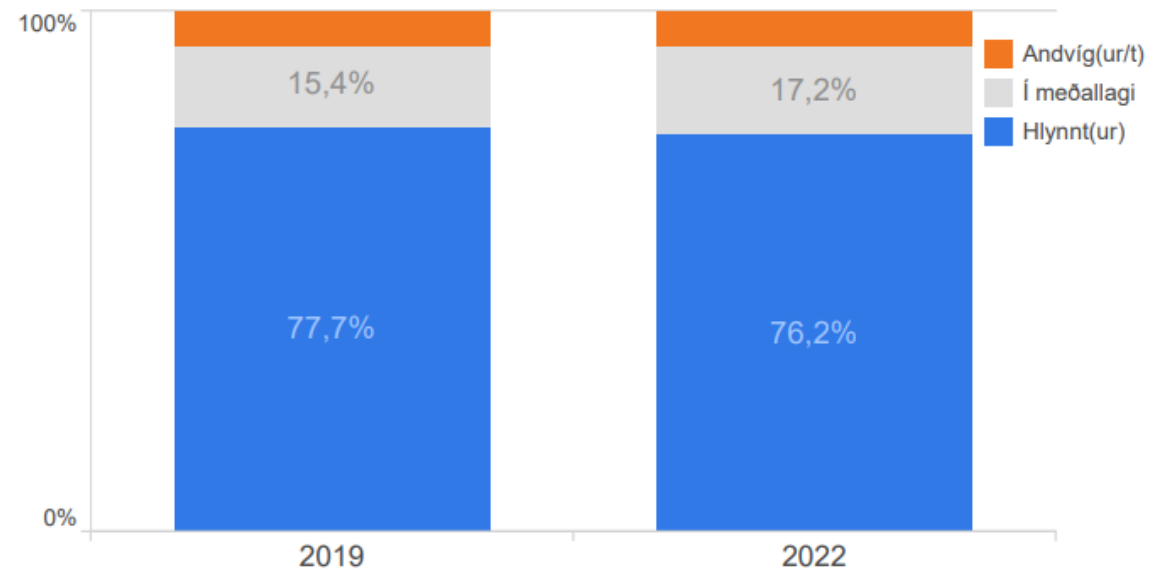


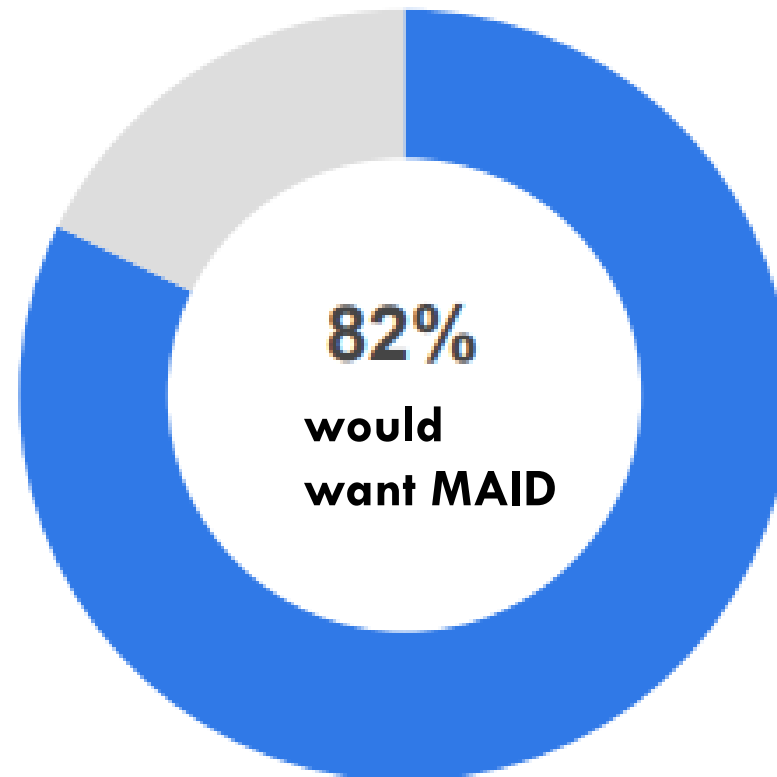
ICELANDIC SURVEY 2022

1. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OR AGAINST A PERSON RECEIVING AID TO END HIS LIFE (ASSISTED DYING) IF HE HAS A DISEASE OR CONDITION THAT HE FINDS UNBEARABLE AND HAS BEEN DECLARED INCURABLE?

76,2% of the Icelandic public are in favor, only 6,6% are against



2. WOULD YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO GET THE ASSISTANCE OF A PHYSICIAN IN ICELAND TO END YOUR LIFE (ASSISTED DYING) IF YOU HAD A DISEASE OR CONDITION THAT YOU FOUND UNBEARABLE AND HAD BEEN DECLARED INCURABLE, OR WOULD YOU NOT WANT TO?



3. WHY ARE YOU AGAINST ASSISTED DYING?

Risk of abuse (46,9%)

**Assisted dying is against my moral values
(21,9%)**

**Palliative care is sufficient to alleviate
suffering (11,6%)**

**Assisted dying is against the ethical
obligations of physicians (12,0%)**

**Assisted dying is against the professional
obligations of physicians (6,3%)**

For religious reasons (1,3%)

4. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF ASSISTED DYING DO YOU THINK ICELANDERS SHOULD ADOPT IF ASSISTED DYING WERE TO BE LEGALIZED?

The physician administers an intravenous injection to the individual (48,4%)

The individual self-administers the drug at a premises provided by an association that supplies the drug through a physician (19,6%)

The physician writes a prescription which the individual collects at a pharmacy and administers himself (6,7%)

I don't want to answer (25,3%)

SURVEY AMONG PHYSICIANS AND NURSES (2021)

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- Over 54% of physicians and 71% of nurses are positive towards assisted dying
 - Resp. 18% and 20% in 2010
- Greater support among general practitioners than specialists
- Only 18% not in favour of assisted death of any kind
- Only for the dying (51%)
- Also for people experiencing unbearable existential agony (54%)

