



## Assisted suicide up 35% in Canada as death toll reaches 13,500 in 2022



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**There were 13,500 state-sanctioned assisted suicides in Canada in 2022, a projection anticipates in the run-up to the official release of statistics in July. SPUC says these latest figures should serve as “a wake-up call for the UK”, which is currently considering the legalisation of assisted suicide.**

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has estimated that 13,500 assisted suicides took place in 2022 in Canada.

It has been reported that the province of Quebec saw a 51% surge in assisted suicides, with 3,663 such deaths being recorded in 2022 compared to 2,427 in 2021. 7% of all deaths in Quebec in 2022 were therefore state-sanctioned assisted suicides.

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of Unborn Children, consistent with previous years

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Alex Schadenberg, the director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, attributes Canada's soaring assisted suicide rate to its "heavy promotion" by the MAiD establishment, pushing death on Canadians.

"The selling of MAiD by the MAiD teams is a big reason why the numbers are skyrocketing", he said. "If you're going to pay people to be on a MAiD team, they will sell what they are offering."

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) was legalised in 2016. Considering the 2022 projection, MAiD has likely killed around 44,500 Canadians as of December 2022.

While MAiD was initially limited to Canadians suffering from a condition in which death was imminent, the law has since been expanded to include non-terminal conditions. The country is also considering whether to extend MAiD's scope to the mentally ill.

## Horror stories coming out of Canada

World-famous psychologist Jordan Peterson recently spoke out against assisted suicide at an event in Ottawa. "I don't trust the people who can't give you a passport in two weeks to decide whether or not grandma gets to live", said Dr Peterson.

Numerous horror stories have emerged out of Canada in recent years, with mental illness and even poverty being considered justifiable reasons for assisted suicide.

A Canadian ex-soldier suffering from PTSD was offered assisted suicide through a veteran hotline. He and his family were left feeling shocked and "betrayed".

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of Unborn Children because of “abject poverty”.

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SPUC also reported on a doctor in Canada who boasted that she helped kill 400 people through assisted suicide, seeing such circumstances as “loneliness and poverty” as a good enough to help kill patients.

## A “terrifying” warning, says SPUC

Dr Daniel Frampton, SPUC’s Editorial Officer, said: “Assisted suicide in Canada is surging by roughly a third every year – that is quite simply terrifying. The ‘slippery slope’ is glaringly obvious and cannot be ignored by any rational person.

“The UK must take note as a Westminster inquiry is currently hearing evidence in favour of and against the legalisation of assisted suicide. If such legislation is permitted, the foundations of medicine will be fatally undermined by an ethic of death masquerading as care and compassion.

“The only safeguard against assisted suicide is not legalising it in the first place. What vulnerable people need – whether they are suffering from disease, mental illness or disability – is appropriate and timely care, not pressure to ‘choose’ death.

“In the end, we must see assisted suicide for what it is: a method of disposing of ‘problem’ people. State-sanctioned suicide should send a chill down all our spines.”

