

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

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INTRODUCTION

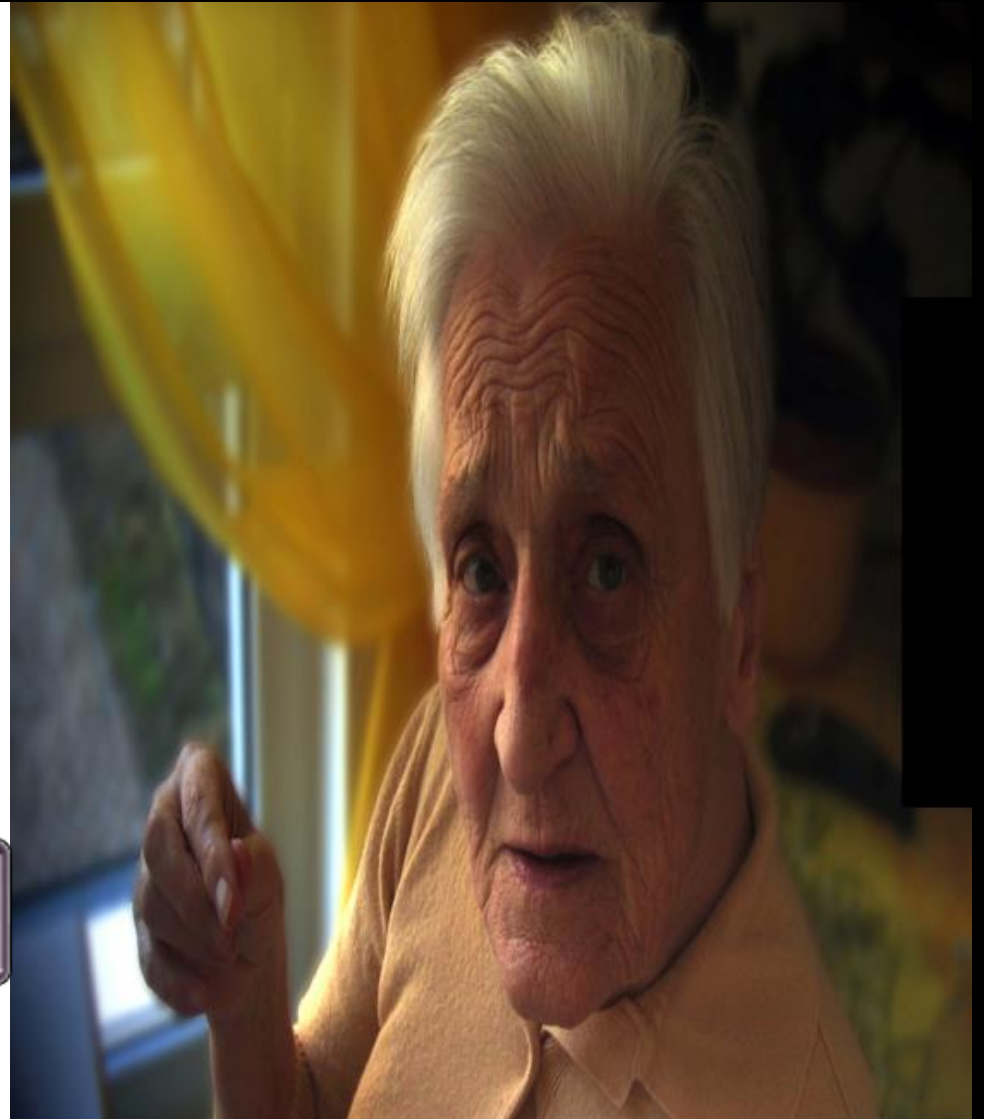
•We will talk about the end of life (**euthanasia and assisted Suicide**) in adults, who delegate these services and the place will deliver.

Also, we will identify the gap between the need and availability of end-of-care if they are sufficient for everyone.

•We will compare the laws in the UK with other countries. Also, the arguments for and against this.

•Then, we will analyse the planning for the end-of-life (living wills and DNR).

