

TREND: DOES A PERSON HAVE A MORAL RIGHT TO END LIFE?

	<i>When person has disease that is incurable</i>			<i>When person is suffering great pain and has no hope for improvement</i>			<i>When person is extremely heavy burden to family</i>		
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Change</u>
	%	%		%	%		%	%	
Total	49	53	+4	55	60	+5	29	29	0
Sex									
Male	52	57	+5	60	66	+6	32	34	+2
Female	45	50	+5	50	54	+4	27	25	-2
Race									
White	49	55	+6	55	62	+7	29	30	+1
Non-white	43	49	+6	51	52	+1	28	26	-2
Black	39	41	+2	46	43	-3	25	22	-3
Hispanic*	--	51	--	--	61	--	--	28	--
Race and Sex									
White Men	51	57	+6	59	67	+8	32	33	+1
White Women	48	52	+4	52	57	+5	27	27	0
Age									
Under 30	59	54	-5	67	62	-5	28	31	+3
30-49	52	55	+3	58	62	+4	32	28	-4
50-64	42	56	+14	47	62	+15	29	30	+1
65+	33	45	+12	39	50	+11	25	29	+4
Sex and Age									
Men under 50	58	56	-2	65	65	0	33	32	-1
Women under 50	51	54	+3	58	59	+1	29	27	-2
Men 50+	39	59	+20	49	67	+18	30	36	+6
Women 50+	38	46	+8	39	49	+10	25	23	-2
Education									
College Grad.	50	58	+8	55	63	+8	30	34	+4
Some College	54	55	+1	57	62	+5	31	30	-1
H.S. Grad or Less	46	50	+4	54	57	+3	28	26	-2
Family Income**									
Highest Quartile	59	64	+5	62	68	+6	35	36	+1
Upper-Mid Quartile	52	57	+5	59	66	+7	32	26	-6
Lower-Mid Quartile	50	49	-1	57	56	-1	29	33	-4
Lowest Quartile	43	46	+3	50	52	+2	24	31	+7

* The designation Hispanic is unrelated to the white-black categorization.

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Question: Do you think a person has a moral right to end his or her own life under any of the following circumstances:
 When this person has a disease that is incurable?
 When this person is suffering great pain and has no hope of improvement?
 When this person is an extremely heavy burden on his or her family?

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	<i>When person has disease that is incurable</i>			<i>When person is suffering great pain and has no hope for improvement</i>			<i>When person is extremely heavy burden to family</i>		
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Change</u>
	%	%		%	%		%	%	
Total	49	53	+4	55	60	+5	29	29	0
Region									
Northeast	50	59	+9	59	65	+6	32	33	+1
Midwest	50	50	0	54	59	+5	29	28	-1
South	42	48	+6	47	54	+7	22	26	+4
West	53	60	+7	60	65	+5	35	32	-3
Religious Affiliation									
Total White Protestant	49	49	0	54	57	+3	28	28	0
- Evangelical	38	33	-5	42	42	0	20	18	-2
- Non-Evangelical	58	65	+7	65	73	+8	36	38	+2
White Catholic	45	54	+9	51	62	+11	28	30	+2
Seculars	65	78	+13	71	78	+7	40	37	-3
Religious Attendance									
Weekly or more	--	32	--	--	40	--	--	16	--
Monthly/few times a year	--	60	--	--	65	--	--	34	--
Seldom/never	--	70	--	--	76	--	--	38	--
Religion's Importance									
Very important	35	38	+3	41	44	+3	21	20	-1
Fairly important	65	66	+1	69	75	+6	37	40	+3
Not very important	73	81	+8	82	87	+5	46	44	-2
Party and Ideology									
Conservative Republican	--	40	--	--	41	--	--	22	--
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	--	54	--	--	63	--	--	19	--
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	--	52	--	--	62	--	--	30	--
Liberal Democrat	--	72	--	--	83	--	--	50	--
Parent									
Yes	--	52	--	--	57	--	--	24	--
No	--	54	--	--	61	--	--	32	--
2004 Vote									
Bush	--	44	--	--	50	--	--	21	--
Kerry	--	64	--	--	73	--	--	40	--
Marital Status									
Married	44	53	+9	50	57	+7	27	26	-1
Unmarried	54	53	-1	60	63	+3	32	33	+1
Thought about own end-of-life preferences									
A great deal	55	60	+5	61	63	+2	37	32	-5
Some	50	55	+5	58	61	+3	30	31	+1
Not very much/none	42	44	+2	46	55	+9	22	24	+2
Experienced illness of loved one									
Yes	--	57	--	--	63	--	--	31	--
- Treatment issue arose	--	58	--	--	65	--	--	34	--
- Helped make decision	--	61	--	--	67	--	--	31	--
No experience	--	51	--	--	58	--	--	28	--

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL YOUR DOCTOR TO DO IF YOU...?

