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[–] SvenTropics 1359 points 17 hours ago 5

So, I was reading about this. No doctor needs to be involved because there are no injections. It essentially just replaces all the air with nitrogen. Nitrogen is most of what you breathe anyway, and it doesn't react with your body at all with the exception of giving you the bends when you have massive changes in air pressure over a short period of time. That feeling you get when you hold your breath and feel like you really need to breathe is actually your body detecting the ph change from carbon dioxide building up in your lungs. (CO_2 is acidic) Nitrogen doesn't give you that feeling, but it's also not oxygen. So, you don't even realize you are suffocating and just become gradually hypoxic over a couple of minutes and pass out. Then you die from lack of oxygen over the next couple of minutes.

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[–] GaiusMario 477 points 16 hours ago

Thanks for this comment. This beggars the question why hasn't it been used for capital punishment?

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[–] I_R_Teh_Taco 533 points 15 hours ago

Here are some of the points I can think of:

1) probably needs approval to be recognized as a valid method of execution

2) some people don't want peaceful death for those sentenced to execution

3) they'd need to find a company willing to be associated with executions

Or the governments just dont wanna do it, no reason needed beyond that one, really

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[–] cm_osu 104 points 12 hours ago

I'm pretty sure its approved for use in Oklahoma but it hasn't been used.

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[–] **woah-im-colin** 61 points 7 hours ago*

Yeah that machine doesn’t look cheap. Reason #1.

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[–] **DeEzNuTs_6** 43 points 14 hours ago

Because those people don’t deserve a peaceful death, I assume

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[–] **ApocolypseDelivery** 37 points 10 hours ago

Actually, they do, see the 8th amendment.

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[–] **ShittyLeagueDrawings** 44 points 9 hours ago

I mean you're right but the constitution doesn't actually matter. What matters is if the government decides it's in political interest to enforce a part of it.

The constitution is a piece of paper interpreted to fit agendas.

The US justice/prison system absolutely is not about stopping unnecessary harm.

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[–] **Streyeder** 2062 points 18 hours ago 2

Terrifying is slowly dying in a hospital bed without the care and comforts of family/home.

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[–] **Lucky-Worth** 480 points 18 hours ago

Even with the care of family and friends and in the comfort of home it can be brutal, painful and without dignity

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[–] **ShaggysInsideOutAnus** 185 points 17 hours ago*

Cut me up and throw me out a plane for a great scavenger hunt.

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[–] **Lucky-Worth** 97 points 17 hours ago

Why not hide the pieces at Disneyland? The kids will get a holiday they'll never forget!

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[–] **Fat_Head_Carl** 44 points 16 hours ago

This vision is the type of stuff that keeps me motivated

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[–] **Salt-Negotiation-644** 8 points 13 hours ago

People get busted scattering ashes as Disney all the time.

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[–] **Dopplerganager** 16 points 14 hours ago

You're looking for a Tibetan Sky Burial.

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[–] **szwabski_kurwik** 23 points 15 hours ago

I work in medicine and I'd argue it sometimes even gets worse when family gets involved. Lots of stories of families prolonging the patient's suffering and expecting a "miracle" that has no chances of happening.

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[–] **Blynn025** 147 points 17 hours ago

My mom was 47 when she died from lung cancer. I have PTSD from watching her die over the course of a week, ending with her choking to death. I would have risked jail to end her suffering early. It was hell.

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[–] **Particular_Sock_2864** 39 points 16 hours ago

I'm so sorry that must have been brutal. I still hear the cries of agony from my grandmother over the phone when she was succumbing to cancer. Horrifying. All the best to you.

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[–] **thebigshipper** 19 points 13 hours ago

I think I needed to read this to adjust some perspective on my life today.

That does sound horrifying and must be an incredibly difficult memory to have. Hope you’ve made or are able to make peace with it.

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[–] **fhjuyrc** 59 points 13 hours ago

My father was in home hospice. Really ill. Nurse said I could give him morphine as needed. Said ‘be aware this is a fatal dose' and laid out six ampoules. Went to read a magazine in the other room. My old man died shortly thereafter. Assisted death is available in the USA, but you have to be super-low key about it. Just take the hint. Do not discuss.

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[–] **PootyTangsCousin** 20 points 10 hours ago

It's part of the reason why I moved to Colorado. They have physician assisted suicide, and I have COPD. But just in case the bureaucracy gets bogged down, I have a 600ml bottle of morphine in oral suspension I got from a neighbor who was dying of prostate cancer. Us old geezers have to look out for each other, nobody else gives a shit.

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[–] **PresentationJumpy101** 17 points 12 hours ago

My grandma died the same way in Florida (brain cancer)

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[–] **Key_Team1192** 16 points 11 hours ago

This exact thing played out with my Grandmother, we talked about it beforehand, she let me know when it was time and the nurse left the meds on the table. I wouldn't do it any differently, it was a dignified and pain free death and I pray to God someone does the same for me one day if need be.

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[–] **dissoid** 12 points 12 hours ago

I've heard this before, and I guess it's kind of an open secret in hospices. Patients get as much medication against the pain as they need until the scale tips and they die.

Assisted suicide is heavily discussed here in Switzerland, because of hospices, among other things. But honestly, depending on the illness, I understand people who go to the assisted suicide association before shit hits the fan.

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[–] **innocently_cold** 6 points 9 hours ago

Here in Canada we have had MAID for a few years. My dad chose this route in 202 when his ALS finally made him bed ridden and he was fully paralyzed. Next Step was suffocating to death because his lung muscles would quit working.

He chose assisted suicide and I am so grateful he could go out how he wanted, when he wanted. He fought a valiant fight for a year and a half. He just couldn't fight anymore.

