

Logical connectors 2 – Euthanasia

Click on the box with the little arrow and choose the most appropriate connector for each gap.

For some people, choosing the moment of one's death is a right that should not be denied to anyone.

_____, many others think that human life is too valuable to let people ask for and get euthanasia as freely as an abortion, for example. Of course, many _____ oppose abortion on similar grounds.

_____, those in favour of euthanasia claim that living in pain is undignified, and if a person is suffering physically or mentally and he or she has no hope of recovery, it should be their decision to end their life.

_____, it would save the health services a lot of money, _____ making life easier for their relatives, _____ these arguments are not usually voiced in public.

Some of the arguments against euthanasia, _____, are not so practical; _____, most of them are of a moral nature. _____, they put the dignity of human life above all other considerations.

_____, that does not mean that there is no logical or scientific evidence that legalising euthanasia is an indisputable improvement on individual freedom, but quite the contrary.

_____, there is some solid evidence of what will probably happen if we open the door to euthanasia, _____ we can see what is happening in the Netherlands or Belgium, where euthanasia has been legal since 2002: _____ rich old people are receiving palliative care in private clinics to help them live through the last part of their lives free from pain and surrounded by the love of their families, others are fleeing their country and moving to Germany, where they need not fear that a doctor, a nurse or a relative might make the decision to end their lives for them. ⁽¹⁾ _____, that leaves poorer people out of all possible help: they feel they are a burden for their families, they cannot afford palliative care, and they are known to have been actively pressured to ask for euthanasia.

⁽¹⁾ According to a study conducted in 2012, 32% of the assisted deaths in Belgium are carried out without request and 47% of assisted deaths go unreported in the Flanders region of Belgium.

Some information freely adapted from: <https://care.org.uk/cause/assisted-suicide#s:forAndAgainst>