	<i>Had a disease with no hope of improvement, suffering a great deal of pain</i>			<i>Had a disease with no hope of improvement, and hard to function day-to-day</i>			<i>Had an illness that made you totally dependent on family member for care</i>		
	Save	Stop	It	Save	Stop	It	Save	Stop	It
	<u>life</u>	<u>treatment</u>	<u>depends/DK</u>	<u>life</u>	<u>treatment</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>life</u>	<u>treatment</u>	<u>DK</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total	34	53	13=100	43	42	15=100	38	44	18=100
Sex									
Male	34	54	12	44	42	14	38	45	17
Female	34	53	13	43	43	14	38	43	19
Race									
White	30	57	13	41	45	14	35	47	18
Non-white	50	38	12	52	34	14	50	35	15
Black	59	27	14	58	27	15	55	31	14
Hispanic*	49	44	7	45	48	7	46	40	14
Race and Sex									
White Men	30	57	13	43	43	14	36	47	17
White Women	29	58	13	39	47	14	34	47	19
Age									
Under 30	51	39	10	60	32	8	53	35	12
30-49	34	53	13	45	42	13	40	43	17
50-64	22	67	11	32	52	16	27	50	23
65+	27	56	17	35	46	19	29	50	21
Sex and Age									
Men under 50	41	46	13	51	36	13	44	41	15
Women under 50	39	49	12	49	40	11	45	40	15
Men 50+	23	66	11	33	52	15	28	52	20
Women 50+	26	59	15	33	47	20	27	49	24
Education									
College Grad.	26	59	15	46	41	13	38	44	18
Some College	33	56	11	48	39	13	40	44	16
H.S. Grad or less	39	49	12	40	45	15	37	44	19
Family Income									
\$75,000+	26	63	11	44	43	13	36	47	17
\$50,000-\$74,999	28	59	13	42	46	12	38	46	16
\$30,000-\$49,999	32	54	14	47	40	13	38	44	18
\$20,000-\$29,999	38	50	12	42	47	11	38	44	18
<\$20,000	45	44	11	41	49	10	38	52	10

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Question: If you had a disease with no hope of improvement and you were suffering a great deal of physical pain, would you tell your doctor to do EVERYTHING POSSIBLE to save your life, or to STOP TREATMENT so you could die?

How about if you had a disease with no hope of improvement that made it hard for you to function in your day-to-day activities?

How about if you had an illness that made you totally dependent on a family member or other person for all of your care?

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	<i>Had a disease with no hope of improvement, suffering a great deal of pain</i>			<i>Had a disease with no hope of improvement, and hard to function day-to-day</i>			<i>Had an illness that made you totally dependent on family member for care</i>		
	It			It			It		
	Save <u>life</u>	Stop <u>treatment</u>	depends/ <u>DK</u>	Save <u>life</u>	Stop <u>treatment</u>	depends/ <u>DK</u>	Save <u>life</u>	Stop <u>treatment</u>	depends/ <u>DK</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total	34	53	13=100	43	42	15=100	38	44	18=100
Region									
Northeast	32	56	12	46	40	14	35	48	17
Midwest	32	54	14	41	42	17	37	43	20
South	38	50	12	44	43	13	42	41	17
West	30	56	14	43	45	12	36	47	17
Religious Affiliation									
Total White Protestant	30	57	13	41	45	14	36	46	18
- Evangelical	34	48	18	48	37	15	43	37	20
- Non-Evangelical	26	66	8	33	53	14	29	54	17
White Catholic	27	59	14	41	45	14	36	46	18
Seculars	32	57	11	43	46	11	34	51	15
Religion's Importance									
Very important	40	45	15	48	37	15	43	38	19
Fairly important	26	64	10	38	49	13	34	52	14
Not very important	26	65	9	37	49	14	30	53	17
Party and Ideology									
Conservative Republican	41	47	12	52	37	11	46	39	15
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	36	55	9	42	45	13	41	44	15
Independent	32	56	12	40	48	12	37	47	16
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	36	56	8	47	40	13	35	47	18
Liberal Democrat	24	64	12	36	49	15	31	51	18
Parent									
Yes	37	49	14	49	39	12	44	40	16
No	32	56	12	41	44	15	35	46	19
2004 Vote									
Bush	35	52	13	45	42	13	42	41	17
Kerry	26	62	12	40	45	15	33	48	19
Marital Status									
Married	31	56	13	43	42	15	37	44	19
Unmarried	37	51	12	44	43	13	39	45	16
Thought about own end-of-life preferences									
A great deal	25	65	10	38	51	11	34	50	16
Some	33	54	13	45	41	14	37	44	19
Not very much/none	46	39	15	48	36	16	46	38	16
Experienced illness of loved one									
Yes	27	59	14	41	44	15	36	46	18
- Treatment issue arose	26	63	11	41	46	13	32	51	17
- Helped make decision	28	63	9	44	45	11	28	55	17
No experience	39	49	12	45	41	14	40	43	17