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[–] **JustTheComputerGuy** 9 points 11 hours ago

You're a good dude. You did you dad a solid one. I hope you don't hold any negativity about that. It was the right thing to do.

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[–] **Odd_Bandicoot_4945** 12 points 13 hours ago*

I'm so sorry that happened to you.... and I feel your pain. Almost 2 years ago my mom died from pancreatic cancer in her final two weeks in the hospital. It was such a horrible experience. Covid restrictions and covid nurse shortages/burn out made this whole process even worse.

It is hard not to blame myself for not being able to do more for her or be with her in her last moments. I will never know how bad it was... or even what she was feeling. What anyone was doing for her etc. It hurts like hell. Such an important moment in our lives and it was hell on earth.

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[–] **WISMK** 103 points 17 hours ago

RN here. Just finished a shift where multiple patients of mine made me think "I'd rather be dead than be like this guy"

But the people's families just keep pushing for more treatment. Some of them have been in the hospital for 3+ months, and are being sustained with feeding tubes, and getting dialysis after their kidneys shut down. It's really sad to see. People need to not fear death and try to make dying comfortable for their loved ones.

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[–] **ookyspoopy** 60 points 15 hours ago

100% this. My grandfather had cancer and my mom and uncle were hell bent on doing everything they could to keep him alive. He knew he was going to die and was adamant he wanted to die in his house with his wife by his side. My mom and uncle didnt accept his wishes and shipped my grandparents off to seperate care homes because my grandmother has Alzheimers. My grandfather just gave up after that. He constantly told everyone he wanted to die but my mom and uncle just kept pushing for treatment. When he wasn't getting better they blamed it on the doctors and said they weren't trying. I saw my grandfather a couple days before he passed and he was just a shell of the man I once knew. He was in so much pain and looked like a skeleton begging to die. I still remember my uncle and aunt asking us to pray for him to get better as I left. I did pray. I prayed he would pass soon so he could stop suffering. He passed a couple days later.

I've always been a big supporter of assisted suicide for the terminally ill. There is no doubt in my mind that if someone went to my grandfather and said "I can help you end this suffering" he would take it.

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[–] **redbradbury** 31 points 16 hours ago

Please say this louder!! Keeping terminal pts alive bc *you* will be sad when they die is monstrous. And tbh, many times oncologists know they are looking at terminal illness, yet prescribe a course of care involving surgeries, radiation, chemo… when the end game is the same. I really do not support "fighting" with everything you've got to throw at it- it diminishes the quality of the time left.

I was the primary carer for a relative with glioblastoma. The treatments were worse than the disease & just prolonged confusion, suffering, falls, and not to be negated cost us $150k out of pocket bc memory care isn't free in the US unless you're destitute. We finally brought him home after deciding what we could do for him was no worse than the staff there who ignored him. He was severely dehydrated since they didn't bother to ensure he had fluids & died within 12 hours of the transport home. I wish we would have been able to just keep him at home sedated- but that was not an option ever offered to us. Fuck the for-profit health care system.

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[–] Izumi_Takeda 31 points 16 hours ago

yep, to anyone who has ever had to watch someone they love go though hospice until they naturally die, this pod is actually a merciful guide that many people should be allowed to use. I wish my grandma could have used it.

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[–] sam_neil 37 points 15 hours ago

I work as a paramedic, and that is literally my worst fear. We frequently get called to "skilled" nursing facilities- nursing homes for people who need extensive, constant medical care.

I'm sure there are great nursing homes out there, but if meemaw is feeling anything after being resuscitated out of cardiac arrest after 30 minutes it isn't the joy of staring at a wall 24/7 for months on end before she inevitably goes septic from some combination of a decubitus ulcer or a UTI.

I plan on getting a DNR when I turn 50. Quality over quantity all the way.

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[–] Snowstig 26 points 17 hours ago

And then leaving that family with a butt load of medical debt.

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[–] sp00dynewt 29 points 17 hours ago

You're thinking of USA capitalists not the rest of the world

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[–] painandsimple 11 points 17 hours ago

I can buy my own gas tyvm

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[–] ModernDayKingNZ 1150 points 18 hours ago

I've never seen someone look so happy to be unlife

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[–] Flyingfish3234 734 points 18 hours ago

The woman in the photo was just taking pictures in it for an interview or something. It was completely disabled.

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[–] Non-curing_grease 704 points 18 hours ago

That's what she was told

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[–] Flyingfish3234 440 points 18 hours ago

The pod then locks. Cue the credits.

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[–] HamOnRye__ 270 points 13 hours ago

"You are now dead. Thank you for using Stop and Drop, America's favorite Suicide Booth since 2008."

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[–] bigassgingerbreadman 53 points 16 hours ago

They told her she would be disabled and she misheard them.

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[–] Independent-Sir-729 21 points 14 hours ago

What if I'm already disabled? Does it cancel out? Do I become enabled?

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[–] David_Good_Enough 35 points 16 hours ago

I know there are safety protocols and all, but I would probably not get into this capsule even for a picture. You know... JUST

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[–] theahaiku 64 points 18 hours ago

maybe life is more painful than getting unlife

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[–] BoringMeasurements 2919 points 18 hours ago

You want to see terrifying as fuck? Go watch someone die "naturally".

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[–] rabbidasseater 1247 points 18 hours ago

Yes. Took me years to get over watching a loved one drown in there own bodily fluids for 2 hours from cancer.

