Approval of Organ and Tissue Donation – After Death

Overall approval of organ and tissue donation remains stable from the past two waves (88% who ‘approve’). Just six in ten (60%) now ‘strongly approve’, this is now more similar to years prior to spring 2019.

Those more likely to approve of organ and tissue donation after death include:

- Those aged 55+ (93%) compared to those aged 35-54 (87%) or those aged 18-34 (83%);
- Those who earn 100K+ (92%) or $60-100K (91%) compared to those who earn <$40K (84%);
- Those who have heard a lot/something about organ/tissue donation after death (93%), compared to those who have heard not too much/nothing at all (86%);
- Those who have decided to donate their organs/tissues at the time of their death (98%), compared to who are undecided (86%);
- Those who have decided not to donate their organs/tissues (24%);
- Those who would be willing to accept an organ or tissue transplant if they needed one (96%), compared to those who are undecided if they would accept one (4%).

Those more likely to ‘disapprove’ of organ and tissue donation after death include:

- Those who disapprove of living organ donation (22%);
- Those who have decided not to donate their organs/tissues (24%);
- Those who might override a loved one’s decision to donate (13%).

Q. How do you feel about organ and tissue donation - that is, people donating their organs or their tissues after death? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, ‘Don’t know’ response not shown. Base: All respondents (Mar 2010) n=1,500; (Apr 2012 phone) n=1,001; (Apr 2012 online) n=1,736; (Dec 2012) n=1,406; (Sept 2013) n=1,009; (Apr 2014) n=1,024; (Mar 2015) n=1,003; (Mar 2017) n=1,003; (Mar 2019) n=1,004; (Jan 2020) n=1,244