

Euthanasia: the practice of ending a life

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Euthanasia Outline Opening Meaning of euthanasia - refers to the practice of ending a life in a painless manner Brief information on how it is carried out - pain medications, surgery, cutting of the Life Support Machine
Brief information on where euthanasia is practised - hospitals, etc
End opening. E. g. " Euthanasia has been conducted for several reasons pertaining to several issues, simple and complicated."

Main context

Issues

Economic Costs and Human Resources, e. g., a bedridden person who has permanent brain damage would only become a burden to his family for the rest of his life. Hospital wards are limited, medicine is restricted, spending such resources on a person who will only eventually die would be a waste. Wishes of the family, e. g. due to the disease, the patient can only suffer if he continues to live in. In comparison - horses are killed on the spot when one of their legs are broken. Same concept, both are permanently incapacitated. Yet, the family wants to spend as much time with their beloved ones as possible, thus euthanasia should not be allowed.

Morality and Theology, e. g. Life is precious, every single person is valuable. Euthanasia is considered another form of murder, voluntary euthanasia is considered another form of suicide. Taking away a life, even one's own, is considered defiling religious laws, going against the will of God.

Quality of Life, e. g. with such dependence on medication or external support, some people would feel morally depressed. Emotionally dissatisfied.

Feasibility of Implementation, e. g. emotionally depressed patients tend to
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think negatively of their situation, and are likely to opt for the easiest way out - euthanasia. By doing so, they throw away all opportunities of a cure, forgo other opportunities in life, neglect their loved ones.

Opportunities

Choice, e. g. due to democracy, nobody should have any say on what one is allowed or forbidden to do, this includes taking one's own life.

Professional Role, e. g. euthanasia could unduly compromise the professional roles of health care employees, especially doctors. Doctors are trained to save lives, not end them. Yet, doctors are the ones who best understand if a patient is able to continue living properly, or not.

Consent under pressure, e. g. Patients who have to depend on their family tend to become a heavy financial burden to them, and to avoid this, they may decide to relieve his family of the burden.

Religion: Not all religions consider euthanasia an act against God's will. Some practices condemn prolonging life when it should end (Shinto). Others would find glory in death (Seppuku - Japanese mercy killing).

Conclusion

State an overview of the issues and opportunities, e. g. concerns a patient's life and his family, or how it involves money

Brief description of the overview.

Make a one line stand on whether you support euthanasia.

Source

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euthanasia>