

## Fatally Flawed:

### Questions Worth Answering

| <b>If</b>   | <b>Then</b>   |
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| <b>If</b> someone claims his life has lost value and isn't worth living anymore...  | ... <b>then</b> can <i>anyone's</i> life lose value simply by one's own choosing?   |
| <b>If</b> someone says her dignity is diminished because she can no longer perform certain activities...  | ... <b>then</b> does everyone lose dignity when they lose the ability to perform those same activities?   |
| <b>If</b> suicide is an irrational and tragic act...  | ... <b>then</b> why is physician-assisted suicide a healthy reaction to suffering?  |
| <b>If</b> guardrails are touted by physician-assisted suicide advocates as guarantors of safety...  | ... <b>then</b> why do they consistently try to remove these guardrails?  |
| <b>If</b> physician-assisted suicide is a reasonable approach to the fear of being a burden to our loved ones at the end of life...   | ... <b>then</b> is it reasonable for us to kill ourselves whenever we're a burden to our loved ones?  |
| <b>If</b> healthcare organizations put profits over people with the <a href="#">opioid crisis</a> <sup>1</sup> , <a href="#">child transgender surgeries</a> <sup>2</sup> , and the <a href="#">smoking epidemic</a> <sup>3</sup> ... | ... <b>then</b> why should we trust them to put people over profits when it is exponentially cheaper to offer patients physician-assisted suicide than care for them? |
| <b>If</b> doctors make treatment recommendations based on their own judgements and biases...  | ... <b>then</b> couldn't they offer you poison if they think it's best for you?   |
| <b>If</b> depression and anxiety make people prone to suicidal ideation and self-harm...  | ... <b>then</b> isn't depression a prime reason someone would choose physician-assisted suicide?  |

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| <p><b>If</b> depression is a common occurrence after receiving a terminal diagnosis...</p>   | <p>... <b>then</b> shouldn't we put more emphasis on psychiatric treatment when patients receive a terminal diagnosis, instead of physician-assisted suicide?</p> |
| <p><b>If</b> doctors occasionally misdiagnose life expectancy...</p>   | <p>... <b>then</b> isn't it risky to rely primarily on life expectancy diagnoses to determine eligibility for physician-assisted suicide?</p>                     |
| <p><b>If</b> the main reason for physician-assisted suicide legislation is to offer the terminally ill an escape from suffering...</p>                       | <p>... <b>then</b> why is unbearable suffering never a top reason provided by patients for choosing physician-assisted suicide?</p>                               |
| <p><b>If</b> the main reason behind physician-assisted suicide is to relieve suffering...</p>  | <p>... <b>then</b> what's the harm in legalizing euthanasia as well?</p>  |
| <p><b>If</b> death is generally seen as a bad thing, and if most patients' complaints at the end of life are related to poor pain management and care...</p> | <p>... <b>then</b> shouldn't we try to fix palliative and hospice care first before normalizing people killing themselves prematurely?</p>                        |
| <p><b>If</b> helping someone commit suicide is widely seen as immoral and illegal...</p>   | <p>... <b>then</b> why is it okay if it's done by a doctor?</p>   |
| <p><b>If</b> euthanasia is illegal due to concerns over coercion and patient consent...</p>  | <p>... <b>then</b> why is physician-assisted suicide legal given the strong possibilities of coercion regarding patient consent?</p>                              |
| <p><b>If</b> murder and euthanasia are both the intentional killing of another person...</p>   | <p>... <b>then</b> how is euthanasia any different from murder?</p>   |

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<sup>1</sup> <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7479783/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/the-gender-industrial-complex-makes-billions-annually/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.history.com/news/cigarette-ads-doctors-smoking-endorsement>