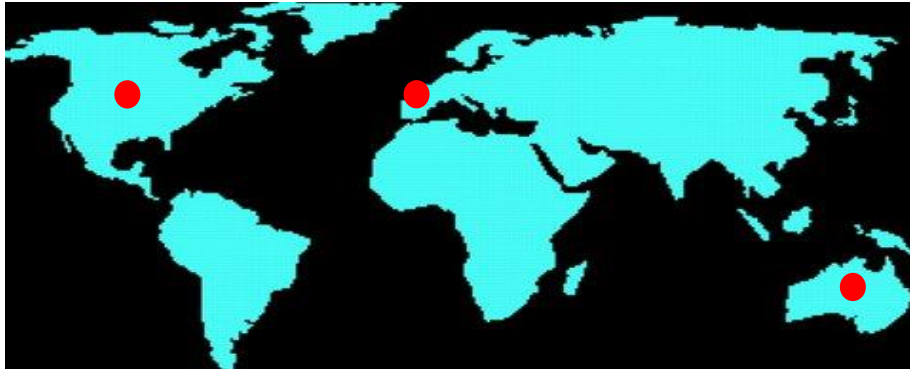


Assisted dying around the world



Assisted deaths are currently legal in 16 jurisdictions
This covers 2% of the world's population



Eligibility criteria

Large variations between jurisdictions

- some only allow assisted deaths in terminal diagnoses eg. Oregon
- many have wider criteria that does not require a terminal diagnosis eg. Canada, Belgium, Netherlands
- wider criteria exist in some (mental illness, children) eg. Netherlands, Belgium
- consultations are underway to expand criteria further, eg Canada



Definitions

Assisted suicide is the act of deliberately assisting another person to kill themselves¹

Euthanasia is the act of deliberately ending injecting lethal drugs to end a person's life



Decision-making and monitoring

- **No jurisdictions use legal courts to decide on eligibility**
All use one or two doctors
- **All jurisdictions monitor after the death**
None check decisions before the death
- **Data collected is sketchy and variable**

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