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Weighted Sample	1763	578	427	153	654	693	859	904	192	735	427	409	1005	758	205	576	377	413	146	46	
Unweighted Sample	1763	603	443	165	733	704	778	985	147	707	432	477	1040	723	195	603	359	420	131	55	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Question 1: If you suffered a bad bout of depression, how confident would you feel about trying the following treatments?

Antidepressant medication

Very confident	13	12	18	11	14	14	11	15	11	15	13	12	12	15	14	13	13	14	16	9
Somewhat confident	27	26	27	31	29	25	24	30	26	28	27	25	28	26	20	29	28	26	19	52
TOTAL CONFIDENT	40	38	45	42	43	39	35	45	37	43	40	37	40	41	34	42	41	40	35	61
Not very confident	23	22	28	19	24	22	23	22	30	22	25	18	23	22	25	21	22	21	34	10
Not at all confident	23	27	17	25	21	25	24	22	16	22	21	29	23	23	25	26	22	23	16	15
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	46	49	45	44	45	47	47	44	46	44	46	47	46	45	50	47	44	44	50	25
Not sure	14	13	10	15	11	14	17	11	16	12	14	16	13	15	15	11	15	16	15	15

Talking therapy

Very confident	16	14	21	17	20	14	13	19	25	18	14	11	18	14	21	17	16	14	18	9
Somewhat confident	37	33	40	48	43	32	32	41	38	37	39	33	39	34	44	37	33	33	41	48
TOTAL CONFIDENT	53	47	61	65	63	46	45	60	63	55	53	44	57	48	65	54	49	47	59	57
Not very confident	19	19	21	16	19	20	21	17	15	21	19	18	20	19	17	19	19	21	20	20
Not at all confident	14	19	9	7	9	19	16	11	7	12	14	21	12	17	9	15	14	16	8	8
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	33	38	30	23	28	39	37	28	22	33	33	39	32	36	26	34	33	37	28	28
Not sure	13	15	8	12	10	15	16	11	15	11	13	17	11	16	10	11	17	16	13	15

A combination of talking therapy and antidepressant medication

Very confident	13	11	18	15	17	10	8	17	15	14	13	9	14	11	13	14	12	11	13	23
Somewhat confident	32	28	42	32	37	28	29	34	36	33	31	28	35	28	31	31	33	30	31	47
TOTAL CONFIDENT	45	39	60	47	54	38	37	51	51	47	44	37	49	39	44	45	45	41	44	70
Not very confident	21	23	18	28	21	23	22	21	22	21	23	21	21	22	18	23	19	23	26	9
Not at all confident	18	21	11	12	13	21	21	15	13	16	17	25	16	20	21	19	19	16	13	9
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	39	44	29	40	34	44	43	36	35	37	40	46	37	42	39	42	38	39	39	18
Not sure	16	17	11	14	13	18	19	14	14	16	16	18	15	18	17	14	17	19	17	12

Question 2: Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose changing the law to allow the controlled medical use of magic mushroom-based treatments (psilocybin-assisted therapy) by people who are suffering from terminal illnesses?

Strongly support	26	22	28	29	27	26	27	25	27	27	26	26	26	26	29	27	22	23	36	35
Somewhat support	32	32	34	36	34	32	35	29	31	32	34	30	34	28	21	33	35	33	29	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	58	54	62	65	61	58	62	54	58	59	60	56	60	54	50	60	57	56	65	58
Somewhat oppose	6	8	6	5	5	7	6	6	11	5	6	5	6	6	8	7	3	7	4	5
Strongly oppose	6	8	3	3	4	7	6	6	3	5	6	8	5	7	7	5	6	7	4	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	16	9	8	9	14	12	12	14	10	12	13	11	13	15	12	9	14	8	12
Not sure	30	30	29	27	29	28	26	34	28	32	27	31	28	33	35	27	33	31	27	31

Question 3: To what extent do you support or oppose the government changing the law to allow the controlled medical use of magic mushroom-based treatments (psilocybin-assisted therapy), for treating PTSD, depression and anxiety amongst those who have previously served in the armed forces?

Strongly support	23	17	25	23	24	20	27	19	28	25	21	19	23	23	25	23	19	22	31	28
Somewhat support	32	33	35	37	35	32	33	31	32	30	34	32	36	27	26	33	35	31	29	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	55	50	60	60	59	52	60	50	60	55	55	51	59	50	51	56	54	53	60	61
Somewhat oppose	7	10	6	7	5	8	7	8	10	5	8	9	7	8	9	9	4	8	6	0
Strongly oppose	6	10	4	3	4	8	7	6	3	5	7	8	6	7	8	6	7	7	4	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	13	20	10	10	9	16	14	14	13	10	15	17	13	15	17	15	11	15	10	8
Not sure	32	31	31	30	30	32	27	36	27	34	30	31	29	35	32	30	35	33	30	31

Question 4: To what extent would you support or oppose the government relaxing restrictions on research into the medical use of magic mushroom-based treatments (psilocybin-assisted therapies) for mental health conditions if this didn't affect how it was classified in criminal law (e.g. as a class A drug)?

Strongly support	24	20	25	28	26	23	28	20	30	24	26	19	25	23	27	26	20	21	29	35
Somewhat support	31	31	35	36	33	31	32	30	26	31	33	31	34	26	25	34	31	31	26	24
TOTAL SUPPORT	55	51	60	64	59	54	60	50	56	55	59	50	59	49	52	60	51	52	55	59
Somewhat oppose	8	11	7	5	6	9	7	8	6	7	8	10	7	9	8	7	8	8	8	10
Strongly oppose	7	10	5	2	4	9	7	6	7	5	7	8	6	7	8	5	7	8	6	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	15	21	12	7	10	18	14	14	13	12	15	18	13	16	16	12	15	16	14	17
Not sure	31	29	29	29	31	28	25	36	31	33	26	31	28	35	32	28	34	32	31	24

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Question 5: Imagine that you personally were suffering from a medical condition where there was strong evidence that a magic mushroom-based treatment (psilocybin-assisted therapy) could be effective. In this scenario, how likely would you be to consider this as a treatment option?

