

Nevada Survey Results

Q1 The Nevada legislature is considering a bill that would allow a terminally ill adult patient to obtain a physician's prescription for medication to end his or her life, voluntarily and with informed choice. Would you say you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this bill?

<i>Strongly favor</i>	45%
<i>Somewhat favor</i>	27%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	10%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	13%
<i>Not sure</i>	4%

Q2 Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: It's my body and my choice to make the best medical decisions for myself in consultation with my doctor, including my end of life decisions

<i>Strongly agree</i>	65%
<i>Somewhat agree</i>	18%
<i>Somewhat disagree</i>	7%
<i>Strongly disagree</i>	8%
<i>Not sure</i>	2%

Q3 Now I'm going to read you some more details about the bill the Nevada Legislature is considering. After each one, please tell me if hearing it makes you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to support the bill, or if it doesn't make a difference. Here's the first one: To request life-ending medication, the patient must make an oral request to his or her physician, then submit a written request, then make another oral request at least 15 days later

<i>Much more likely</i>	32%
<i>Somewhat more likely</i>	27%
<i>Somewhat less likely</i>	10%
<i>Much less likely</i>	11%
<i>Doesn't make a difference</i>	18%
<i>Not sure</i>	2%

Q4 Here's the next one: The patient must have a terminal disease, and be expected to die within 6 months before he or she can qualify to receive a medication to hasten death.

<i>Much more likely</i>	36%
<i>Somewhat more likely</i>	25%
<i>Somewhat less likely</i>	8%
<i>Much less likely</i>	12%
<i>Doesn't make a difference</i>	16%
<i>Not sure</i>	3%



Q5 Having heard all the information in this poll, let me ask you again: The Nevada legislature is considering a bill that would allow a terminally ill adult patient to obtain a physician's prescription for medication to end his or her life, voluntarily and with informed choice. Would you say you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this bill?

<i>Strongly favor</i>	50%
<i>Somewhat favor</i>	25%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	6%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	16%
<i>Not sure</i>	3%

Q6 In the 2016 presidential election, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson, Green Party candidate Jill Stein, or someone else?

<i>Donald Trump</i>	44%
<i>Hillary Clinton</i>	47%
<i>Gary Johnson</i>	2%
<i>Jill Stein</i>	0%
<i>Someone else</i>	6%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	53%
<i>Man</i>	47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or a member of another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	43%
<i>Republican</i>	37%
<i>Independent / Other</i>	20%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	13%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	20%
<i>Moderate</i>	31%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	20%
<i>Very conservative</i>	16%

Q10 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If Asian, press 3. If African-American, press 4. If other, press 5.

<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	16%
<i>White</i>	65%
<i>Asian</i>	4%
<i>African American</i>	9%
<i>Other</i>	7%

Q11 If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	20%
<i>46 to 65</i>	42%
<i>Older than 65</i>	26%

Q12 Which of the following best describes the highest level of education you have received: some high school but did not finish, high school graduate, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or post-graduate degree?

<i>Some high school</i>	4%
<i>High school graduate</i>	14%
<i>Some college</i>	27%
<i>2-year college degree</i>	10%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	25%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	18%
<i>Don't care to say</i>	1%



Q13 What is your religion? Are you Mormon or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, are you Catholic, are you Protestant, or something else, or no religion?

<i>Mormon</i>	6%
<i>Catholic</i>	26%
<i>Protestant</i>	21%
<i>Something Else</i>	21%
<i>No Religion</i>	19%
<i>Don't Care To Say</i>	6%

Q14 Mode

<i>Phone</i>	80%
<i>Internet</i>	20%



	Base	2016 Vote				
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Gary Jo- hanson	Jill Stein	Someon- e else
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose						
Strongly favor	45%	40%	53%	50%	100%	24%
Somewhat favor	27%	26%	28%	38%	-	26%
Somewhat oppose	10%	11%	10%	10%	-	9%
Strongly oppose	13%	19%	5%	2%	-	37%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	-	-	4%

	Base	2016 Vote				
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Gary Jo- hanson	Jill Stein	Someon- e else
My Body My Choice Agree/Disagree						
Strongly agree	65%	57%	75%	74%	-	56%
Somewhat agree	18%	19%	15%	26%	100%	25%
Somewhat disagree	7%	9%	5%	-	-	10%
Strongly disagree	8%	12%	4%	-	-	9%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	-	-	1%





