

Polling - Voluntary assisted dying in South Australia

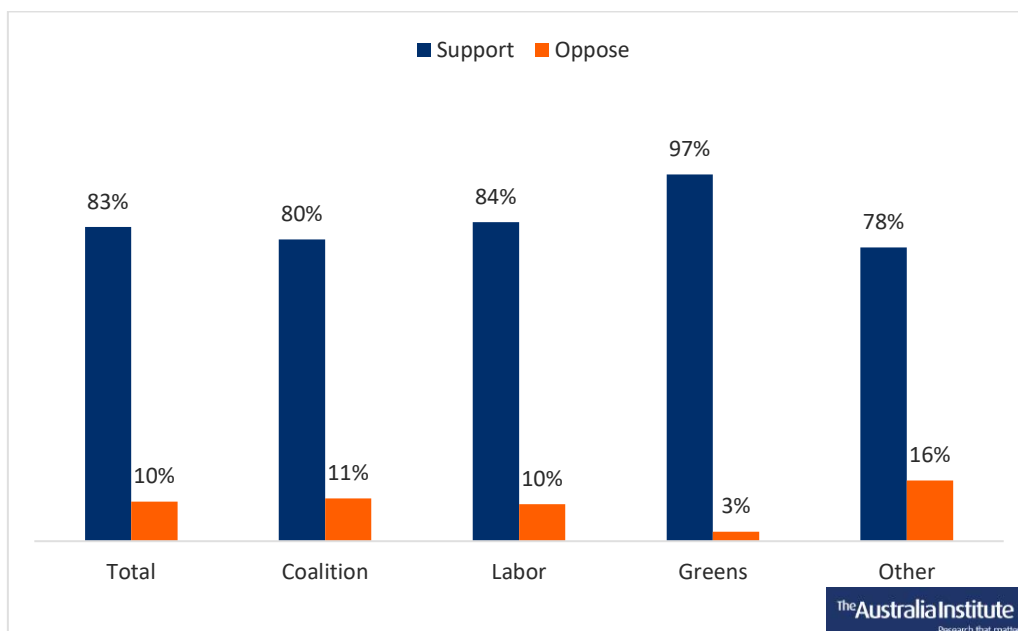
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The Australia Institute surveyed a representative sample of 511 South Australians about voluntary assisted dying (VAD) in February of 2021.

The results show that more than four in five South Australians (83%) support VAD laws based on the Victorian model being adopted in the state, while just one in 10 (10%) are opposed.

- Support for the Victorian model being introduced in South Australia is high among all voter types.
 - 80% of Coalition voters support the reform while 11% are opposed.
 - 84% of Labor voters support the reform while 10% are opposed.
 - 97% of Greens voters support the reform while 3% are opposed.
 - Opposition was the highest among 'Other' voters, at 16%, but support in this category was still high at 78%.

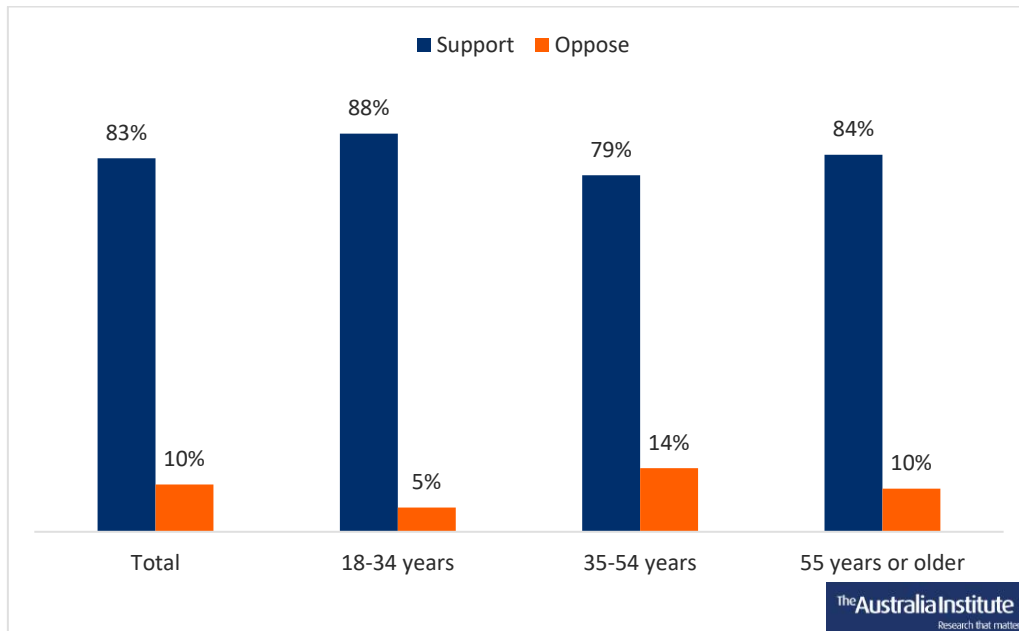
Figure 1: Support or oppose SA adopting Victorian model VAD laws, by voting intention



Support for VAD laws based on the Victorian model being introduced in South Australia is also high across all age groups.

- 88% of 18-34 year olds support the reform, while just one in 20 (5%) are opposed.
- 84% of those aged over 55 support the reform, while just one in 10 (10%) are opposed.

Figure 2: Support or oppose SA adopting Victorian model VAD laws, by age



Method

The Australia Institute conducted a survey of 511 South Australians between 9 and 26 February 2021, online through Dynata, post-weighted to reflect social demographics by age and gender in South Australia.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the lower house. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs, but results are also shown separately for undecideds. “Coalition” includes separate responses for Liberal and National. “Other” includes Centre Alliance, One Nation, Jacqui Lambie Network and Independent/Other.

Detailed results

Voluntary assisted dying became legal in Victoria in 2019, allowing adult patients suffering intolerable pain and already dying of a terminal illness to access a lethal drug which they can use to end their life at a time of their choosing. Do you support or oppose passing similar laws to legalise voluntary assisted dying?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>Other</i>
Strongly support	51%	47%	54%	48%	54%	45%	56%
Support	32%	36%	28%	32%	30%	52%	22%
Oppose	5%	5%	6%	7%	5%	0%	5%
Strongly oppose	5%	7%	3%	4%	4%	3%	11%
Don't know / Not sure	7%	5%	8%	9%	6%	1%	6%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>18-34 years</i>	<i>35-54 years</i>	<i>55 year or older</i>
Strongly support	51%	33%	52%	59%
Support	32%	55%	27%	25%
Oppose	5%	2%	6%	6%
Strongly oppose	5%	3%	8%	3%
Don't know / Not sure	7%	6%	7%	7%