

Senior Category first place winning essay

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Why I Am Pro-Life

Physician assisted suicide is the voluntary termination of one's own life by the administration of a lethal substance with the direct or indirect assistance of a doctor. An average of 111 people a year will choose assisted death as a way out of their problems and or illnesses (Deathwithdignity.org).1). I personally believe this is wrong because God has placed certain standards above us so that we may be able to grow spiritually in Him.

Assisted suicide is legal in five states and is also legal in the District of Colombia. Those five states are: California, Colorado, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. In Montana, It is neither illegal nor legal, and the state does not have any laws outlining the act of assisted suicide itself (liveaction.org, 2). As of October 9, 2012, West Virginia bans physician assisted suicide by common law, summarizing the crime of suicide in Section 16-30C-14 of its Code Of Common Laws (Bill 16-30c-14,3).

In the Bible, God says in Exodus 23:7, "Have nothing to do with false charge, and do not put an innocent person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty." If God tells us not to put down an innocent life, how would it be correct for us to make the decision to take away our own life, or anyone else's? In the words of Stella Young, who was a disability activist, writer, and comedian, "The killing of a disabled person is not 'compassionate'. It is not 'euthanasia'. It is murder." We do not own our life, nor do we possess someone else's, therefore I believe that it is not our place to take away the breath that forms life. I am one hundred percent pro life and one hundred percent against assisted suicide, no matter the motive or the reason.