	Base	2016 Vote				
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Gary Jo- hanson	Jill Stein	Someon- e else
Oral and Written Request More/Less Likely						
Much more likely	32%	37%	30%	28%	-	9%
Somewhat more likely	27%	20%	32%	18%	-	37%
Somewhat less likely	10%	9%	12%	16%	-	8%
Much less likely	11%	16%	6%	15%	-	14%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	15%	18%	23%	100%	30%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	-	-	3%

	Base	2016 Vote				
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Gary Jo- hanson	Jill Stein	Someon- e else
Must Have Terminal Disease More/Less Likely						
Much more likely	36%	34%	41%	29%	-	11%
Somewhat more likely	25%	22%	26%	34%	-	37%
Somewhat less likely	8%	9%	7%	-	-	9%
Much less likely	12%	16%	8%	32%	-	11%
Doesn't make a difference	16%	14%	16%	5%	100%	29%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	-	-	3%





	Base	2016 Vote				
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Gary Jo- hanson	Jill Stein	Someon- e else
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose Repeat						
Strongly favor	50%	45%	57%	65%	100%	28%
Somewhat favor	25%	22%	27%	23%	-	24%
Somewhat oppose	6%	7%	4%	10%	-	11%
Strongly oppose	16%	24%	8%	2%	-	26%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%	-	-	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose			
Strongly favor	45%	44%	47%
Somewhat favor	27%	25%	29%
Somewhat oppose	10%	12%	8%
Strongly oppose	13%	15%	12%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
My Body My Choice Agree/Disagree			
Strongly agree	65%	65%	66%
Somewhat agree	18%	15%	21%
Somewhat disagree	7%	8%	6%
Strongly disagree	8%	10%	6%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%





	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Oral and Written Request More/Less Likely			
Much more likely	32%	28%	36%
Somewhat more likely	27%	24%	29%
Somewhat less likely	10%	13%	7%
Much less likely	11%	13%	9%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	20%	15%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Must Have Terminal Disease More/Less Likely			
Much more likely	36%	32%	40%
Somewhat more likely	25%	24%	25%
Somewhat less likely	8%	7%	9%
Much less likely	12%	14%	10%
Doesn't make a difference	16%	18%	14%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%





	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose Repeat			
Strongly favor	50%	48%	53%
Somewhat favor	25%	22%	27%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	6%
Strongly oppose	16%	19%	12%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democr- at	Republica- n	Independen- t / Other
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose				
Strongly favor	45%	52%	35%	50%
Somewhat favor	27%	28%	31%	17%
Somewhat oppose	10%	9%	13%	7%
Strongly oppose	13%	8%	18%	18%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democr- at	Republica- n	Independen- t / Other
My Body My Choice Agree/Disagree				
Strongly agree	65%	74%	56%	64%
Somewhat agree	18%	16%	20%	19%
Somewhat disagree	7%	3%	12%	6%
Strongly disagree	8%	5%	10%	9%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	2%





	Base	Party		
		Democr- at	Republica- n	Independen- t / Other
Oral and Written Request More/Less Likely				
Much more likely	32%	30%	34%	31%
Somewhat more likely	27%	30%	25%	21%
Somewhat less likely	10%	13%	9%	8%
Much less likely	11%	8%	13%	14%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	16%	16%	23%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democr- at	Republica- n	Independen- t / Other
Must Have Terminal Disease More/Less Likely				
Much more likely	36%	39%	33%	32%
Somewhat more likely	25%	26%	23%	25%
Somewhat less likely	8%	10%	8%	5%
Much less likely	12%	9%	17%	11%
Doesn't make a difference	16%	13%	15%	22%
Not sure	3%	2%	4%	6%





	Base	Party		
		Democr- at	Republica- n	Independen- t / Other
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose Repeat				
Strongly favor	50%	55%	42%	53%
Somewhat favor	25%	28%	23%	19%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	9%	3%
Strongly oppose	16%	8%	24%	17%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very libe...	Somewh- at liberal	Moderat- e	Somewhat conservati...	Very conser- vative
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose						
Strongly favor	45%	69%	58%	43%	37%	25%
Somewhat favor	27%	16%	30%	29%	35%	18%
Somewhat oppose	10%	2%	7%	11%	9%	21%
Strongly oppose	13%	13%	2%	10%	17%	30%
Not sure	4%	-	3%	7%	2%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very libe...	Somewh- at liberal	Moderat- e	Somewhat conservati...	Very conser- vative
My Body My Choice Agree/Disagree						
Strongly agree	65%	73%	79%	71%	53%	47%
Somewhat agree	18%	16%	15%	18%	26%	12%
Somewhat disagree	7%	1%	3%	5%	7%	21%
Strongly disagree	8%	9%	0%	5%	13%	15%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	5%





