



## New Poll Shows Strong Maryland Support for Medical Aid in Dying

Marylanders for End-of-Life Options (MDELO) is pleased to announce the results of a poll of Maryland residents regarding medical aid in dying (sometimes termed death with dignity). Conducted by Public Policy Polling in February 2019 with 589 Maryland voters,<sup>1</sup> the poll's principal findings are that two thirds of Marylanders support aid in dying, with a 3-to-1 margin over those who are opposed. As important, every subgroup analyzed, including political party, religion and race, shows majority support.

<b>In 7 states and the District of Columbia mentally capable adults, who are dying of a terminal disease with no hope of recovery, have the legal option to request a medication to bring about their own death. Do you think that Maryland should allow this as well?</b>			
	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
<b>All Maryland Voters</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Republicans</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Democrats</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Catholics</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Protestants</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>African-Americans</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Whites</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>12%</b>

These findings show extraordinary consistency over time and with the rest of the country. Compared to a survey of Marylanders conducted three years ago with similar questions, these latest results show a slight increase in support and a significant decline in percent of individuals opposing medical aid in dying. The results also are similar to surveys performed by other organizations in Maryland and throughout the country over the past five years.

<b>Maryland Support for Aid in Dying Is Consistent Over Time and with the Nation at Large</b>						
	<b>Poll</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Number Surveyed</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
<b>Maryland Residents</b>	<b>Public Policy Polling</b>	<b>Feb 2019</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>Goucher Poll</b>	<b>Feb 2019</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Momentum Analysis</b>	<b>Feb 2016</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Washington Post - Univ of Maryland Poll</b>	<b>Oct 2015</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>National Polls</b>	<b>Gallup Poll</b>	<b>May 2018</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1%</b>
	<b>LifeWay Research (part of Lifeway Christian Resources)</b>	<b>Dec 2016</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>-</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Public Policy Polling surveyed 589 registered voters from February 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error is +/-4.0%. 73% of participants, selected through a list-based sample, responded via the phone, while 27% of respondents who did not have landline telephones but were cellphone users conducted the survey over the internet through an opt-in internet panel. The demographic variables have been weighted to reflect the voting electorate. For additional information, see Public Policy final report at <https://mdelo.org/links-resources/> or contact Jim Williams ([Jim.Williams@publicpolicypolling.com](mailto:Jim.Williams@publicpolicypolling.com), 919-985-5380).