TREND: DO EVERYTHING TO SAVE LIFE, OR SOMETIMES LET PATIENT DIE?

	-----May 1990-----			-----November 2005-----		
	Do everything to save life	Sometimes let a patient die	It depends / DK / Ref	Do everything to save life	Sometimes let a patient die	DK/ Ref
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total	15	73	12=100	22	70	8=100
Sex						
Male	15	73	12	22	70	8
Female	14	75	11	22	71	7
Race						
White	12	78	10	18	75	7
Non-white	29	55	16	40	50	10
Black	34	52	14	51	40	9
Hispanic*	--	--	--	40	49	11
Race and Sex						
White Men	13	75	12	19	74	7
White Women	11	79	10	16	77	7
Age						
Under 30	20	69	11	35	61	4
30-49	13	78	9	19	73	8
50-64	12	75	13	16	78	6
65+	13	72	15	20	69	11
Sex and Age						
Men under 50	16	73	11	25	67	8
Women under 50	16	76	8	24	70	6
Men 50+	13	73	14	18	75	7
Women 50+	12	74	14	18	73	9
Education						
College Grad.	9	83	8	15	79	6
Some College	14	73	13	21	72	7
H.S. Grad or Less	17	71	12	27	64	9
Family Income**						
Highest Quartile	9	85	6	15	79	6
Upper-Mid Quartile	15	77	8	19	77	4
Lower-Mid Quartile	16	74	10	27	68	5
Lowest Quartile	16	64	20	29	64	7

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Question: Which comes closer to your view? In all circumstances, doctors and nurses should do everything possible to save the life of a patient, OR sometimes there are circumstances where a patient should be allowed to die.

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	-----May 1990-----			-----November 2005-----		
	Do everything to save life	Sometimes let a patient die	It depends / DK / Ref	Do everything to save life	Sometimes let a patient die	DK/ Ref
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total	15	73	12=100	22	70	8=100
Region						
Northeast	14	74	12	20	70	10
Midwest	12	78	10	19	74	7
South	22	65	13	27	66	7
West	9	80	11	20	74	6
Religious Affiliation						
Total White Protestant	13	77	10	19	75	6
- Evangelical	19	71	10	26	66	8
- Non-Evangelical	8	82	10	12	84	4
White Catholic	11	77	12	14	80	6
Seculars	12	79	9	16	79	5
Religious Attendance						
Weekly or more	--	--	--	27	64	9
Monthly/few times a year	--	--	--	23	71	6
Seldom/never	--	--	--	16	78	6
Religion's Importance						
Very important	18	68	14	28	63	9
Fairly important	12	79	9	17	80	3
Not very important	8	86	6	11	83	6
Party and Ideology						
Conservative Republican	--	--	--	28	64	8
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	--	--	--	17	79	4
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	--	--	--	22	72	6
Liberal Democrat	--	--	--	9	85	6
Parent						
Yes	--	--	--	24	69	7
No	--	--	--	21	71	8
2004 Vote						
Bush	--	--	--	22	71	7
Kerry	--	--	--	15	81	4
Marital Status						
Married	12	76	12	18	74	8
Unmarried	18	71	11	26	67	7
Thought about own end-of-life preferences						
A great deal	9	85	6	16	79	5
Some	14	77	9	21	71	8
Not very much/none	20	63	17	31	60	9
Experienced illness of loved one						
Yes	--	--	--	18	76	6
- Treatment issue arose	--	--	--	14	82	4
- Helped make decision	--	--	--	12	84	4
No experience	--	--	--	25	67	8