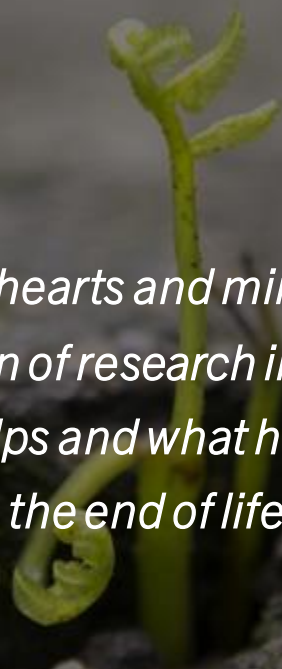
•We will make conclusions with the important points and recommendations for the future.



END OF LIFE

“The term “end of life” can strike terror in hearts and minds. But it is a fact of life: we are born, we live, we die. This Collection of research into end-of-life care deals factually and empathetically with what helps and what hinders how positively patients experience the time leading up to the end of life

(Powell, 2022)



PALLIATIVE CARE

is **specialized medical** care for people suffering from life-threatening illnesses such as cancer or heart failure (*National Institute on Aging,2021*).

NO VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA

Is when a person is unable to give their consent (for example, because they are in a coma) and another person, makes the decision on their behalf, possibly because the ill person previously expressed a wish for their life to be ended in such circumstances (*NHS,2020*).

EUTHANASIA

Is the deliberate termination of a person's life in order alleviate suffering (*NHS,2020*)

VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA

Where a person makes a conscious decision to die and seeks assistance in doing so (*NHS, 2020*).

DEFINITIONS

ASSISTED SUCIDE

is the deliberate act of assisting another person to commit suicide. If a relative of a terminally ill person obtained strong sedatives with the knowledge that the person wanted to use them for the purpose of suicide, the relative may be considered to be assisting suicide (*NHS,2020*).

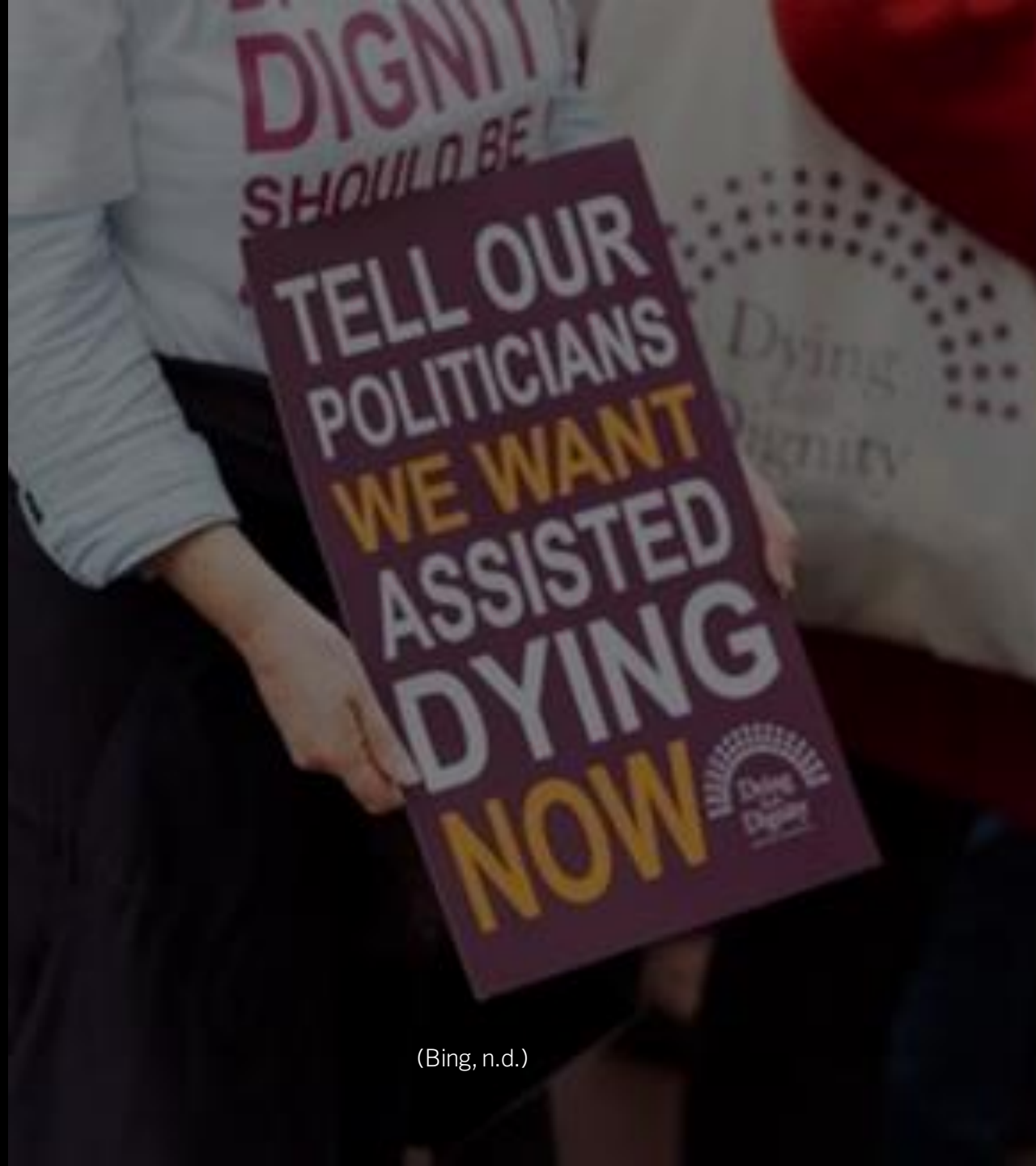
(Bing, n.d.)



