

# QUESTIONNAIRE

## End of Life: What Should We Do for Those Who Are Dying?

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NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we'd like to know what you are thinking. Your opinions, along with those of thousands of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report that will be available to all citizens, including those who took part in the forums, as well as officeholders, members of the news media, and others in your community.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?					
a. Because life is sacred, a gift from God, we should do everything we can to preserve it.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. People who are terminally ill should have full control over how and when they die.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Doctors should be more frank with patients and families about the pain and ultimate futility of many aggressive treatments for the terminally ill.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. There should be no legal penalties for doctors who help terminally ill patients who want to die, do so peacefully.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. Insurance companies, hospitals, and other health-care facilities should require all their clients to make living wills.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f. Helping a patient die is a violation of the oath all doctors take to "do no harm."	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure
a. We should make physician-assisted death legal in all 50 states, EVEN IF that means some patients may feel pressured to choose death as a way to relieve the burden on their families.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. Doctors should not be subject to malpractice suits for withholding aggressive treatment of terminally ill patients if such treatment will cause more suffering, EVEN IF there is a chance it would prolong the patient's life long enough to find a cure.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Government and private insurers should invest more money into hospice care, EVEN IF that would divert funds from prevention and treatment programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. We should roll back state laws that legalize physician-assisted death, EVEN IF this takes away the ability of people to control their own lives.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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Strongly Favor      Somewhat Favor      Somewhat Oppose      Strongly Oppose      Not Sure

e. We should develop a network of “assisted dying” clinics to help terminal patients end their lives comfortably, EVEN IF that may make it easier for people who are depressed or temporarily losing hope to end their lives unnecessarily.  Strongly Favor     Somewhat Favor     Somewhat Oppose     Strongly Oppose     Not Sure

f. Doctors should make every effort to keep terminally ill patients alive for as long as possible, EVEN IF that involves ruinous expenses and, ultimately raises insurance rates for everyone.  Strongly Favor     Somewhat Favor     Somewhat Oppose     Strongly Oppose     Not Sure

3. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum?  Yes     No

If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before?  Yes     No

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What could citizens, working together, do in their own communities to address this problem? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Not including this forum, how many National Issues Forums have you attended?

0                       1-3                       4-6                       7 or more                       Not sure

7. Are you male or female?     Male     Female

8. How old are you?

17 or younger     18-30     31-45     46-64     65 or older

9. Are you:     African American     Asian American     Hispanic or Latino

American Indian or Native American     White/Caucasian     Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Where do you live?     Rural     Small Town     Large City     Suburb

11. What is your ZIP code? \_\_\_\_\_ What state do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What issue would you like to see covered in a future forum? \_\_\_\_\_

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