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- Fieldwork dates: 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015
- All figures in percentages
- Base: All adults in each country (n = minimum 2000)
- Interviews conducted online among a quota sample of adults in each country
- Data have been weighted to the known offline population profile for each country according to age, gender, region and working status. Additional weighting criteria were applied in some countries and are indicated in the table below.
- An asterisk represents a percentage less than 0.5 but greater than 0
- Numbers may not always add up to 100% due to computer rounding or multiple answers

### Sample interviewed in each country

	Sample	Number interviewed	Fieldwork dates	Additional weighting criteria
Australia	Adults aged 16-65	2014	10 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> June	
Belgium	Adults aged 16-70	2094	9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	First language of participant
Canada	Adults aged 18-75	2129	8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> June	First language of participant
Germany	Adults aged 16-70	2195	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Spain	Adults aged 16-65	2112	10 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
France	Adults aged 16-75	2199	10 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Participant occupation
Great Britain	Adults aged 16-75	2162	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Socio-economic grade
Hungary	Adults aged 16-60	2199	10 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Italy	Adults aged 16-70	2190	10 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Japan	Adults aged 18-65	2001	10 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Netherlands	Adults aged 16-70	2199	9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Poland	Adults aged 16-60	2200	10 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Russia	Adults aged 16-60	2123	10 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Sweden	Adults aged 16-65	2208	8 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> June	
USA	Adults aged 18-75	2175	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Household income

Please note that questions TPQ2A through TPQ4 were asked in a randomized order with TPQ2A and TPQ2B kept together and TPQ2A always asked before TPQ2B.



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### TPQ1

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 that is the patient's wish, provided that the patient is terminally ill (where it is believed that they have 6 months or less to live) of sound mind, and expresses a clear desire to end their life?

	AU %	BE %	CA %	DE %	SP %	FR %	GB %	HU %	IT %	JP %	NL %	PL %	RU %	SW %	US %
Unweighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Weighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Yes, it should be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	73	86	77	75	78	84	70	62	64	54	81	48	47	69	63
No, it should not be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	15	4	13	8	7	5	13	17	17	15	8	29	32	10	21
Don't know	11	7	9	12	12	9	14	14	15	28	9	17	17	18	14
Prefer not to say	1	2	2	5	4	2	3	7	4	2	2	7	4	3	2

Base: All adults surveyed in each country



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### TPQ2A

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 could take themselves?

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Unweighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Weighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Yes, it should be legal for a doctor to prescribe life-ending medication that the patient could take themselves	55	51	56	64	59	65	58	46	34	45	60	40	34	36	52
No, it should not be legal for a doctor to prescribe life-ending medication that the patient could take themselves	30	30	30	16	21	18	23	35	45	24	24	40	48	39	32
Don't know	13	16	12	14	15	14	16	13	16	28	14	15	15	22	14
Prefer not to say	2	2	1	6	5	3	3	6	5	3	2	5	3	4	2

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### TPQ2B

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?

	AU %	BE %	CA %	DE %	SP %	FR %	GB %	HU %	IT %	JP %	NL %	PL %	RU %	SW %	US %
Unweighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Weighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Yes, it should be legal for a doctor to administer life-ending medication	64	77	68	55	66	71	58	46	50	47	74	42	37	43	56
No, it should not be legal for a doctor to administer life-ending medication	21	10	19	21	13	11	21	33	29	23	12	37	45	27	27
Don't know	14	11	11	17	16	15	18	15	17	28	12	15	15	25	15
Prefer not to say	1	2	2	6	5	3	3	6	4	2	2	6	3	4	2

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### TPQ3

Do you think that it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life, if they are under the age of 18, provided that they are terminally ill (where it is believed that they have 6 months or less to live), have expressed a clear desire to end their life and also have their parent's or guardian's consent?

- If the patient is aged 15-17

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Weighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Yes, it should be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	45	70	44	43	49	57	38	37	33	32	59	26	24	35	32
No, it should not be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	34	11	34	27	20	15	33	32	37	32	16	48	55	34	44
Don't know	17	14	19	21	22	22	25	19	22	33	21	17	15	24	21
Prefer not to say	2	6	3	9	10	6	4	12	9	3	4	9	5	7	2

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### TPQ3

Do you think that it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life, if they are under the age of 18, provided that they are terminally ill (where it is believed that they have 6 months or less to live), have expressed a clear desire to end their life and also have their parent's or guardian's consent?

- If the patient is aged 11-14

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Weighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Yes, it should be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	32	52	30	30	36	47	25	26	23	23	45	15	15	25	21
No, it should not be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	40	18	42	34	25	19	42	39	42	41	23	56	61	42	52
Don't know	25	24	24	26	28	27	28	21	26	33	28	20	17	27	24
Prefer not to say	3	6	4	10	11	7	4	14	10	3	4	9	6	7	3

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### TPQ3

Do you think that it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life, if they are under the age of 18, provided that they are terminally ill (where it is believed that they have 6 months or less to live), have expressed a clear desire to end their life and also have their parent's or guardian's consent?

- If the patient is aged 10 or under

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Weighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Yes, it should be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	29	46	27	26	35	45	23	25	21	21	39	13	14	22	19
No, it should not be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	42	21	45	35	26	20	44	39	44	43	25	57	62	43	54
Don't know	26	25	24	28	28	28	29	21	25	33	32	20	18	28	24
Prefer not to say	3	7	4	10	11	7	4	14	10	3	4	10	6	7	3

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### TPQ4

Do you think that it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life, if they are not terminally ill, but are physically suffering in a way that they find unbearable and which cannot be cured or improved with existing medical science? And do you think it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life, if they are not terminally ill, but are mentally or emotionally suffering in a way that they find unbearable and which cannot be cured or improved with existing medical science, and they are still “of sound mind”?

- If they are physically suffering

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Weighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Yes, it should be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	58	76	60	60	65	70	58	51	44	57	68	43	35	44	50
No, it should not be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	23	8	22	16	11	11	18	25	31	14	14	31	44	27	29
Don't know	17	12	16	16	17	16	20	16	18	26	15	18	17	25	18
Prefer not to say	2	4	2	7	6	4	4	8	7	3	3	7	4	5	2

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### TPQ4

Do you think that it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life, if they are not terminally ill, but are physically suffering in a way that they find unbearable and which cannot be cured or improved with existing medical science? And do you think it should be legal or not for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life, if they are not terminally ill, but are mentally or emotionally suffering in a way that they find unbearable and which cannot be cured or improved with existing medical science, and they are still “of sound mind”?

- If they are mentally suffering

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Weighted base	2014	2094	2129	2195	2112	2199	2162	2199	2190	2001	2199	2200	2123	2208	2175
Yes, it should be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	36	52	31	32	48	41	37	17	28	44	53	21	12	27	29
No, it should not be legal for a doctor to assist a patient in ending their life	37	23	41	34	21	28	32	54	43	23	20	47	66	39	44
Don't know	25	21	25	26	24	26	27	21	22	31	23	24	17	29	24
Prefer not to say	2	4	2	8	7	5	4	8	7	2	3	8	5	5	3

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