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[–] BandicootFantastic14 494 points 17 hours ago

My mother in law passed away from aggressive uterine cancer, that spread to her lungs. It was terrible. So I exactly know what you mean. This was last May and it still haunts me. I think I legit have PTSD and it shows up as major health anxiety for me permalink embed save parent report reply

[–] RoosterTheReal 267 points 17 hours ago

I watched mine die twice in 3 days. Once when she had a massive coronary while we were watching three's company, then again 3 days later when we took her off life support. That really sucked. My heart goes out to everyone who has watched helplessly as a loved one died right in front of them

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[–] WizardsOfTheNorth 184 points 15 hours ago*

My grandpa had a massive heart attack while we were at a resort on vacation, nearest hospital was nearly an hour away. My Dad and a few of the lifeguards who rushed over worked on him doing CPR for 40 minutes before the ambulance arrived.

I was frustrated with the paramedics for not being able to save him, but my Dad (who was also a retired cop) told me when we were alone driving one day "your pop was gone the second he hit the floor, we worked on him so that your Mom and Nana wouldn't have to sit watching with their dead loved one like that waiting"

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[–] aaronhernandr 32 points 17 hours ago

Yeah my father in law passed to something similar, it was traumatic and terrible, did not expect it..

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[–] Pauly_Wauly_Guy 15 points 16 hours ago

I watched my Mam die like that in September 2011, I still find it difficult to even think about.

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[–] TheOrangeTickler 13 points 16 hours ago

Speaking to someone about the trauma is perfectly fine. Grief counselors are a real thing and do help.

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[–] milquetoastandjelly 19 points 16 hours ago

I'm so sorry you had to go through that; that's awful and heartbreaking. If you haven't already, there's no shame in seeking help with the PTSD and taking meds for it if you need to. Medication did wonders for my anxiety. It doesn't change the past but it helps you deal with the present.

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[–] LORD_0F_THE_RINGS 9 points 16 hours ago

You almost certainly do have PTSD from that, and you should probably talk to someone about it.

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[–] emmalinemaya 31 points 17 hours ago

Yep my Pop died from oesophageal cancer and I will never the awful noises he made while trying to breath on the morning he died.

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[–] Superflypete 42 points 17 hours ago

COPD and lung cancer are fucking horrible, my best friend has both and it's so, so hard to watch.

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[–] Blynn025 26 points 17 hours ago

My mom died of lung cancer at 47. It was hell.

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[–] Superflypete 17 points 16 hours ago

I'm so sorry both of you had to endure that.

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[–] UseStatus8727 67 points 18 hours ago

I am so sorry that happened to you.

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[–] rabbidasseater 93 points 17 hours ago

Worst thing is I promised her she wouldn't suffer but her last hours were on a holiday day and they were short staffed. I had to beg for more doses of morphine to be administered so that she would pass quicker.

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[–] RuleOfBlueRoses 34 points 17 hours ago

The opiate hysteria has left people behind to suffer needlessly and inhumanely.

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[–] UseStatus8727 27 points 17 hours ago

So sorry.

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[–] ClassroomMore5437 35 points 17 hours ago

I wasn't there, when my mom died, they said she passed away peacefully, but I always had the feeling they just wanted to save me from the gruesome reality, and they lied.

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[–] NeighborhoodPrize782 39 points 16 hours ago

I'm a nurse… people can die peacefully in hospice if given the right meds. Try not to think the worst

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[–] Infamous_One2476 22 points 16 hours ago

I wish more families were presented with hospice/palliative care. It's a wonderful service that allowed my father to pass surrounded in love and in no pain.

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[–] **HigherCommonSense** 11 points 16 hours ago

I can confirm that it can happen. My dad died peacefully under hospice care.

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[–] **rottenjoy** 9 points 17 hours ago

I'm so sorry you went through that. I was with my father in law last year when he succumbed to cancer. I still think about it every single day. I've also made a it a point to force myself to recollect a memory of him before he got sick every time I think about his final moments. It sure helps

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[–] **smallsloth1320** 70 points 17 hours ago

I'm a nurse and agree 100%. Especially after a full code, CPR and resuscitation is traumatic

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[–] **psudo_help** 29 points 16 hours ago

Thanks for what you do.

My brother and SIL are nurses. They say it can be disturbing how many times someone has to to die before we actually let them — coding and being resuscitated over and over if the family doesn't give up

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[–] **Sloth_grl** 11 points 15 hours ago

I plan on having a do not resuscitate order when I get older.

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[–] **FullMarksCuisine** 6 points 13 hours ago

That'd be a great chest tattoo

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[–] **RandoAussieBloke** 52 points 17 hours ago

Yep.

Grandad has dementia, granma starting to get frizzed too.

Both have expressed - during more lucid moments - wishing they could pass away so we wouldn't have to stress over them.

But there's nothing we can do over here.

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[–] **boredenough2comment** 22 points 15 hours ago

My grandma has alzheimers. Aside from the coming and going from lucidity, her personality has completely changed. She was a sweet, kind loving woman for 85 years and now she's mean and cruel, swears like a trooper and has said some of the worst things you can imagine to her loved ones.

I wish she'd died peacefully a few years ago.

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[–] **FromUnderTheWineCork** 12 points 14 hours ago

My grandma was sedated AF for her last year. My mom and her sisters were truly shocked to see the state she was in a few weeks before the end and were horrified they let that happen to her, but reading about the alternative where the person you love is replaced by a hateful, spiteful person, the sedation was probably best case scenario.

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[–] **boredenough2comment** 16 points 14 hours ago

My gran is still able to use the phone, she calls everyone, often dozens of times (but then gets confused why you called her...)

It's awful but we just don't answer anymore. It feels like you've abandoned a loved one but she just gets upset, angry and confused (all at once) and it doesn't make it better.

