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Report

Medical Assistance In Dying - MAID

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METHODOLOGY

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Study Population

- Canadian residents, ages 18 and older.

Data Collection

- A total of n=1501 online surveys were conducted via Leger's online LEO panel.
- Interviews were conducted from June 30 to July 3, 2022

Statistical Analysis

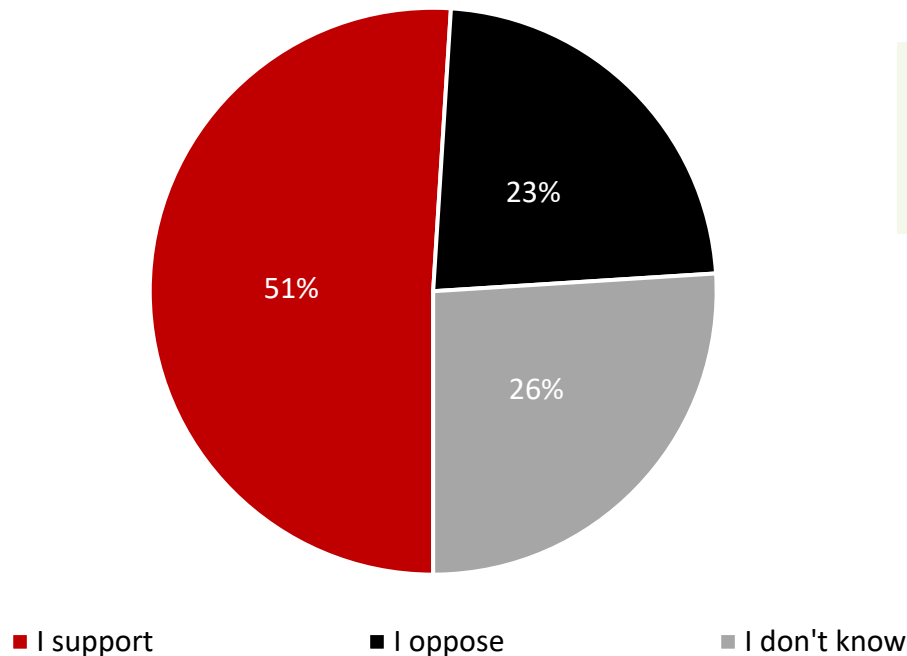
- As a non-probability online survey, a margin of error is technically not to be reported.
- If the data were collected through a probability sample, the margin of error would be (n=1501) $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20.
- Using data from the 2021 Census, results were weighted according to age, gender, and region in order to ensure a representative sample of the population.
- The numbers presented have been rounded to the nearest whole number. However, raw values were used to calculate the sums presented and therefore may not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

Attitudes Towards Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

Over half of Canadians support extending MAID to 'mature minors'

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Base: All respondents (n=1501)



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Extending MAID to 'Mature Minors' – *DETAILED RESULTS*

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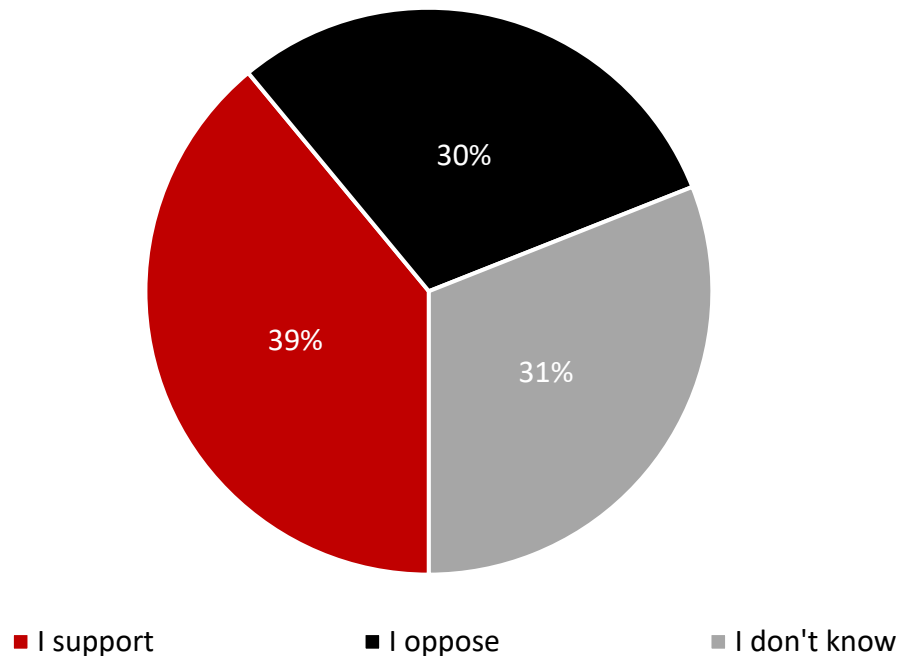
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	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Conservative voter	Liberal voter	NDP voter	Bloc voter	Green voter	PPC voter
n =	1501	732	769	400	483	618	384	383	238	93	55	63
I support	51%	50%	53%	51%	54%	50%	43%	58%	64%	71%	55%	44%
I oppose	23%	26%	20%	19%	20%	27%	33%	17%	16%	16%	26%	41%
I don't know	26%	24%	27%	30%	25%	23%	24%	25%	20%	12%	19%	15%

