The morality of euthanasia

Literature



Client's 23 October Euthanasia has become a very debatable topic in the recent past, euthanasia refers to painless death. Should terminally ill patients be given the right to die? What moral implications would this have on our society? These are some very important questions which need to be answered.

James Rachels has argues that under certain circumstances active euthanasia should be morally permissible and this is a very sound argument. Many times we let people die; famine is a classic example of the same. Rachels emphasizes on killing Vs letting die argument and this is a very logical and a sound argument.

"Rachels argues that there is no morally relevant distinction between killing someone intentionally and letting someone die. The active and passive dichotomy is a distinction without a difference." (The Morality of Euthanasia) To conclude it is very fair to say that when a person who is suffering from a terminal illness and is in agony beyond imagination active euthanasia should be morally permissible, when there is no other way of reducing the agony active euthanasia can be deployed. However, there is a catch some people may start exploiting certain situations, terminally ill patients who can recover after sometime may also be given lethal injections and as a result of which they will die so it becomes very difficult to make judgments on whether a terminally ill patient should be given active euthanasia?

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