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[–] **DietHumanity** 60 points 17 hours ago

Oh it's awful, I witnessed many deaths working as a Care Assistant. People panic despite the drugs pumped into them to alleviate anxiety, so a good portion of time leading up to the death is hyperventilating due to the knowledge of their impending death. Their skin turns a pale gray, they sweat buckets, stop blinking so a thick film covers their eyes, it looks terrifying. Then things get quiet for a little while before they pass on, which seems to be the most peaceful thing about the death, but the lead up is awful to watch.

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[–] **cuirboy** 17 points 13 hours ago

My father in law was in hospice care in our home, and I happened to be the one in the room when he died. He had been lying pretty much immobile and silent for days. Then he suddenly sat up and sort of cried out, and I could see absolute panic on his face. I assume it was a response to his heart finally stopping (not a doctor so may be absolutely wrong here, though). He lay back down and just faded from panic to death in about 30 seconds. All I could do was rub his arm and tell him it was going to be okay. It was awful. My husband felt bad he wasn't there when his father died, but I'm so glad he wasn't. I've never told him how bad that moment was for his father. I just said it was quiet and peaceful.

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[–] **tommy29016** 6 points 13 hours ago

Very thoughtful. I'm sorry you had to see that as well.

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[–] whacafan 7 points 13 hours ago

Already being afraid of death, this just put me in a state of anxiety I haven't felt in a long time.

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[–] Poctah 34 points 17 hours ago

my grandma passed from kidney failure(she also had other health issues). She suffered for over a year(had to wear diapers and be helped wiping, on oxygen and could barely walk without assistance plus in and out of the hospital and had to do dialysis) before they let her go in hospice and pass naturally and stop dialysis. It took 9 days for her to pass and the whole time in hospice she would cry nonstop and scream can I just die now(that was even with her doped up on tons of pain meds). It was extremely hard to watch. I don't wish it on anyone.

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[–] Boop-D-Boop 27 points 17 hours ago

She looks pretty darn happy to me.

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[–] throwawaycanadian2 15 points 16 hours ago

The person in the photo was just demonstrating the pod and not actually using it.

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[–] wrongretard 14 points 15 hours ago

she wasted free trial smh

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[–] IAmNotOnRedditAtWork 5 points 15 hours ago

That's what she thought, but they had to test it somehow.

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[–] Crazy_Discussion2345 44 points 17 hours ago

RIP Dad. Had to take him off life support and watch him die. Fuck Covid

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[–] Boop-D-Boop 11 points 17 hours ago

I'm so sorry you went through that.

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[–] NevMiner 702 points 17 hours ago 2

If you love your pet enough to spare them the agony and pain, why wouldn't you do that for a loved one?

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[–] displayedzone 337 points 14 hours ago

It's weird how people will come to you when you put down a pet and say "they are in a better place now." And "at least they aren't in pain anymore"

But with humans we'd prefer they weren't in a better place and remained in pain until the bitter end where the family member barely even recognise them.

Also how arrogant is it to make laws based on death considering our profound lack of understanding of it. It's bang out of order for me.

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[–] RandomowyMetal 69 points 13 hours ago

"Holy book says you must suffer so you must suffer. What you say? You are not a follower of my faith? I don't care, suffer bitch..."

That's the logic, at least in some cases like my country. Euthanasia should by legal always in case of "death sentece" sicknes/disease. Ofc with some regulations to avoid abusing.

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[–] ilovetopoopie 30 points 12 hours ago

Can't wait for the year 3000 when suicide booths are a thing.

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[–] xTeamRwbyx 19 points 11 hours ago

Would you like quick and painless or slow and horrible

I'd like to make a collect call

You have chosen slow and horrible

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[–] eveningsand 14 points 12 hours ago

Because my mom keeps telling me she doesn't want to die, despite the encouragement to get in the fucking nitrogen happy chamber.

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[–] cyndimj 25 points 8 hours ago

Papa died from Covid-19 last year. He was 98. It wasn't that he died that haunts me. It's how he died. Gasping for air in his last hours. Watching a great man with a great life die in such a painful horrific way. I wrote a journal entry immediately after the visit. In graphic detail about how he passed. I was trying to process what I witnessed. It haunts me. The sounds haunt me. Again, he was very elderly so they didnt try to intubate. But the sounds...all I could think was, you wouldnt let a dog suffer like this and call it life.

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[–] **h8-3putts** 13 points 5 hours ago

My mom had non covid related lung issues last November. She wasn't strong enough to survive surgery. The bipap machine was really uncomfortable and she had no chance of getting better, so she chose to stop treatments.

We were able to be with her that day. She was fine for a while with just a little cough. We mentioned it to the nurses, who gave her some cough medicine. About 15 mins later, we could hear her lungs fill up with fluid. She was struggling so hard to breath and had a panicked look on her face. Eventually she started breathing really shallow. We waited with her for hours as her breathing slowed and stopped gasping for air.

I cannot get the image of my mom struggling to breathe with panick on her face out of my mind. I kept hoping each breathe would be her last, for her sake.

When it's time to go, give me the nitrogen and save everyone the pain and suffering.

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[–] **shabangdoozie** 8 points 4 hours ago

This is heartbreaking. I am so sorry about your mom.

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[–] **OldComfort3669** 128 points 16 hours ago

Not terrifying at all. My mother opted for assisted suicide after entering a hospital in Oregon. Her stage 4 lung cancer had spread to her liver, kidneys and brain and she was told in the late afternoon that she wouldn't see the next day's sunrise. She opted for AS because at that point, nothing touched the pain and she simply wanted it to stop. I don't judge people for wanting to check out, sometimes it's their only option. (edit: context)

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[–] **Expensive-Advice-270** 14 points 9 hours ago

I watched a documentary called How To Die in Oregon. Totally changed my mind on the issue. She is at peace.