Support for extending MAID to 'mature minors' falls to just less than 4 in 10 if parents or guardians were opposed to the decision

Would you support or oppose the right of a 'mature minor' to opt for medical assistance in dying (MAID) even if their parent(s) or guardian(s) were opposed to the decision?

Base: All respondents (n=1501)



Regionally, support for MAID's extension to 'mature minors' even if parents oppose is higher in Quebec (46%) and Alberta (44%)

Extending MAID to 'Mature Minors' Even if Guardians Oppose –

DETAILED RESULTS

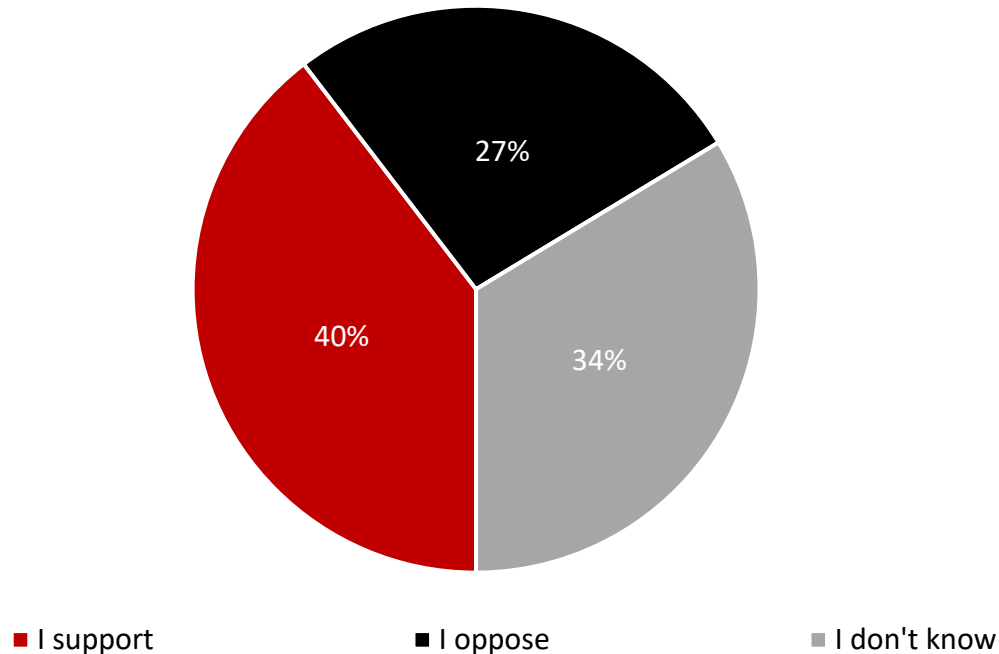
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I support	39%	34%	42%	40%	44%	34%	32%	47%	44%	57%	43%	30%
I oppose	30%	35%	25%	28%	26%	35%	41%	26%	23%	24%	33%	43%
I don't know	31%	31%	32%	32%	31%	31%	27%	26%	33%	19%	25%	27%

4 in 10 Canadians support parents opting for MAID for their terminally ill child even if their child is incapable of voicing their opinion

Would you support or oppose the right of parents or guardians to opt for MAID for their terminally ill child, even if the child was incapable of voicing their opinion on the decision? Base: All respondents (n=1501)



