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**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:**  
**VALUES AND BELIEFS**

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 1-13, 2020 with a random sample of –1,028—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –515—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –513—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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Now thinking about something else,

Q.15-16 SPLIT SAMPLED

15. *(Asked of a half sample)* When a person has a disease that cannot be cured, do you think doctors should be allowed by law to end the patient's life by some painless means if the patient and his or her family request it?

**BASED ON --515-- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 May 1-13	74	25	1
2019 May 1-12	68	30	2
2018 May 1-10	72	27	1
2017 May 3-7	73	24	3
2016 May 4-8	69	27	4
2015 May 6-10	70	27	3
2014 May 8-11	69	27	4
2013 May 2-7	70	27	3
2012 May 3-6	64	33	3
2011 May 5-8	67	28	5
2010 May 3-6	66	29	5
2008 May 8-11	68	30	2
2007 May 10-13	71	27	2
2006 May 8-11	69	27	4
2005 May 2-5	75	24	1
2004 May 2-4	69	29	2
2003 May 19-21	72	25	3
2002 May 6-9	72	26	2
2001 May 10-14	65	31	4
1996 Jul 26-28	69	26	5
1996 Apr 9-10	75	22	3
1990 Nov 15-18	65	31	4
1973 Jul 6-9	53	40	7
1950 Jan 8-13	36	54	10
1947 Jun 6-11	37	54	9

16. *(Asked of a half sample)* When a person has a disease that cannot be cured and is living in severe pain, do you think doctors should or should not be allowed by law to assist the patient to commit suicide if the patient requests it?

**BASED ON --513-- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B**

	<u>Should</u>	<u>Should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 May 1-13	61	37	2
2019 May 1-12	61	38	1
2018 May 1-10	65	34	1
2017 May 3-7	67	30	3
2016 May 4-8	66	29	6
2015 May 6-10	68	28	4
2014 May 8-11	58	39	3
2013 May 2-7	51	45	4
2012 May 3-6	53	42	5
2011 May 5-8	53	43	4
2010 May 3-6	53	42	5
2008 May 8-11	62	34	5
2007 May 10-13	56	38	6
2006 May 8-11	64	31	5
2005 May 2-5	58	39	3
2004 May 2-4	65	31	4
2003 May 19-21	62	36	2
2002 May 6-9	62	34	4
2001 May 10-14	68	27	5
1999 Mar 12-14	61	35	4
1998 Jun 5-7	59	39	2
1997 Jun 23-24	57	35	8
1997 Jan 3-5	58	37	5
1996 Jul 26-28	52	42	6

^ 1996-1999 WORDING: When a person has a disease that cannot be cured and is living in severe pain, do you think doctors should be allowed by law to assist the patient to commit suicide if the patient requests it, or not?

17. Have you ever been in a situation in which you, personally, had to make a decision about whether to remove life support for a family member, or not?

	<u>Yes, have</u>	<u>No, have not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 May 1-13	25	75	*
2005 May 2-5	22	78	--

18. Do you, personally, have a living will, or not?

	<u>Yes, do</u>	<u>No, do not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 May 1-13	45	55	1
2005 May 2-5	40	59	1

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**QN15: Incurable Disease and Doctor's Ending Life by Painless Means by Patient Request BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	515	259	256	390	113	93	142	270	231	178	104	165	192	143	198	194	112
	Weighted n	511	239	272	345	155	137	161	203	177	142	190	146	197	146	185	191	118
Yes, should be allowed		377	178	199	266	101	106	127	138	141	99	135	101	142	124	106	153	104
		74%	75%	73%	77%	65%	77%	79%	68%	79%	70%	71%	69%	72%	85%	57%	80%	87%
No, should not		128	57	70	77	50	30	33	61	34	41	53	46	53	20	79	33	13
		25%	24%	26%	22%	32%	22%	21%	30%	19%	29%	28%	31%	27%	13%	43%	18%	11%
(DK)/(Refused)		6	3	3	2	4	1	1	4	3	1	2	-	3	3	-	4	2
		1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	2%	2%

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**QN16: Incurable Disease and Assisted Suicide by Patient Request BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	513	278	235	370	133	108	130	266	229	180	100	156	169	176	167	196	137
	Weighted n	518	270	247	328	179	158	151	200	171	151	193	140	184	177	162	185	155
Yes, should be allowed		317	161	156	206	108	110	97	103	118	100	97	72	104	136	69	126	114
		61%	60%	63%	63%	60%	69%	64%	52%	69%	66%	50%	51%	57%	77%	43%	68%	73%
No, should not		190	103	87	113	71	48	54	86	50	49	90	61	79	40	86	56	41
		37%	38%	35%	34%	40%	30%	36%	43%	29%	32%	47%	43%	43%	22%	53%	30%	27%
(DK)/(Refused)		11	6	5	10	-	1	-	10	2	2	7	8	1	1	7	3	-
		2%	2%	2%	3%	-	0%	-	5%	1%	1%	3%	6%	1%	1%	4%	2%	-

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**QN17: Decision About Whether To Remove Life Support BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1028	537	491	760	246	201	272	536	460	358	204	321	361	319	365	390	249
	Weighted n	1028	509	519	673	334	295	313	403	348	292	383	287	381	323	347	376	274
Yes, have		259	116	143	197	59	28	90	131	77	99	81	87	94	72	100	100	49
		25%	23%	28%	29%	18%	9%	29%	32%	22%	34%	21%	30%	25%	22%	29%	27%	18%
No, have not		768	393	375	475	276	267	222	272	271	192	301	200	287	252	247	275	224
		75%	77%	72%	71%	82%	91%	71%	67%	78%	66%	79%	70%	75%	78%	71%	73%	82%
(DK)/(Refused)		1	0	1	1	-	-	0	1	-	1	-	0	1	-	0	1	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-

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**QN18: Living Will BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1028	537	491	760	246	201	272	536	460	358	204	321	361	319	365	390	249
	Weighted n	1028	509	519	673	334	295	313	403	348	292	383	287	381	323	347	376	274
Yes, do		458	215	243	354	91	54	128	259	191	144	120	150	139	154	174	182	91
		45%	42%	47%	53%	27%	18%	41%	64%	55%	49%	31%	52%	37%	48%	50%	48%	33%
No, do not		563	292	271	317	240	237	182	143	156	147	260	136	241	166	173	194	179
		55%	57%	52%	47%	72%	80%	58%	36%	45%	50%	68%	47%	63%	51%	50%	52%	65%
(DK)/(Refused)		7	3	4	2	4	4	3	0	1	2	3	1	1	4	1	0	4
		1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%