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[–] **batsfordays21** 1147 points 18 hours ago 2

I for one am pretty happy with this. At this point it’s not something I would personally be interested in but I’m a huge believer in body autonomy - suicide included. From my understanding you can’t just go somewhere and use it without a screening process. It’s a huge step towards compassion, especially for people with painful terminal illness. We put our pets to sleep when we don’t want them to suffer - so why can’t someone suffering decide to end their own.

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[–] **whoelsebutquagmire75** 130 points 18 hours ago

I’ve said almost exactly this on another thread before but probably way less eloquently. All of this!

My immediate thought was “why is this on terrifying as fuck - this is wonderful!!!” Nothing better in my mind than a dignified and painless way out of pain (physical, mental, emotional) that makes you not want to live AND helps reduce our absurd impact to our dying planet

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[–] **freudian-flip** 7 points 15 hours ago

It would only be TaF if it was publicly available and coin operated.

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[–] **fradzio** 8 points 15 hours ago

It would be literally futurama if that was the case.

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[–] **DuplicarusMKV** 190 points 18 hours ago

This is something I get downvoted massively for saying

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[–] **batsfordays21** 33 points 18 hours ago

Im sure - I fully expect people to be pissed that I’ve said it. I feel like people who don’t understand it have never watched a loved one die a horrible painful death

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[–] **SillyWithTheRitz** 30 points 18 hours ago

It should be an option for people who have just had enough as well. Make it a 1 year process or something so the decision wasn’t made in a rush. Maybe save some families from the trauma finding a body/cleaning the aftermath.

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[–] **_mattocardo** 7 points 14 hours ago

I'm not so sure about allowing it for mental illness. Most of them are very much treatable and often occur in phases that could even be longer than a year. It's a very, very hard and complex topic. Also we have to consider that from year to year our understanding of neuroscience and psychology grows and we might be able to have way more effective treatment for some mental illnesses just a few years later.

Just a example from a form of blood cancer my aunt got diagnosed with over 20 years ago. There was no treatment, the doctors said she would have 1-2 years left if she is lucky. Till my mother, a nurse, found a new study for a new medicine against this exact form of cancer, she applied and got accepted. My aunt will turn 74 this year. I personally believe we can't even fathom the capabilities of modern medicine in 20-30 years. Especially AI will at some point change literally everything.

But aside from this assisted suicide is long overdue and I can't understand how it is even a debate.

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[–] batsfordays21 15 points 18 hours ago*

Yea there are definitely people out there who mentally can't recover from severe depression or mental illness. People don't really grasp the aftermath of a messy suicide. I know here in the US the family is left to deal with it unless they call in a specialist but the police/first responders aren't supposed to recommend any company in particular to people

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[–] TankZealousideal1125 67 points 18 hours ago

I support also assisted suicide, especially those with terminal illnesses. However I can also see the reason why people are trying to prevent this being accepted way to die. People can be pushed and manipulated to take it. And there is a fear of those with illnesses being rejected treatment.

I know people say there is screening but screenings are never 100% proof. They are probably 50% proof.

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[–] Parking_Watch1234 24 points 17 hours ago

On what basis do you hold that screenings are only 50% correct? That sounds like a very made up stat to deter people from supporting assisted suicide.

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[–] heteromer 13 points 17 hours ago

Pulled out of his ass, of course.

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[–] Mirewen15 13 points 18 hours ago

I mean... it's probably the way I'd choose to go when I get up there in years if my husband passes before me. Not saying I'd use it now but we are childfree so sitting in a retirement home/assisted living facility alone isnt really something that I'd rather do.

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[–] awde123 6 points 17 hours ago

Totally agree — it's also important to consider that whether assisted or not, people almost always have the power to take their own life. A mechanism like this with an effective screening/counseling component could ensure that the suicide is performed in a way that does not traumatize others or cause undue suffering to the individual. Most importantly, upon the request, I imagine many would be provided with the resources they need and potentially prevent the action altogether.

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[–] -Aone 20 points 18 hours ago

Assisted suicide is frowned upon as a product of capitalists living off the backs of religious, working class people. Same as abortion or same sex marriage. Im with you, assisted suicide is amazing progress in humanity and our understanding of mental health, as well as just health in general. If you dont like this, you shouldn't be pro-choice. Its actually one step better than abortion as the "fetus" actually wants to die.

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[–] B33Kat 116 points 18 hours ago

Having watched my father battle an ugly, brutal year of cancer, it is good something like this exists. It's not something he would have chosen, but knowing how much pain he was in, I don't doubt he would understand if others wanted that option

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[–] readzalot1 21 points 15 hours ago

It is shameful that a person has to die a lingering death in pain, unless it is their choice so they can remain lucid.

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[–] Gueornuss 30 points 17 hours ago

I am Swiss (sorry for my English) and I want to add some precision without judging if it's bad or not.

In Switzerland the law concerning Assisted suicide is simple, to be candidate for assisted suicide the person must fulfil two conditions:

1. Have full judgment capacity and of course ask for it clearly/explicitly without any possible doubt. For example, a depressive person cannot be allowed for assisted suicide.
2. Have the possibility to inflict her own death. That mean with the capsule, to push the button without assistance (otherwise this is considered as a murder). Paralysed person cannot have assisted suicide for example.