TREND: HAVE A LIVING WILL

	-----May 1990-----			-----November 2005-----			Change in Yes	(N)
	Yes %	No %	Never Heard of /DK/Ref %	Yes %	No %	Never Heard of /DK/Ref %		
Total	12	59	29=100	29	66	5=100	+17	(1500)
Sex								
Male	11	56	33=100	25	68	7=100	+14	(654)
Female	12	62	26=100	32	63	5=100	+20	(846)
Race								
White	12	62	26=100	31	65	4=100	+19	(1228)
Non-white	9	41	50=100	19	69	12=100	+10	(251)
Black	10	38	52=100	20	66	14=100	+10	(162)
Hispanic*	--	--	--	27	63	10=100	--	(80)
Race and Sex								
White Men	11	58	31=100	28	68	4=100	+17	(544)
White Women	14	65	21=100	35	62	3=100	+21	(684)
Age								
Under 30	3	53	44=100	12	76	12=100	+9	(221)
30-49	11	64	25=100	22	74	4=100	+11	(510)
50-64	17	60	23=100	37	62	1=100	+20	(408)
65+	19	54	27=100	54	41	5=100	+35	(337)
Sex and Age								
Men under 50	7	56	37=100	17	74	9=100	+10	(339)
Women under 50	9	64	27=100	20	76	4=100	+11	(392)
Men 50+	17	55	28=100	39	59	2=100	+22	(309)
Women 50+	18	59	23=100	49	48	4=100	+31	(436)
Education								
College Grad.	14	68	18=100	35	62	3=100	+21	(500)
Some College	10	64	26=100	27	69	4=100	+17	(370)
H.S. Grad or less	11	54	35=100	26	66	8=100	+15	(621)
Family Income**								
Highest Quartile	15	69	16=100	34	64	2=100	+19	(367)
Upper-Mid Quartile	9	62	29=100	27	69	4=100	+18	(399)
Lower-Mid Quartile	10	58	32=100	30	66	4=100	+20	(287)
Lowest Quartile	11	49	40=100	23	69	8=100	+12	(221)

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Question: Have you ever heard of a "living will"?
 IF YES: Do you happen to have a "living will" for yourself?

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	-----May 1990-----			-----November 2005-----			<i>Change in Yes</i>	<i>(N)</i>
	<u>Yes</u> %	<u>No</u> %	<u>Never Heard of /DK/Ref</u> %	<u>Yes</u> %	<u>No</u> %	<u>Never Heard of /DK/Ref</u> %		
Total	12	59	29=100	29	66	5=100	+17	(1500)
Region								
Northeast	9	55	36=100	30	66	4=100	+21	(275)
Midwest	10	67	23=100	26	70	4=100	+16	(347)
South	15	51	34=100	33	61	6=100	+18	(576)
West	13	63	24=100	24	68	8=100	+11	(302)
Religious Affiliation								
Total White Protestant	14	62	24=100	32	64	4=100	+18	(648)
- Evangelical	15	57	28=100	31	66	3=100	+16	(312)
- Non-Evangelical	13	66	21=100	34	63	3=100	+21	(336)
White Catholic	8	62	30=100	36	61	3=100	+28	(264)
Seculars	12	59	29=100	20	74	6=100	+8	(179)
Religious Attendance								
Weekly or more	--	--	--	34	61	5=100	--	(562)
Monthly/few times year	--	--	--	27	67	6=100	--	(479)
Seldom/never	--	--	--	24	72	4=100	--	(435)
Religion's Importance								
Very important	13	58	29=100	32	63	5=100	+19	(883)
Fairly important	10	63	27=100	26	70	4=100	+16	(340)
Not very important	11	55	34=100	24	72	4=100	+13	(246)
Party and Ideology								
Conservative Rep.	--	--	--	35	61	4=100	--	(278)
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	--	--	--	27	71	2=100	--	(134)
Cons./Mod. Dem.	--	--	--	28	67	5=100	--	(307)
Liberal Democrat	--	--	--	23	71	6=100	--	(172)
Parent								
Yes	--	--	--	25	72	3=100	--	(479)
No	--	--	--	31	63	6=100	--	(1019)
2004 Vote								
Bush	--	--	--	35	62	3=100	--	(534)
Kerry	--	--	--	30	66	4=100	--	(490)
Marital Status								
Married	12	62	26=100	32	65	3=100	+20	(808)
Unmarried	11	55	34=100	26	67	7=100	+15	(678)
Thought about own end-of-life preferences								
A great deal	22	57	21=100	49	49	2=100	+27	(581)
Some	8	62	30=100	20	77	3=100	+12	(527)
Not very much/none	7	58	35=100	15	74	11=100	+8	(377)
Experienced illness of loved one								
Yes	--	--	--	33	63	4=100	--	(641)
- Treatment issue arose	--	--	--	37	60	3=100	--	(358)
- Helped in decision	--	--	--	45	54	1=100	--	(174)
No experience	--	--	--	26	68	6=100	--	(853)