

## EUTHANASIA POLL

Conducted 14 to 30 June and 7 September to 6 October 2015

A question was asked in our regular weekly poll of at least 333 adult New Zealanders.

There were 2,800 responses. This gives a 1.9% maximum margin of error at the 95% confidence level.

*Some people believe that the law should be changed to allow doctors to assist in ending the life of a person with an incurable illness, if the patient requests it. What is your view on whether voluntary euthanasia should be legal – strongly oppose, somewhat oppose, somewhat favour, strongly favour?*

<b>Euthanasia</b>		Count	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	349	13%
	Somewhat oppose	186	7%
	Neutral	293	11%
	Somewhat support	767	28%
	Strongly support	1058	38%
	Unsure	42	2%
	Refuse	87	3%
Total		2782	100%

66% of respondents support a law change to allow euthanasia, 20% are opposed, 10% neutral and 2% unsure.

The net support level is +46% (66% less 20%).

**Euthanasia BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	12%	13%
	Somewhat oppose	7%	6%
	Neutral	11%	11%
	Somewhat support	26%	30%
	Strongly support	40%	36%
	Unsure	1%	2%
	Refuse	3%	3%
Total		100%	100%

Net support by gender is +47% for women and +47% for men.

**Euthanasia BY Age Group**

		Age Group			
		18-30	31-45	46-60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	9%	12%	14%	15%
	Somewhat oppose	10%	5%	6%	6%
	Neutral	14%	9%	9%	11%
	Somewhat support	29%	30%	28%	24%
	Strongly support	33%	41%	40%	36%
	Unsure	1%	1%	1%	2%
	Refuse	4%	2%	2%	4%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

Net support by age group is under 30s at +43%, 31 to 45 year olds at +54%, 46 to 60 year olds at +48% and over 60s at +39%.

**Euthanasia BY Maori Descent**

		Maori Descent	
		No	Yes
		Col %	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	12%	17%
	Somewhat oppose	7%	5%
	Neutral	10%	16%
	Somewhat support	28%	24%
	Strongly support	38%	35%
	Unsure	2%	1%
	Refuse	3%	3%
Total		100%	100%

Net support is +37% amongst those of Maori descent and +45% amongst those not of Maori descent.

**Euthanasia BY Urban Type**

		Urban Type				
		Main urban	Sec urban	Minor urban	Rural centre	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	13%	15%	12%	17%	8%
	Somewhat oppose	7%	8%	4%	2%	7%
	Neutral	11%	12%	10%	11%	9%
	Somewhat support	27%	21%	29%	17%	35%
	Strongly support	38%	38%	41%	44%	38%
	Unsure	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
	Refuse	3%	4%	3%	7%	3%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Net support is +45% amongst those living in cities, +36% amongst those living in large towns, +54% amongst those in small towns, +42% amongst those on rural centres and +58% amongst those in rural areas.

**Euthanasia BY Ethnicity**

		Ethnicity					
		European	Maori	Pacific	Asian	Other	Unsure/refuse
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	12%	18%	10%	13%	28%	4%
	Somewhat oppose	6%	7%	22%	6%	13%	1%
	Neutral	10%	19%	5%	23%	1%	0%
	Somewhat support	29%	11%	38%	40%	7%	13%
	Strongly support	39%	39%	9%	16%	47%	53%
	Unsure	2%	0%	9%	0%	0%	0%
	Refuse	3%	5%	7%	3%	3%	29%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Net support is +50% with Europeans, +25% with Maori, +15% with Pasifika and +37% with Asians.

**Euthanasia BY Area**

		Area					
		Akl	Wlg	Chch	Prov	Rural	Maori
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	11%	13%	12%	13%	12%	19%
	Somewhat oppose	8%	9%	8%	6%	5%	4%
	Neutral	10%	9%	12%	11%	10%	15%
	Somewhat support	29%	28%	25%	27%	30%	19%
	Strongly support	38%	35%	39%	38%	40%	36%
	Unsure	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%
	Refuse	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Net support by area is +48% in Auckland, +41% in Wellington, +44% in Christchurch, +46% in provincial seats and +53% in rural seats.

**Euthanasia BY Deprivation Decile**

		Deprivation Decile		
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	12%	12%	15%
	Somewhat oppose	6%	7%	6%
	Neutral	9%	11%	12%
	Somewhat support	31%	26%	24%
	Strongly support	37%	40%	36%
	Unsure	1%	1%	2%
	Refuse	3%	3%	4%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

Net support is +50% in the least deprived areas, +47% in mid decile areas and +39% in most deprived areas.

**Euthanasia BY Probed Party Vote (All Voters)**

		Probed Party Vote (All Voters)						
		National	Labour	Maori	ACT	NZ First	Green	Undecided
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	12%	12%	25%	10%	14%	5%	15%
	Somewhat oppose	6%	7%	5%	7%	5%	7%	6%
	Neutral	10%	12%	8%	1%	9%	8%	13%
	Somewhat support	30%	27%	25%	22%	24%	32%	21%
	Strongly support	39%	36%	34%	59%	45%	45%	34%
	Unsure	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%
	Refuse	2%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	9%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

In descending order, net support by current party vote is:

1. Greens +65%
2. ACT +64%
3. National +51%
4. NZ First +50%
5. Labour +44%
6. Undecided voters +34%
7. Maori Party +29%

So all voters of parliamentary parties strongly support a law change.

## National supporters only

These tables show the views of National Party supporters in various areas.

### Euthanasia

		Count	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	136	12%
	Somewhat oppose	74	6%
	Neutral	122	10%
	Somewhat support	345	30%
	Strongly support	455	39%
	Unsure	10	1%
	Refuse	26	2%
	Total	1169	100%

### Euthanasia BY Area

		Area					
		Akl	Wlg	Chch	Prov	Rural	Maori
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Euthanasia	Strongly oppose	10%	11%	13%	12%	12%	22%
	Somewhat oppose	6%	13%	7%	6%	5%	0%
	Neutral	10%	10%	11%	10%	11%	7%
	Somewhat support	31%	28%	28%	29%	31%	6%
	Strongly support	40%	30%	36%	39%	39%	66%
	Unsure	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	Refuse	2%	5%	3%	2%	1%	0%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

National voters in Auckland support a law change by a net +55%, in Wellington by +34%, in Christchurch by +44%, in provincial seats by +50% and in rural seats by +53%.

**Euthanasia BY Age Group**

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	Neutral	17%	7%	8%	13%
	Somewhat support	29%	33%	30%	27%
	Strongly support	35%	44%	41%	34%
	Unsure	0%	1%	1%	1%
	Refuse	3%	1%	2%	4%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

National voters aged under 30 support a law change by a net +48%, from 31 to 45 by a net +62%, from 46 to 60 year olds by +53% and by over 60s by +40%.

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