

As you may know, Robert Latimer deliberately ended his daughter Tracey's life because she was severely disabled and in constant pain. While he said this was a mercy killing, he was convicted of second degree murder.

Recently, Robert Latimer appealed his conviction all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada. Recently, the Supreme Court upheld the conviction and the sentence of life imprisonment with no chance of parole for ten years.

Based on what you have seen, read or heard, do you support or oppose the Supreme Court's decision? (Would that be strongly or somewhat?)

		REGION						AGE			GENDER	
	Total	BC	AB	SK/MN	ON	QC	Atl	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female
Base: All respondents												
Unweighted Base	1000	150	99	100	301	250	100	329	422	235	499	501
Weighted Base	1000	130	90	70	377	251	81	337	378	272	490	510
Strongly support	18%	11%	26%	26%	21%	12%	23%	17%	19%	19%	18%	19%
Somewhat support	19%	21%	25%	13%	19%	17%	20%	24%	17%	18%	21%	17%
Somewhat oppose	18%	15%	17%	13%	19%	20%	14%	23%	16%	13%	18%	18%
Strongly oppose	41%	50%	25%	43%	37%	48%	37%	32%	44%	47%	40%	42%
(DK/NS)	4%	3%	7%	4%	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%
SUMMARY												
TOP2BOX (Strongly Support/Somewhat Support)	38%	32%	51%	39%	41%	29%	43%	41%	36%	36%	39%	36%
LOW2BOX (Somewhat Oppose/Strongly Oppose)	58%	64%	42%	56%	55%	68%	51%	56%	60%	59%	57%	59%

Some/Other people say that Robert Latimer's sentence, which makes him ineligible for parole for 10 years, is warranted because regardless of whether or not his daughter was severely disabled and in constant pain, it was an act of murder and he should be subject to the same punishment as others who commit the same crime.

Some/Other people say that Robert Latimer's sentence should be reduced because it was an act of mercy and he was being compassionate because his daughter was severely disabled and in constant pain, and therefore he should not be subject to the same punishment as others who commit the same crime.

Which of these two views comes closest to your own?

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Sentence is warranted	26%	23%	36%	30%	29%	18%	31%	31%	25%	22%	25%	27%
Sentence should be reduced	71%	76%	59%	65%	70%	80%	63%	68%	73%	75%	73%	70%
(DK/NS)	2%	1%	5%	5%	1%	2%	6%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%