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[–] daughterofozai 4 points 3 hours ago

Apologizes for english

posts comment in perfect english 😊

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[–] weasel_fighter_1312 281 points 18 hours ago

far less terrifying than being plugged with tubes and forced to die in agony as a shell of who you were like most people who get terminal illnesses have to

if I had only months to live I'm going out on my own terms, not my problem it's illegal, whoever cleans up can blame the christians

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[–] sharpei90 45 points 17 hours ago

This Christian doesn't believe in letting people suffer. I feel it's far more humane and loving to let someone died on their own terms, painlessly, and with dignity

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[–] Welsh493 20 points 17 hours ago*

Another Christian here, totally agree. Their choice.

Edit: Wow, the Reddit is strong in this thread, so many lovely people.. almost as if Christianity had many branches or something ...

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[–] Bearded_Gussie 124 points 18 hours ago

Death with dignity should be everybody's right, and this is a step in that direction. All life is sacred, but sometimes due to severe illness or disease life is not worth living.

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[–] NorthLightsSpectrum 66 points 18 hours ago*

Terrifying? This should be a innate right everywhere.

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[–] UnluckyClick8595 130 points 18 hours ago

Can a US citizen travel to Switzerland to use said pod? Asking for a friend

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[–] rocknrollbreakfast 42 points 15 hours ago

Yes you could, and people do. But it's not like the suicide booths in Futurama, there is a process and your egligibility will be evaluated. It is usually only done for terminally ill people, although there have been controversial exceptions. The two most known organizations are Dignitas and Exit.

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[–] toastymarbles 12 points 14 hours ago

You can just travel to Oregon. Earlier this year we passed legislation that allows out of state people to come in to state and use our die with dignity service (i.e. medically assisted suicide).

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[–] SuperFluffyVulpix 22 points 17 hours ago

Second this. Until now I didn't knew they were a thing. I only knew about Exit and Dignitas (and both are taking non-Swiss people too). I hope so!

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[–] jajabor7414 10 points 17 hours ago

third this

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[–] bigrigfrig 7 points 16 hours ago

I might be wrong so don't quote me but I believe you can however there was a case where someone travelled to Switzerland from the UK with their partner and once they returned they were charged with murder

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[–] Illustrious_Ad_498 174 points 18 hours ago

For the sake of people having to clean up after suicide in the first responder field this is a blessing.

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[–] Bud_Dawg 19 points 14 hours ago

Shit when my grandpa killed himself they just took the body. We scrubbed his brains out of the carpet and off the walls ourselves.

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[–] Illustrious_Ad_498 8 points 12 hours ago

Yeah usually that is how it goes. Sucks for everyone involved.

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[–] CloverPatchDistracty 7 points 11 hours ago

Same with my dad. I haven't been able to stand the smell of the cinnamon brooms or pinecones since, as those were used to try to make the scent while we cleaned.

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[–] SquareNuts112 62 points 18 hours ago

If I have a terminal illness, this is hands down how I wanna go.

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[–] Banned_foraJokebro 11 points 16 hours ago

If I was gung-ho on killing my self, I'd ingest enough of an opioid that could kill 10 elephants. Go out in a pure bliss

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[–] SquareNuts112 13 points 16 hours ago

Overdosing isn't painless my dude.

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[–] ComplexLow4430 38 points 18 hours ago

Fucking sign me up

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[–] Satesh400 97 points 18 hours ago

This isn't even a little bit scary.

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[–] StrongIslandPiper 52 points 17 hours ago

I'm almost sad that people are so afraid of letting terminally ill people die, that they wouldn't let them even think about doing this, because to them, these people only exist to stroke their emotions and make them feel good.

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[–] PersonalEnergyDrink 16 points 14 hours ago

People are so damn selfish.

"We have to keep grandma alive even though she's in pain because her death would make me sad!!!"

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[–] FullTorsoApparition 7 points 11 hours ago

I don't think it's so much selfishness as it is the huge disconnect we have with death in western cultures. There's a whole process in place for whisking people's bodies out of the hospital, sight unseen, and into the funeral home where they then try to make the dead person look not-dead. Death, and the medical process of dying, is just not something that is talked about very often.

When my father was dying of lung cancer my family basically acted like nothing was happening 99% of the time. No talk about the future. No discussion of plans. No education on what the end would look like. When it was finally time it ended up being the most traumatic experience of my life because I was expected to help provide home hospice care without any preparation whatsoever.

Our culture views death and discussions about death as "giving up" rather than the logical and natural conclusion of our lives. It's scary, so we avoid it.

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[–] kpecc99 7 points 16 hours ago

I'm pretty sure death is one of the most common irrational fears so it makes sense that a lot of people would have it and find the concept of any death, even a peaceful one scary

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[–] CrispyIceColdWater 37 points 18 hours ago

If the term "execution in a gas chamber" didn't have an overwhelming holocaust connotation, I'd think we'd replace other execution methods with this too. Injections and electrocutions are so brutal compared to happy gas.

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[–] StoptheMadnessUSA 64 points 18 hours ago

Saddest part about this is that EVERY SINGLE HUMAN should have THIS CHOICE. No one should be flying anywhere to obtain it- however….in the USA- it isn't available 😞 I would 100% be for this

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[–] Dutchie-4-ever 52 points 18 hours ago

This is not terrifying…… I wish everybody could have a choice to own your own life

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[–] MutedLayer4564 12 points 18 hours ago

Any pain involved

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[–] Lucky-Worth 26 points 18 hours ago

No it's like going to sleep

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[–] HondyS 9 points 17 hours ago

Eternal sleeping hmmm

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[–] PeeweesSpiritAnimal 5 points 14 hours ago

None. The body doesn't have nitrogen receptors, it has CO2 receptors. You just fade into unconsciousness. None of the panic involved with getting hypoxic/hypercapnic.

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[–] cumberber 23 points 15 hours ago

Lol you wanna see something terrifying as fuck? Go take a walk through a nursing home. Peek through the doors of the tiny rooms with a bed, TV and closet.