LAW ON EUTHANASIA
IN THE UK AND
DIFFERENT
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HUMAN RIGHT ACT
1998
SUICIDE ACT 1961

EUTHANASIA



(Bing, n.d.)



WHAT IS THE CURRENT LEGAL POSITION IN THE UK?

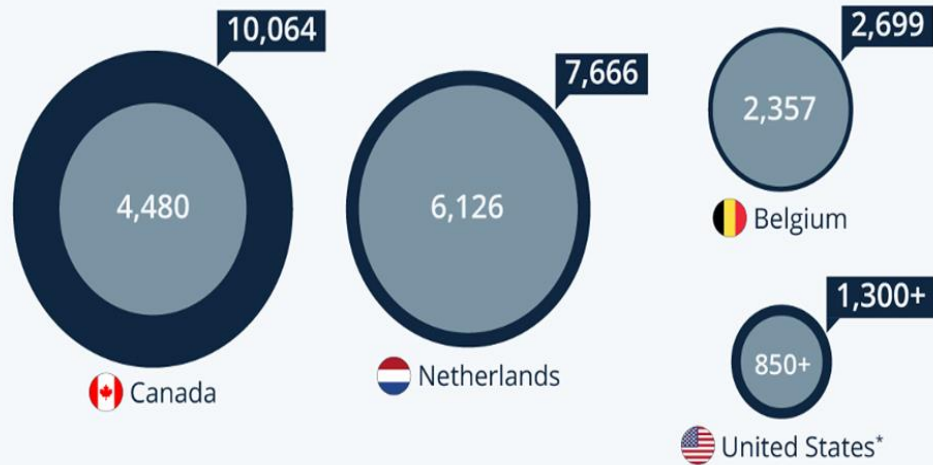
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- Euthanasia and assisted suicide are illegal under English law
- In England and Wales, it is a crime under the Suicide Act of 1961 to:
 - Helping someone commit suicide, attempt to commit suicide, or encourage someone to do so.
- Anyone found guilty of this might spend up to 14 years in jail.
In Northern Ireland, the law is nearly the same.
Scottish activists claim that the country's laws are not clear.
The Scottish Parliament rejected a bill legalising assisted suicide in May.
- **What legal system does the UK have in comparison to others?**
Currently, only a few states permit assisted suicide.
Belgium
Holland Luxembourg Switzerland Washington and Oregon are US states (ITV News, 2015)

Where Most People Die by Assisted Suicide

Countries with the highest number of people who have died by assisted suicide or euthanasia in 2021