	Base	Ideology				
		Very libe...	Somewh- at liberal	Moderat- e	Somewhat conservati...	Very conser- vative
Oral and Written Request More/Less Likely						
Much more likely	32%	39%	36%	27%	32%	29%
Somewhat more likely	27%	15%	34%	34%	22%	18%
Somewhat less likely	10%	12%	7%	11%	7%	16%
Much less likely	11%	13%	3%	10%	16%	17%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	20%	16%	17%	19%	18%
Not sure	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very libe...	Somewh- at liberal	Moderat- e	Somewhat conservati...	Very conser- vative
Must Have Terminal Disease More/Less Likely						
Much more likely	36%	50%	46%	34%	28%	24%
Somewhat more likely	25%	17%	25%	29%	28%	19%
Somewhat less likely	8%	4%	7%	9%	4%	15%
Much less likely	12%	11%	6%	11%	20%	15%
Doesn't make a difference	16%	16%	14%	12%	15%	24%
Not sure	3%	1%	2%	5%	5%	3%





	Base	Ideology				
		Very libe...	Somewh- at liberal	Moderat- e	Somewhat conservati...	Very conserva- tive
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose Repeat						
Strongly favor	50%	69%	61%	48%	44%	34%
Somewhat favor	25%	16%	27%	32%	25%	12%
Somewhat oppose	6%	3%	2%	6%	6%	14%
Strongly oppose	16%	13%	5%	10%	21%	37%
Not sure	3%	-	4%	5%	4%	4%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic or Lati...	White	Asian	African Americ...	Other
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose						
Strongly favor	45%	26%	54%	28%	19%	55%
Somewhat favor	27%	37%	25%	15%	30%	23%
Somewhat oppose	10%	11%	8%	6%	34%	3%
Strongly oppose	13%	21%	11%	27%	11%	13%
Not sure	4%	5%	2%	23%	6%	5%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic or Lati...	White	Asian	African Americ...	Other
My Body My Choice Agree/Disagree						
Strongly agree	65%	56%	71%	41%	50%	74%
Somewhat agree	18%	17%	18%	22%	22%	13%
Somewhat disagree	7%	8%	5%	6%	22%	2%
Strongly disagree	8%	15%	5%	27%	5%	8%
Not sure	2%	5%	1%	4%	1%	3%





	Base	Race				
		Hispanic or Lati...	White	Asian	African Americ...	Other
Oral and Written Request More/Less Likely						
Much more likely	32%	32%	34%	18%	11%	47%
Somewhat more likely	27%	25%	26%	29%	33%	23%
Somewhat less likely	10%	7%	10%	10%	26%	4%
Much less likely	11%	12%	10%	31%	15%	8%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	22%	18%	12%	15%	9%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	-	-	8%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic or Lati...	White	Asian	African Americ...	Other
Must Have Terminal Disease More/Less Likely						
Much more likely	36%	22%	40%	38%	22%	46%
Somewhat more likely	25%	31%	24%	14%	25%	22%
Somewhat less likely	8%	12%	7%	-	18%	1%
Much less likely	12%	14%	9%	27%	24%	14%
Doesn't make a difference	16%	19%	18%	10%	5%	7%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	10%	6%	9%





	Base	Race				
		Hispanic or Lati...	White	Asian	African Americ...	Other
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose Repeat						
Strongly favor	50%	32%	58%	28%	27%	60%
Somewhat favor	25%	32%	23%	35%	22%	21%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	5%	6%	15%	1%
Strongly oppose	16%	24%	12%	27%	26%	15%
Not sure	3%	7%	2%	4%	11%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose					
Strongly favor	45%	32%	26%	51%	57%
Somewhat favor	27%	22%	37%	25%	24%
Somewhat oppose	10%	17%	10%	11%	7%
Strongly oppose	13%	19%	21%	10%	9%
Not sure	4%	10%	5%	3%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
My Body My Choice Agree/Disagree					
Strongly agree	65%	65%	60%	65%	71%
Somewhat agree	18%	6%	18%	22%	16%
Somewhat disagree	7%	17%	6%	6%	4%
Strongly disagree	8%	12%	13%	5%	6%
Not sure	2%	-	3%	1%	3%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Oral and Written Request More/Less Likely					
Much more likely	32%	33%	20%	34%	38%
Somewhat more likely	27%	30%	30%	24%	26%
Somewhat less likely	10%	6%	19%	7%	10%
Much less likely	11%	12%	12%	11%	11%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	17%	15%	22%	13%
Not sure	2%	1%	5%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Must Have Terminal Disease More/Less Likely					
Much more likely	36%	35%	18%	39%	45%
Somewhat more likely	25%	25%	28%	24%	23%
Somewhat less likely	8%	15%	10%	5%	8%
Much less likely	12%	14%	18%	10%	11%
Doesn't make a difference	16%	10%	20%	19%	10%
Not sure	3%	1%	6%	3%	3%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose Repeat					
Strongly favor	50%	37%	33%	56%	60%
Somewhat favor	25%	24%	34%	22%	21%
Somewhat oppose	6%	12%	2%	6%	7%
Strongly oppose	16%	23%	24%	13%	11%
Not sure	3%	3%	6%	4%	1%

