

Euthanasia

Euthanasia is about complicated because it's a catch-22 where no one wins. Assisted suicide is considered murder by some but I don't agree. In obvious cases where someone in power makes the choice for another I agree that is murder, but this doesn't occur just in classic cases of assisted suicide. This occurs throughout our current healthcare system where many die each year due to those in power denying them lifesaving healthcare. To leave individuals to die because lack of fund could be seen as murder or some might call this assisted suicide. I don't believe that assisted suicide is murder though I don't think it is often the best thing to do. Like abortion, though I know I would never engage in it I don't feel in the position to take away someone's right to make that choice.

So, in many ways euthanasia or the denial of euthanasia is about infringing on personal liberties. There may be a humanitarian impetus to allow someone to deny instead of living a life they don't desire and aren't able to change. I think there are certain cases like being a vegetable that warrant pulling the plug if that is their wish, but what about a veteran who is a paraplegic or brain damaged. These might also be intolerable states for these individuals that they can't escape. Yet there is a valid argument for not permitting assisted suicide. Our society doesn't even permit conventional suicide. If we aren't ready to allow someone to make the choice for themselves to end their own life, how can we in good conscience allow someone to be an accomplice in the act?

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