

## **Keep Assisted Suicide out of New York!**

What happens when doctors stop trying to **prevent** suicide and start **assisting** suicide...



**Belgium:** 23 yr old Shanti, suffering PTSD after surviving a terrorist attack, was euthanized.

**Canada:** Margaret Marsilla learned almost too late that her 23 yr old son who suffers from severe depression was approved for assisted suicide, justified by his diabetes.

**California**: 38 yr old Stephanie Packer's insurance refused to cover lifesaving treatment, instead she was offered assisted suicide drugs for a dollar co-pay.

**Canada:** Veteran Affairs recommended euthanasia to a veteran seeking treatment for PTSD and traumatic brain injury.

**Canada:** Roger Foley, a disabled man, cannot obtain adequate home-care but has been offered euthanasia.

Assisted suicide is most often

"chosen" because of fear of loss of independence, being a burden, and depression.... NOT unbearable pain

2 Life-saving care and treatment are denied by insurance companies and lethal drugs are offered instead.

Suicide rates rise in the general population because of "suicide contagion"

People with disabilities, veterans, the homeless and the poor become vulnerable to **coercion** and **abuse** 

5 It keeps **expanding**: targeting the mentally ill, dementia patients and even children

**Oregon**: From 1999-2010, after assisted suicide was legalized, suicide rates for those 35-64 increased 49% compared with a 28% increase nationwide.

**Canada:** Tyler Dunlop requested euthanasia because of homelessness. His application is pending Canada's new expanded law.

**Oregon:** Thomas Middleton, suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease, was pressured into assisted suicide by his caregiver. After his death, she stole his money.

**Switzerland:** Two healthy, middle-aged sisters from Arizona, Lila and Susan, took a trip to Switzerland and never returned. Their distraught family learned they died by assisted suicide.

**Colorado:** Two women in their 30's were given lethal drugs to "treat" anorexia nervosa

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## Help stop doctor-assisted suicide in NY before it is too late!

We have seen the devastating effects of so-called "Medical Aid in Dying" in other states and countries. Proponents of doctor-assisted suicide are making a full court press to legalize this deadly practice here in New York State. Lawmakers need to hear from their constituents if we hope to avoid yet another assault on human life. Please tell your State Senate and Assembly representatives and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie that you oppose this dangerous and deadly practice. Contact your legislators today!

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