Allowing parents to choose MAID for their terminally ill child –

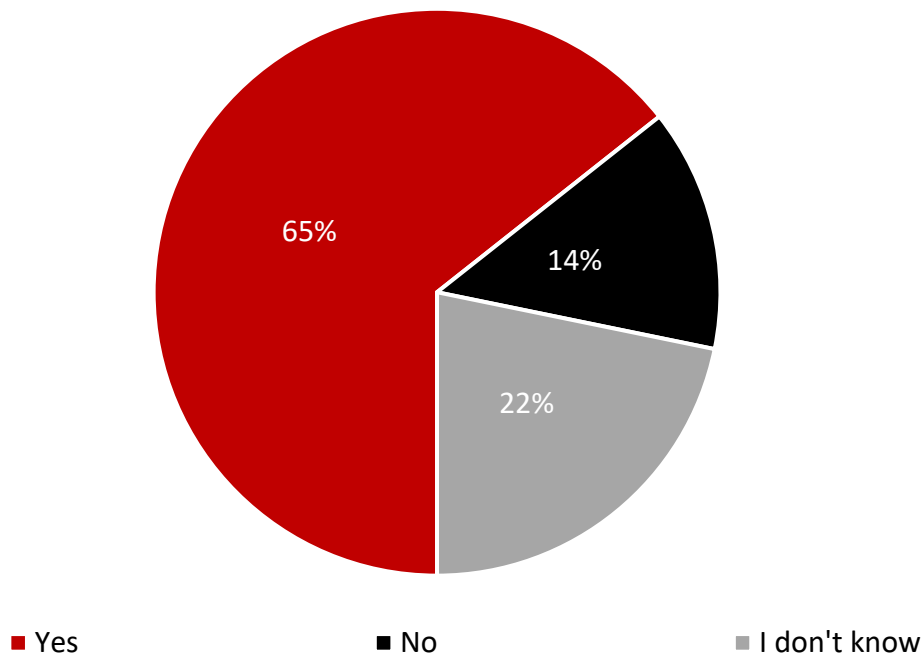
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I oppose	27%	29%	24%	28%	30%	23%	33%	17%	16%	16%	26%	41%
I don't know	34%	31%	36%	35%	35%	32%	24%	25%	20%	12%	19%	15%

Over two-thirds of Canadians support allowing adults the ability to request MAID in advance of a worsening cognitive condition

Another change associated with medical assistance in dying (MAID) is whether adults should have the ability to request MAID in advance of a condition that, as it progresses will impair their cognitive, decision-making ability. This would be conditions such as Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. Should people with these conditions be able to request MAID in advance of their condition becoming terminal? Base: All respondents (n=1501)



Requesting MAID in advance of a worsening cognitive condition –

DETAILED RESULTS

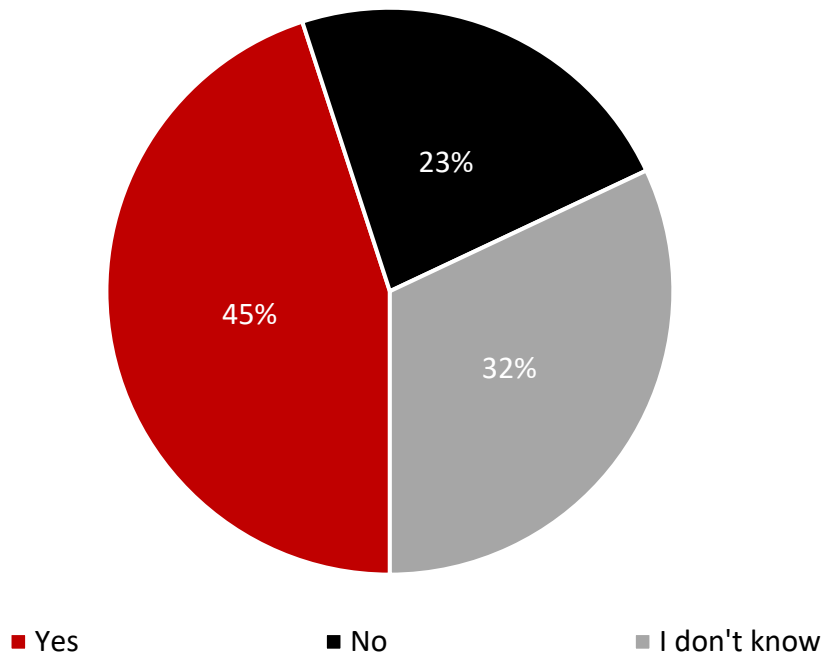
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Yes	65%	64%	66%	58%	62%	71%	62%	70%	82%	86%	80%	49%
No	14%	15%	12%	18%	14%	10%	19%	11%	6%	7%	4%	36%
I don't know	22%	22%	22%	24%	24%	18%	19%	19%	12%	7%	16%	15%

Support for individuals with serious mental health illness accessing MAID sits at 45 per cent among Canadians

Should individuals who are clinically diagnosed with a serious mental illness be able to access medical assistance in dying (MAID)?

Base: All respondents (n=1501)



Regionally, support for MAID when diagnosed with a serious mental illness is highest in::

- Quebec – 50%
- BC – 50%
- ONT – 44%

Access to MAID for Individuals Diagnosed with Serious Mental Illness –

DETAILED RESULTS

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RESPONDENT PROFILE

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	Weighted
n=	1501
Gender	(%)
Male	49
Female	51
Age	
18 to 34	27
35 to 54	32
55 years of age or older	41
Household Income	
Less than \$40,000	21
\$40,000 to less than \$80,000	30
\$80,000 or more	40

	Weighted
n=	1501
Region	(%)
British Columbia	14
Alberta	11
MB/SK	6
Ontario	39
Quebec	23
Atlantic	7
Federal Ballot	
Liberal	26
Conservative	25
NDP	20
Bloc Quebecois	6
Green	4
People's Party	4
Other	3
Undecided	16

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