I definitely would consider it	29	24	32	34	31	26	32	25	29	28	32	26	30	27	33	28	27	26	35	35
I probably would consider it	30	31	33	31	35	30	30	30	33	29	29	31	32	27	30	32	30	28	28	26
TOTAL WOULD CONSIDER	59	55	65	65	66	56	62	55	62	57	61	57	62	54	63	60	57	54	63	61
I'm not sure whether I'd consider it or not	28	30	25	24	24	30	25	31	29	29	27	27	26	32	27	27	29	30	31	21
I probably would not consider it	7	8	6	6	6	6	7	3	7	6	7	6	7	6	4	7	7	8	4	7
I definitely would not consider it	7	7	4	4	4	8	6	7	6	6	6	9	5	8	7	6	7	8	2	12
TOTAL WOULD NOT CONSIDER	14	15	10	10	10	14	12	14	9	13	12	16	12	14	11	13	14	16	6	19

Question 6*: You previously answered that you might consider a magic mushroom-based treatment (psilocybin-assisted therapy) if there was evidence it could help treat a medical condition you were suffering with. Psilocybin is the chemical in magic mushrooms that could be useful at treating certain medical conditions. This can be produced in a lab (synthetically), or extracted from specific types of mushrooms (organically). If you were to undertake psilocybin-assisted therapy, would you prefer to take synthetic or organic psilocybin?

**[Asked only to those who said they would consider magic mushroom based treatment themselves; n=1049]*

I would consider synthetic psilocybin only	3	5	2	5	2	4	4	2	4	2	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	5	1	0
I would prefer synthetic psilocybin but would be open to organic psilocybin	11	14	9	16	11	13	10	12	16	9	12	14	11	12	11	11	12	13	9	4
I would consider organic psilocybin only	13	10	9	5	11	12	12	13	13	16	10	10	10	16	10	14	12	14	7	34
I would prefer organic psilocybin but would be open to synthetic psilocybin	24	20	30	19	24	20	24	24	23	27	25	17	25	22	32	21	23	25	23	20
I would consider either synthetic or organic, no preference	35	38	38	46	39	36	37	32	30	32	38	40	37	31	33	37	33	33	42	33
I wouldn't consider taking psilocybin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Don't know	14	13	11	9	13	15	11	16	13	14	11	15	12	15	10	14	15	11	19	8

Question 7:** You previously answered that you were not sure whether you would consider or would not consider a magic mushroom-based treatment (psilocybin-assisted therapy) if there was evidence it could help treat a medical condition you were suffering with. Which of the following, if any, explain why you would not consider a magic mushroom-based treatment? Please tick all that apply.

***[Asked only to those who answered that they were not sure or would not consider a magic mushroom based treatment; n=714]*

I have had a bad experience with magic mushrooms in the past	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Someone I know personally has had a bad experience with magic mushrooms in the past	5	6	6	1	2	6	6	5	8	7	5	2	5	6	4	5	5	6	7	13
Use of magic mushrooms is a criminal activity and I don't think they should be used in healthcare	15	19	10	20	13	17	15	14	14	12	16	17	14	15	14	12	15	20	5	17
I believe that magic mushrooms might (further) harm my mental health	29	39	22	25	31	32	28	30	24	30	25	32	32	26	31	32	27	31	16	20
I am worried about having a psychedelic 'trip' or 'losing control'	34	36	40	37	43	31	31	36	31	39	32	27	39	28	30	39	24	41	22	37
I am worried I could become addicted	24	27	23	34	23	25	23	25	22	21	23	30	21	27	20	28	25	20	28	11
Other [See Tab 1.]	6	7	8	7	8	8	6	7	5	6	8	7	8	5	10	8	5	4	5	14
Not sure	20	17	20	19	20	18	22	18	29	18	21	20	20	21	24	14	29	17	28	17
None of these	10	6	6	11	10	10	11	10	9	12	5	12	9	12	10	14	7	9	9	18

Question 8: Recent clinical trials from the UK and US have found that magic mushroom-based treatments (psilocybin-assisted therapies) - can support reductions in symptoms in some mental health conditions. Such treatments have been given 'Breakthrough Therapy' status in the US for the treatment of depression. In Canada, the government has approved the use of psilocybin-assisted therapy for 28 patients suffering end-of-life distress. With this in mind, to what extent do you support or oppose changing the law to allow the controlled medical use of psilocybin-assisted therapy to treat people with terminal illnesses?

Strongly support	34	28	37	39	37	31	35	33	32	33	36	32	34	33	35	36	30	29	43	42
Somewhat support	34	38	39	33	37	35	36	33	38	35	34	33	38	29	30	35	36	36	30	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	68	66	76	72	74	66	71	66	70	68	70	65	72	62	65	71	66	65	73	67
Somewhat oppose	5	7	4	5	3	6	5	5	5	5	6	4	6	5	5	4	6	4	2	2
Strongly oppose	4	6	1	2	2	6	5	3	3	3	4	5	3	4	4	3	3	4	5	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	9	13	5	7	5	12	10	8	8	9	11	7	10	9	8	7	10	9	6	6
Not sure	23	21	19	21	20	22	19	27	23	24	21	24	21	27	26	20	27	25	18	28