conditions for assisted dying outlined above are met.*



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Support for the re-introduction of the Assisted Dying bill

As you may know, the Assisted Dying bill introduced by MP Kim Leadbeater passed the House of Commons in 2025, but ran out of time in the House of Lords and it did not become law. Bill sponsor MP Lauren Edwards re-introduced the identical bill in June 2026, with the 2nd reading due to take place on 11 September 2026. The Bill is unchanged from its previous version. To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose the re-introduction of this legislation, or do you have no view either way?

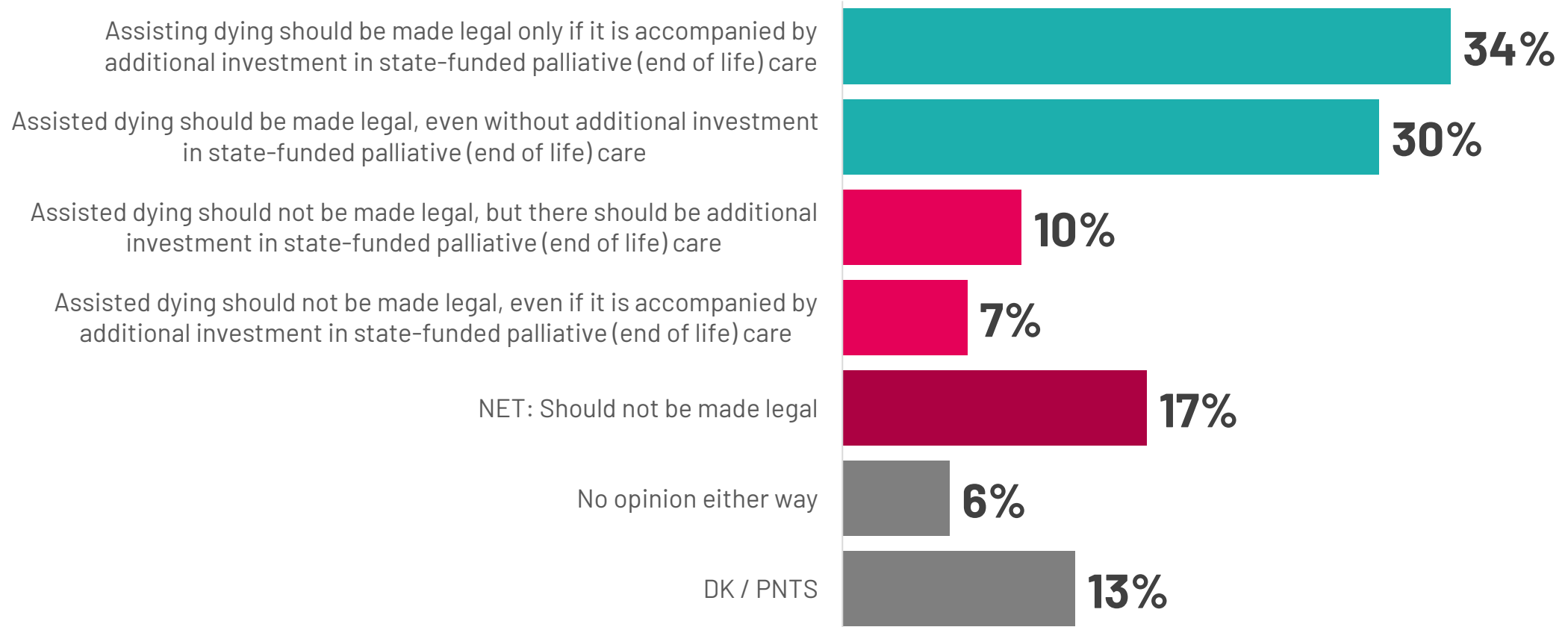


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Relationship between assisted dying and investment in state-funded palliative care

Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view on assisted dying in the UK?



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