	Base	Education						
		Some high school	High school graduate	Some college...	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree	Don't care to say
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose								
Strongly favor	45%	40%	40%	52%	49%	41%	44%	56%
Somewhat favor	27%	16%	29%	26%	31%	29%	24%	28%
Somewhat oppose	10%	-	16%	10%	9%	14%	6%	-
Strongly oppose	13%	37%	7%	7%	11%	16%	21%	16%
Not sure	4%	7%	8%	5%	-	1%	6%	-

	Base	Education						
		Some high school	High school graduate	Some college...	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree	Don't care to say
My Body My Choice Agree/Disagree								
Strongly agree	65%	72%	57%	76%	65%	65%	53%	100%
Somewhat agree	18%	8%	22%	15%	22%	16%	22%	-
Somewhat disagree	7%	-	15%	6%	2%	6%	10%	-
Strongly disagree	8%	20%	5%	2%	11%	12%	10%	-
Not sure	2%	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	-





	Base	Education						
		Some high school	High school graduate	Some college	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree	Don't care to say
Oral and Written Request More/Less Likely								
Much more likely	32%	28%	29%	39%	43%	25%	28%	29%
Somewhat more likely	27%	15%	31%	27%	16%	30%	28%	5%
Somewhat less likely	10%	14%	13%	10%	14%	10%	8%	-
Much less likely	11%	33%	4%	7%	7%	14%	15%	37%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	5%	20%	16%	18%	21%	14%	28%
Not sure	2%	6%	3%	1%	3%	-	7%	-

	Base	Education						
		Some high school	High school graduate	Some college	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree	Don't care to say
Must Have Terminal Disease More/Less Likely								
Much more likely	36%	28%	41%	44%	46%	28%	24%	65%
Somewhat more likely	25%	31%	24%	27%	28%	23%	22%	-
Somewhat less likely	8%	2%	9%	5%	11%	10%	9%	-
Much less likely	12%	33%	3%	7%	7%	18%	18%	16%
Doesn't make a difference	16%	2%	19%	13%	8%	21%	19%	19%
Not sure	3%	4%	5%	4%	-	0%	7%	-





	Base	Education						
		Some high school	High school graduate	Some colle...	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree	Don't care to say
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose Repeat								
Strongly favor	50%	42%	42%	58%	54%	47%	47%	63%
Somewhat favor	25%	13%	31%	24%	25%	27%	18%	22%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	11%	4%	4%	7%	6%	-
Strongly oppose	16%	33%	12%	10%	14%	19%	21%	16%
Not sure	3%	6%	5%	3%	2%	0%	8%	-

	Base	Religion					
		Mormon	Catholic	Protestant	Something Else	No Religion	Don't Care To Say
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose							
Strongly favor	45%	39%	43%	36%	51%	53%	51%
Somewhat favor	27%	5%	33%	29%	25%	27%	18%
Somewhat oppose	10%	12%	9%	13%	10%	10%	6%
Strongly oppose	13%	36%	9%	21%	10%	8%	12%
Not sure	4%	8%	6%	1%	4%	2%	12%

	Base	Religion					
		Mormon	Catholic	Protestant	Something Else	No Religion	Don't Care To Say
My Body My Choice Agree/Disagree							
Strongly agree	65%	63%	69%	51%	65%	81%	57%
Somewhat agree	18%	8%	15%	27%	20%	9%	29%
Somewhat disagree	7%	10%	7%	11%	6%	5%	3%
Strongly disagree	8%	19%	6%	9%	7%	5%	9%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%