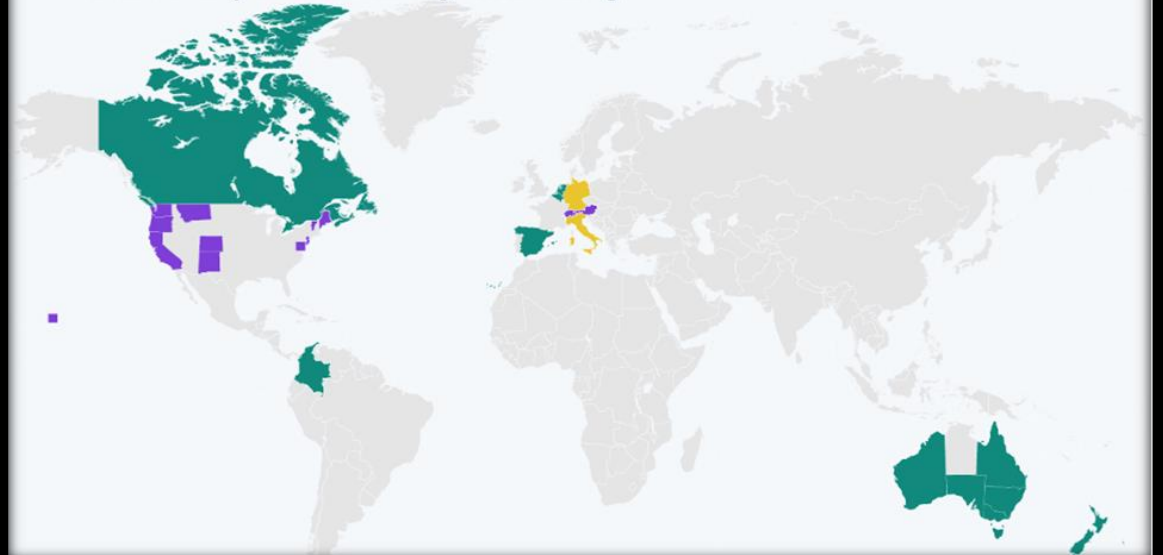
● 2018 ● 2021



Where Assisted Suicide is Legal

Legality of assisted suicide and euthanasia around the world (as of Aug 31, 2022)

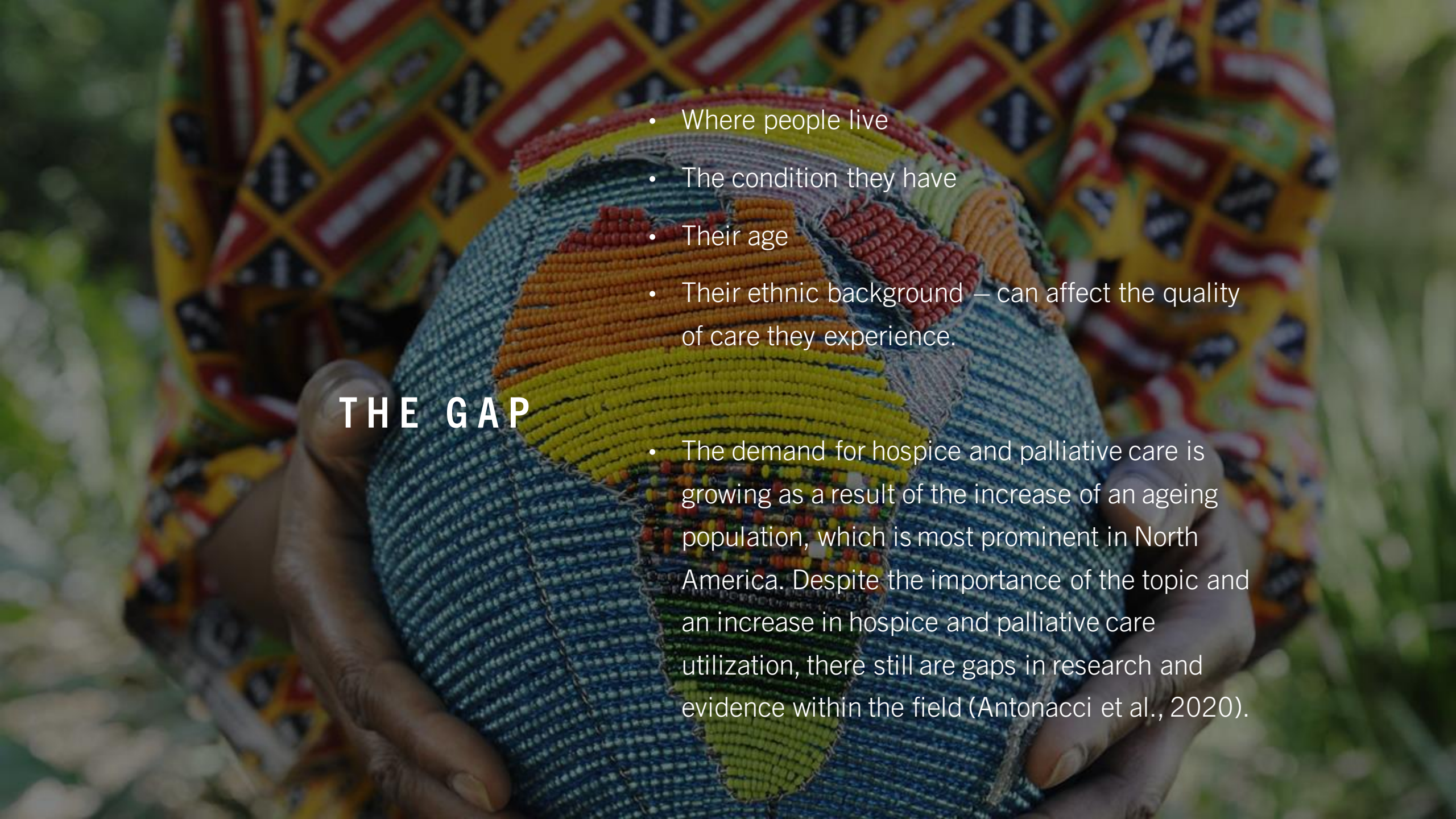
- Legal for a doctor to prescribe medication & to administer it
- Legal for a doctor to prescribe medication
- Parliamentary debate after high court ruling



