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WEIGHTED DATA

**HAWAII ISSUE STUDY
QMark Research & Polling
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Approval: BA ___ CK ___

ID # _____ (1)

ISLAND _____ (2)

71% = Oahu

13% = Big Island

10% = Maui County

6% = Kauai

Date _____

Interviewer _____

Hello, I'm _____ from QMark Research & Polling, a public opinion research company. We're conducting a public opinion survey today/this evening about issues that concern the residents of Hawaii. This is not a sales call and I am not asking for money – we are interested in your views on important issues. May I speak to someone 18 years of age or older who lives in your household who celebrated a birthday most recently? **(VERIFY IF PERSON IS 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER. IF NO ONE AVAILABLE, TERMINATE.) (IF ELIGIBLE RESPONDENT SAYS NO OR NOT NOW, ASK TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR LATER) (SCREEN FOR MALE OR FEMALE AS NECESSARY)**

A. To begin, do you happen to be registered to vote at this address at the present time?

- Yes **(CONTINUE)**
- No **(THANK AND TERMINATE AND TALLY)**
- REFUSED **(THANK AND TERMINATE AND TALLY)**

1. Pretend for a minute that the State of Hawaii was a car. Would you say _____(3) it works fine as it is, it needs a minor tune up or would you say it needs a major overhaul?

- 9% = Works fine as is
- 39% = Needs a tune up
- 47% = Needs major overhaul
- 4% = (DO NOT READ) Don't know/No Answer

2. Next I want to ask you a few questions having to do with issues affecting people who are dying of a terminal disease or illness. To begin, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement **(IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK)** "Is that strongly or somewhat?"

In general, when a person is dying from a terminal disease, he should be allowed by law to request and receive help from his doctor to end his life.

- 46% = Strongly agree _____(4)
- 29% = Somewhat agree
- 7% = Somewhat disagree
- 12% = Strongly disagree
- 5% = (DO NOT READ) Don't know/No answer

3. Next, people express different views about issues having to do with people who are dying of a terminal disease. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view. **(ROTATE)**

66% If I am terminally ill with no hope of recovery, the decision about when I end my suffering is my own to make _____(5)

Or

30% Human life is sacred. Only God should decide when my life ends

3% **(DONT READ)** Neither

2% **(DON'T READ)** Don't know/No answer

4. Would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose legislation to allow a mentally competent adult, dying of a terminal disease, the choice to request and receive medication from his physician to hasten his death, if the bill included appropriate safeguards to protect against abuse? _____(6)

42% = Strongly favor

28% = Somewhat favor

11% = Somewhat oppose

15% = Strongly oppose

4% = **(DON'T READ)** Not sure

0% = **(DON'T READ)** Refused

5. Let me read you some possible language for a question on this subject that your legislator could ask you when he or she is deciding how to vote on this proposed law. Here it is:

“Do you want Hawaii to allow terminally ill adult patients the voluntarily informed choice to obtain a physician’s prescription for drugs to end life?”

What would you say if your legislator asked you that question? Would you vote yes in favor of it or no to oppose it? **(IF YES/NO, ASK)** “Is that **DEFINITELY** (yes/no) or just **PROBABLY**?”

42% Definitely Yes _____(7)

22% Probably yes

12% Probably no

18% Definitely No

6% **(DON'T READ)** Don't know/No Answer

6. Next, please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.
(IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK) "Is that strongly or somewhat?" (DON'T ROTATE)

a=66% b=58% Strongly agree
a=20% b=23% Somewhat agree
a=4% b=7% Somewhat disagree
a=9% b=11% Strongly disagree
a=2% b=2% (DO NOT READ) Don't know/No answer

a. How a terminally ill person chooses to _____(8)
End his life should be an individual
decision and not a government decision

b. People in the final stages of a terminal disease _____(9)
Should have the right to stop their suffering
by hastening their death, if they so choose

7. Which of the following concerns you more: **(READ – ROTATE)** _____(10)

67% Too much government involvement in the decisions terminally
ill people make on whether or not to end their life

OR

19% Not enough government involvement to protect the terminally ill from
abuse or being killed against their will

6% = **(DON'T READ)** NEITHER
2% = **(DON'T READ)** BOTH EQUALLY
7% = **(DON'T READ)** DON'T KNOW/NO ANSWER

8. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, _____(11)
somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement:
In the event I am diagnosed with a terminal illness, I want to be able
to control my own medication, in cooperation with my doctor, to lessen
suffering and preserve my dignity and be in control of my own pain
management as I see fit, even to the point of hastening death.