	Base	Religion					
		Mormon	Catholic	Protestant	Something Else	No Religion	Don't Care To Say
Oral and Written Request More/Less Likely							
Much more likely	32%	31%	40%	28%	32%	29%	19%
Somewhat more likely	27%	25%	26%	30%	23%	28%	28%
Somewhat less likely	10%	5%	8%	15%	12%	9%	12%
Much less likely	11%	18%	13%	11%	9%	11%	6%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	22%	10%	15%	24%	23%	23%
Not sure	2%	-	3%	2%	1%	1%	12%

	Base	Religion					
		Mormon	Catholic	Protestant	Something Else	No Religion	Don't Care To Say
Must Have Terminal Disease More/Less Likely							
Much more likely	36%	40%	40%	33%	29%	39%	37%
Somewhat more likely	25%	16%	25%	29%	30%	21%	12%
Somewhat less likely	8%	4%	10%	10%	5%	9%	4%
Much less likely	12%	19%	13%	11%	10%	15%	7%
Doesn't make a difference	16%	20%	9%	16%	22%	15%	23%
Not sure	3%	-	4%	2%	4%	1%	17%





	Base	Religion					
		Mormon	Catholic	Protestant	Something Else	No Religion	Don't Care To Say
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose Repeat							
Strongly favor	50%	39%	52%	39%	57%	55%	50%
Somewhat favor	25%	10%	27%	27%	19%	31%	22%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	5%	11%	5%	5%	4%
Strongly oppose	16%	41%	13%	21%	14%	8%	16%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	1%	9%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose			
Strongly favor	45%	51%	23%
Somewhat favor	27%	24%	37%
Somewhat oppose	10%	9%	16%
Strongly oppose	13%	14%	11%
Not sure	4%	2%	13%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
My Body My Choice Agree/Disagree			
Strongly agree	65%	68%	54%
Somewhat agree	18%	17%	23%
Somewhat disagree	7%	5%	14%
Strongly disagree	8%	8%	5%
Not sure	2%	1%	4%





	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Oral and Written Request More/Less Likely			
Much more likely	32%	35%	20%
Somewhat more likely	27%	25%	34%
Somewhat less likely	10%	10%	12%
Much less likely	11%	12%	9%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	17%	20%
Not sure	2%	2%	5%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Must Have Terminal Disease More/Less Likely			
Much more likely	36%	38%	28%
Somewhat more likely	25%	23%	32%
Somewhat less likely	8%	7%	12%
Much less likely	12%	14%	7%
Doesn't make a difference	16%	16%	15%
Not sure	3%	3%	6%



	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
End of Life Bill Favor/Oppose Repeat			
Strongly favor	50%	56%	29%
Somewhat favor	25%	22%	36%
Somewhat oppose	6%	5%	9%
Strongly oppose	16%	15%	17%
Not sure	3%	2%	10%



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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Nevada Voters Overwhelmingly Support Proposal to Grant Terminally Ill Patients the Right to End Life

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that Nevada voters are decisively in favor of a bill being considered by the state legislature that would expand terminally ill patients' rights to obtain a physician's prescription for life-ending medication. Almost three-in-four Nevadans (72%) support the proposal, while just 23% oppose it. Support for the bill is bipartisan, diverse, and broad-based, with majorities of women (69%), men (76%), Democrats (80%), Republicans (66%), Independents (67%), Hispanic voters (63%), Catholic voters (76%), Protestants (65%), voters with no religion (80%), voters age 18 to 29 (54%), voters 30 to 45 (63%), voters 46 to 65 (76%), and voters over 65 (81%) all in favor of expanding the rights of the terminally ill.

Key findings from the survey include:

- Support for the proposal grew as voters heard more about the measure. After listening to a series of statements about the provisions of the bill, 75% of voters said they were either "strongly" or "somewhat" in favor of the bill, an increase of three points from the initial tally.
- Voters were most encouraged by the bill's vigilance in handling the delicate process of terminally ill patients choosing to end their lives. 61% of Nevadans said they were more likely to support the measure after hearing it requires that patients have a terminal disease and be expected to die within six months before he or she can qualify to receive medication to hasten death. A similar 59% said they were more likely to support the measure after hearing that to request life-ending medication, the patient must make an oral request, a written request, and then another oral request 15 days later.

PPP surveyed 602 Nevada voters from April 28-30, 2017. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.0 %. 80% of interviews for the poll were conducted over the phone with 20% interviewed over the internet to reach respondents who don't have landline telephones.