(Statista, 2022)

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- AT HOME
 - HOSPITAL
 - CARE HOME
 - HOSPICE

HEALTH CARE PROVIDES

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- Where people live
 - The condition they have
 - Their age
 - Their ethnic background — can affect the quality of care they experience.

THE GAP

- The demand for hospice and palliative care is growing as a result of the increase of an ageing population, which is most prominent in North America. Despite the importance of the topic and an increase in hospice and palliative care utilization, there still are gaps in research and evidence within the field (Antonacci et al., 2020).

PLANNING FOR END OF LIFE

- **Living Wills** Legal documents stating what medical treatments people want or do not want if they are unable to express their wishes are one way for people to gain control over their deaths (AgeUK, 2019).
- NHS (2020) said the treatments you're deciding to refuse must all be named in the advance decision. If you decide to refuse life-sustaining treatment in the future, your advance decision needs to be:
 - **Written down**
 - **Signed by you.**
 - **Signed by a witness.**
- **DRS** The words DNR (do not resuscitate) or DNACPR (do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation) indicate that medical professionals should not use unusual or extreme measures to save a terminally ill patient. TCPR) imply that healthcare professionals shouldn't take excessive or drastic measures to save the patient who is nearing the end of their life (NHS, 2021).
- No one likes to think about the possibility of a DNR choice in the future, yet many individuals have strong opinions about when they would and would not want their lives saved. Planning for DNR choices in the future (Anon, n.d.).

NOW WE GO DEBATE FOR AND AGAINST EUTHANASIA

- Natalie is FOR Euthanasia

- Miller is AGAINST Euthanasia



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BozCApJNkT0>

<https://youtu.be/B7ehf6CmG4Y> (TEDx Talks, 2015)



C O N C L U S I O N

- After our debate We can understand both apart, also this could be something we could face ourselves in the future.
- What would we want? if we had the choice to die!
- With all the facts, it concludes letting go of your loved ones is hard, but it is the humane thing to do, to stop there suffering.
- But strict laws need to put in place, so this can't be taken advantage of the vulnerable and needy people.
- It's not an easy way out and shouldn't be given out lighter.
- Needs more research on how this Law would be impended with strict guidelines, who would be offer it when?
- Other countries have successful implemented this, so we have a framework to follower.
- It's a bigger issues then just medical it's a social debate as well, which will divide opinions for years to come.

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- We recommended that euthanasia should be pass by Law , with restrict guidelines and regulations put in place.
 - More training put in place for health care professionals and step by step guidelines.
 - More support and resources for family and friends to help with after care, of a loved one deciding to end their life.
 - More funding able for research into how this would be impended.
 - Counselling projects that are funded to help with assisted suicides.
 - More resources available the go through options before allowing to take your own life.

RECOMMENDATION

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