Look at the 80+ year old completely brain dead people who are kept alive by criminally underpaid workers.

Take a look at the blind woman with dementia calling out for her mother every waking minute she has.

Look at the decrepit 98 yr old man who gets fed through a tube and drinks through a tube, who doesn't have the brain power to form a single thought in his head.

That's the reality we are living in without assisted deaths.

People waiting in agony for ***decades*** for the sweet release of death.

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[–] xaradevir 10 points 17 hours ago

Works great until the Kryptonians force you into it but you secretly reversed the setting from inside to outside

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[–] xWadi 17 points 18 hours ago

How much to rent for a one time use? Ugh Asking for a friend...

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[–] OutSider1234 9 points 17 hours ago

Sweet. I call next

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[–] dumpster_fire404 8 points 17 hours ago

This is a good thing. There's literally nothing terrifying about it, unless the source of the fear is the process of dying.

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[–] BasuraConBocaGrande 9 points 17 hours ago

This is a kind exit from this cruel world. Better than deepthroating a shotgun or walking off a bridge. I wish the US would catch up.

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[–] Thecrawsome 14 points 16 hours ago

It's not terrifying, it's humane. You're painfully out of touch

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[–] plvmeria 9 points 17 hours ago

This isn't terrifying, it's beautiful and peaceful.

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[–] 1-Ohm 7 points 17 hours ago

Humane as fuck, you mean.

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[–] MrVanderdoody 10 points 17 hours ago

We need them here in the United States. This dystopian reality is exhausting.

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[–] WPrepod 6 points 17 hours ago

As usual, Switzerland is ahead of the rest of us.

It's inhumane how we're forced to pay a fuck ton of money to dull the pain of a slow, inevitable death. Pay endless amounts of money and gain nothing but pain. This is a great option for those who'd rather just end it now.

There's nothing terrifying about this, people deserve the right to end their suffering.

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[–] jasmin710 7 points 16 hours ago

Exactly. I do understand it is a very delicate topic, but to say a person has no right to decide when and how to stop living is just wrong and unfair. Some people suffer terribly, because of physical illnesses, mental illnesses and grief. Obviously everything should be done to avoid this, but if the person can't improve and desperately wants a way out, who are we to condemn them to years of pain and suffering? In the name of what? Selfishness, that's what.

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[–] Leon_Krueger 26 points 18 hours ago

So futurama "Suicide Boots" are a thing now. Good for them

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[–] Kissmytitaniumass 8 points 18 hours ago

Glad they did this first, but I want my damned Slurm now.

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[–] Leon_Krueger 5 points 18 hours ago

Shut up and take my money!

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[–] StrongIslandPiper 15 points 17 hours ago

What's terrifying is that in the 21st century people still don't see suicide as a right

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[–] Rando_username69 34 points 18 hours ago

How is this even remotely terrifying?

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[–] PrincipleDelicious54 14 points 17 hours ago

Far less terrifying than advanced dementia

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[–] gimmitea 6 points 16 hours ago*

I love this. Pls make passing over accessible for all. Normal suicides are agonizing and lack dignity. Let's normalize assisted suicides.

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[–] **Esselon** 7 points 16 hours ago

Given that it's not really that hard to kill yourself this just saves friends/family/children of the burden of walking in on your corpse, calling the police, cleanup, possible years of trauma.

Like everyone I'd rather people not have to kill themselves but I do understand the desire to end your life if you're dealing with something like cancer or ALS.

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[–] **RetrogradeUranus** 13 points 18 hours ago

Bender approves this message

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[–] **ohheyitslaila** 14 points 16 hours ago

This isn't terrifying, it's a step in the right direction. Many people aren't aware, but the medications used in doctor assisted suicide (euthanasia) are still not very reliable and can still be a very painful way to die. People who go the euthanasia by medication route can suffer for up to a couple hours, with severe vomiting, seizures, and trouble breathing.

People should absolutely have the right to die with dignity. They're in enough physical and mental pain already, death should be a peaceful release.

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[–] **Eyeoftheleopard** 27 points 18 hours ago

Those of us that have seen what Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, ALS, and MS does to ppl think this is an excellent idea.

The right to die should be top tier.

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[–] **Syncopatedteen** 8 points 18 hours ago

For the terminal ill / dying right?? I am confused as to who all are allowed to opt for this?

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[–] **PuppyOnKeyboard** 4 points 16 hours ago

It's for the terminally ill. Possibly also for those with debilitating enough illnesses but that's obviously a difficult line to draw.

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[–] **Talkingheadcase4** 5 points 17 hours ago

As a medical professional in a cancer hospital, I approve this message.

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[–] **MjauDuuude** 6 points 17 hours ago

I'm currently working as a cleaner at an old folks home where I see so many people just being kept alive. Because they're humans. It's the most inhuman thing I've seen. They're so unhappy and have absolutely no quality of life, it's absolutely heartbreaking

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[–] **Takeonlyone** 6 points 17 hours ago

Tide Pod seems cheaper

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[–] **RandoAussieBloke** 5 points 17 hours ago

As a guy with a dementia-riddled Grandad...this ain't the problem man.

My Gran dad expressed, in speech and writing during what few sane moments he had left, that he wished he could kill himself to lessen the strain on us having to look out for him.

Further, the pod you mention is designed for a completely painless death, and can also be reversed should the user inside have second thoughts.

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[–] **HoldThePao** 5 points 17 hours ago

Well looks like I need to move to Switzerland when I get older, make it a retirement goal

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[–] **teho9999** 18 points 18 hours ago

im kind scared for them. is it really painless?