SURVEY AMONG PHYSICIANS AND NURSES

WHY ARE YOU AGAINST ASSISTED DYING?

- Dying people in existential agony should receive the best palliative care available. That way, medical professionals can best help them (70%)
- Killing people is not in line with the goals of nursing or medicine (60%)
- People will feel compelled to ask for assisted dying because of difficult circumstances or pressure from others/society (56%)
- It can never morally become the patient's right (and the doctor's duty) to receive aid in dying before natural death occurs (42%)
- Death is final, and potentially wrongly decided assisted death cannot be reversed. It is too high a price to pay (40%)
- The sanctity of life is indisputable; no one should shorten another person's life (9%)

SURVEY AMONG PHYSICIANS AND NURSES

WHY ARE YOU FOR ASSISTED DYING?

- Dying people in existential agony and unbearable conditions should be able to choose between palliative care or assisted dying within a safe framework (58%)
- Autonomy over one's life until the end is every individual's most important moral value. A request for assisted dying is a request for help in dying on your terms, with dignity, and at your time (56%)
- Life is the ultimate value of people, and in the face of death and unbearable suffering, assisted dying may be the last good thing that an individual asks for from the health care system (44%)
- Helping someone die is not the goal of physicians or nurses, but assisted dying is at the request of the person dying and never advised by health professionals. In the eyes of the person dying, it is a good deed, not wrongdoing (37%)

SURVEY AMONG PHYSICIANS AND NURSES

METHODS

A physician administers an intravenous injection to the individual (13,5%)

The individual self-administers the drug provided by a physician (20%)

A physician either gives the injection or writes a prescription which the individual collects at a pharmacy and administers himself (40%)