

Summary

This study examines public opinion on the acceptability of suicide under different circumstances over the years. The data is extracted from the General Social Survey, spanning across several decades. For our examination, we focus on four distinct reasons of suicide: incurable disease (suicide1), bankruptcy (suicide2), family dishonor (suicide3), and weariness of life (suicide4). The research question we have chosen is “how have attitudes towards suicide changed over the years?”. We found this important question to research since mental health is a critical concern among college students and adults. Attaining this insight might aid with improving mental health recovery. The analysis employs data cleaning, trend analysis, and statistical visualization techniques to parse out the social attitudes over the decades. The findings indicate that there is a perceived difference in public opinion for different justifications. Health related reasons were more accepted, while those based on financial or personal dishonor were less so.