59% = Strongly agree
21% = Somewhat agree
5% = Somewhat disagree
11% = Strongly disagree
2% = **(DON'T READ)** Not sure
1% = **(DON'T READ)** Refused

Now let me ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only

9. When you are deciding how to vote in a particular election, which of the following statements comes closest to how you feel? _____(12)

(13%) A. A candidate's position on a single issue can cause me to vote for or against that candidate

OR

(81%) B. I look at a candidate's position on a variety of issues and then make my voting decision

(6%) VOLUNTEERED – Don't know/varies with election and candidates

10. Which of the following best describes you? (ALTERNATE READING LIST FROM BOTTOM TO TOP FROM TOP TO BOTTOM) Would you Say ... _____(13)

- 21% = Strong Democrat
- 21% = Leaning Democrat
- 32% = Independent
- 12% = Leaning Republican
- 9% = Strong Republican
- 1% = (DONT READ) Other (SPECIFY) _____
- 5% = (DON'T READ) Don't know/None/Refused

11. How long have you lived in Hawaii? Would you say less than two years, two years but less than five years, five years but less than 10 years, 10 years but less than 20 years, more than 20 years or all your life? _____(14)

- 1% = Less than two years
- 5% = Two but less than five years
- 5% = Five but less than ten years
- 11% = Ten but less than 20 years
- 28% = More than 20 years
- 50% = All your life

12. May I ask your religious preference? Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Buddhist or Shinto, or of some other faith? (IF PROTESTANT, ASK:) What particular denomination is that? (IF NO DENOMINATION OF PROTESTANT, CODE "Just Protestant"

- 1 = Catholic _____(15)
- 2 = Jewish
- 3 = Buddhist/Shinto
- Protestant**
- 4 = Methodist
- 5 = Presbyterian
- 6 = Episcopalian
- 7 = Lutheran
- 8 = Friends/Quaker
- 9 = Christian Science
- 10 = Unitarian
- 11 = Baptist
- 12 = Pentecostal
- 13 = Church of Christ
- 14 = Four Square
- 15 = Assembly of God
- 16 = Congregational Church
- 17 = Calvary Church
- 18 = Christian Fellowship
- 19 = Evangelical Church
- 20 = Jehovah's Witness
- 21 = Nazarene
- 22 = SeventhDay Adventist
- 23 = Other Protestant (SPECIFY)_____
- 24 = Just Protestant (Christian)
- 25 = Mormon
- 26 = Other
- 27 = **(DON'T READ)** None/Agnostic/Atheist
- 28 = **(DON'T READ)** Refused

IF PROTESTANT, MORMON, OR REFUSED ON Q10. ASK:

13. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian, or do you describe your faith in some other way?

- 41% = Born again _____(16)
- 48% = Other way
- 11% = **(DON'T READ)** Don't know/Refused

12. What was your age on your last birthday?) 49.9 average _____(17)
13. What is your ethnic identification? **(IF MORE THAN ONE ASK:)** _____(18)
With which do you identify the most? **(IF NO CHOICE, MARK "MIXED")**
28% = Caucasian
28% = Japanese
3% = Chinese
13% = Filipino
18% = Hawaiian/part Hawaiian
1% = African-American
3% = Other (SPECIFY) _____
4% = Mixed
1% = (REFUSED)
14. (RECORD DO NOT ASK) Gender 49% = Male 51% = Female _____(19)
15. (RECORD DO NOT ASK) Telephone Prefix _____(20)

Those are all the questions I have, thank you for your help with our study... May I have your first name only, please, in case my office needs to verify I completed this survey with you?

Name _____ Telephone Number _____