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[–] **Angry-Prawn** 22 points 18 hours ago

It is painless. The pain and panic we feel when suffocating is triggered by carbon dioxide buildup in our blood, not the absence of oxygen. Being immersed in nitrogen kills you, because you need oxygen to live, but also prevents the elevated presence of carbon dioxide in your blood, so your death is peaceful.

You essentially feel light-headed, then fall asleep, and then die in your sleep.

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[–] **RoosterTheReal** 5 points 17 hours ago

This is good. The last few seconds of your life shouldn't be filled witn panic

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[–] **Illskilz** 20 points 18 hours ago

Your lungs can't really tell what you're breathing, so long as you do. So I assume that you wouldn't suffocate or anything, probably just blissfully fall asleep (lose consciousness, but It'd feel like falling asleep) as oxygen levels in your brain drop. Then you'd die.

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[–] **No-Garlic5442** 12 points 17 hours ago

> Once activated, the pod fills its interior with nitrogen and rapidly decreases oxygen, causing the person to lose consciousness and ultimately die without panicking or choking. The entire process takes about a minute.

Read this is the news article of this post. It's a completely painless process to die. And the device can be taken to the place where the person wishes to die. The motto of this is "go with style".

It's not terrifying at all, especially if you'd empathize with people whose life isn't worth living. I'm talking about the terminally ill people who are gonna die a horrible painful death nonetheless. I'm honestly happy for them.

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[–] **dustyTrails2u** 4 points 18 hours ago

As someone who has watched people suffer for months or even years from cancer, wasting away and living with the trauma of watching this, I think this is a great idea. I wish more countries were more open to it, including my own. I would much rather take this route and die when I'm not miserable from illness yet and still have my dignity.

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[–] **theuglypotatoo** 6 points 17 hours ago

I wouldnt call this terrifying I would consider it merciful tbh atleast I would know there is a option if I just can't handle it any more... It could be terrifying for people working there tho

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[–] **Otherwise-Space-7245** 5 points 17 hours ago

My first thought was, How can I get a few minutes in the whippit pod?" Then I reread that and realized it's nitrogen, not nitrous oxide.. Not sure about that anymore

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[–] **90_surewhynot_06** 6 points 17 hours ago

My mom died from ALS, and boy, do I wish she would have had this option.

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[–] **Casually_me** 6 points 17 hours ago

Terrifying?

I find it comforting to have the option to go willingly and painlessly.

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[–] **MrMashed** 4 points 17 hours ago*

Terrifying!? Fuck no. This would be the perfect way to go out. The air we breathe daily is full of nitrogen. More than there is oxygen in fact. Which means that you don't notice the nitrogen being pumped in. You won't feel like you're chocking or out of breath or anything of the sort. You'll just start to get tired before eventually passin out and dyin peacefully instead of in physical/emotional agony in a hospital bed or smeared all over the pavement. As someone who's struggled with depression for many years now anyone who sees assisted suicide and more importantly suicide as a whole as a moral wrong is the lowest of the low. Less than dirt imo

If I can put my dog to sleep to end it's suffering then why can't I do the same to myself? If I wanted to I could go outside rn and kill my dog with no questions or repercussions but if I tried to do the same to myself and failed I'd be in big trouble.

There are plenty of morally just and "safe" ways to go about it. Lethal injection for example. Which brings me to another topic. How tf is it morally ok to kill somebody for a crime they committed (sometimes for crimes they didn't even commit) but when someone is diagnosed with a terminal illness or is severely depressed all of a sudden it becomes a big taboo area? No I'm not even gonna get into that. I'm already ranting and if I say anythin else I'm gonna say somethin stupid and regret it

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[–] **RoosterTheReal** 5 points 17 hours ago*

So what …they suffocate??

Edit: I read up on this and thankfully you don't suffocate. Apparently breathing inert gasses don't cause that panicked feeling of suffocating. As someone with a progressive disease this makes me feel much better about the entire concept of Assisted suicide and MAiD

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[–] **Bundle_of_Organs** 5 points 17 hours ago

I wish this was allowed in my country. I'd rather this option rather than the slow agonising death than i will probably get.

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[–] **SFWworkaccoun-T** 5 points 16 hours ago

Humane as fuck, for everybody involved in a no way to fight back illness situation. I have a good plan if this illness scenario shows up in my life. I will talk it out with my family, take a trip to Switzerland with everybody who wants to, enjoy my last functional moments with my loved ones. Then everybody leaves, I stay.

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[–] **morathi__** 10 points 18 hours ago

I'm pretty sure that this is actually used to extract a xenomorph from your abdomen

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[–] **kisnney-almeida** 10 points 18 hours ago

Not terrifying at all

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[–] **chefkittious** 4 points 17 hours ago

Not as terrifying as many other want to die. This feels more humane

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[–] **misterbigsteve** 4 points 17 hours ago

Yeah I have to agree with the other comments here. I saw my dad die of MND (ALS) in a hospital bed. No dignity, trapped in his own body, and you know what? He was lucky because at least he still had his mind. Honestly fuck people against assisted suicide.

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[–] sei556 4 points 17 hours ago

Honestly pretty cool! Good job Switzerland!

I don't think this should be available to just anyone who wants to end it, but rather those who have nothing left in front of them but an agonizing death. Which I'm pretty sure this is designed for.

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This is very humane and a sign of progress imo. Not everybody wants to die naturally.

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Terrifying is having a terminal illness, suffering from excruciating pain, being in hospice care just waiting to be out of your misery.

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Wrong sub. There's nothing terrifying about this.

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Americans think it's terrifying because they wouldn't get to milk the patient for every dime possible while they slowly die.

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