

Doctor-Assisted Suicide Is Moral Issue Dividing Americans Most

Pornography, gay relations produce biggest generational gaps

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PRINCETON, NJ -- Doctor-assisted suicide emerges as the most controversial cultural issue in Gallup's 2011 Values and Beliefs poll, with Americans divided 45% vs. 48% over whether it is morally acceptable or morally wrong. Having a baby out of wedlock and abortion also closely divide Americans. However, stronger public consensus exists on 14 other issues tested.

Acceptable Wrong Undecided

Acceptable	Wrong	Undecided	
_____	_____	_____	1. Doctor-assisted suicide
_____	_____	_____	2. Abortion
_____	_____	_____	3. Having a child outside of marriage
_____	_____	_____	4. Buying or wearing fur
_____	_____	_____	5. Homosexuality
_____	_____	_____	6. Medical testing on animals
_____	_____	_____	7. Sex between an unmarried man and woman
_____	_____	_____	8. Cloning animals
_____	_____	_____	9. Using stem cells from human embryos for medical research
_____	_____	_____	10. Gambling
_____	_____	_____	11. Pornography
_____	_____	_____	12. Death Penalty
_____	_____	_____	13. Divorce
_____	_____	_____	14. Suicide
_____	_____	_____	15. Cloning humans
_____	_____	_____	16. Polygamy
_____	_____	_____	17. Married men and women having an affair