

Thank you for the possibility of making you know my views on Bill C-14:

My first comment is that a society which allows some to kill others is a society which is doomed because it denies to its citizens a fundamental value: the value of all human life. Because this value was our value Capital punishment was abolished in Canada.

Following that same trend of thought I want to congratulate the government for their effort to give solutions to the problems young natives, men and women, are experiencing in the north of Ontario and which have taken many of them to commit suicide. However with that I see as a total incoherence from the part of the government to admit to assisted suicide and euthanasia young adults, as young as 18 years old. The government is sending to young people a very mixed message: is life worth fighting for or not?

The access to euthanasia and assisted suicide should not be available for young people.

Finally another very important issue: the law should respect freedom of conscience which is enshrined in our Charter of Rights, and protects it. The new law, if it passes, should not only respect but protect those who will refuse to participate in assisted suicide and euthanasia and who will not refer their patients to someone else who is willing to kill them either. To respect and protect those persons and institutions who because of their conscience or religious beliefs refuse to participate in assisted suicide and euthanasia, is very important, they should never suffer for that fact and should not be punished in anyway whatsoever.

If ever Canada were to impose on people a unique way of thinking and acting without respect for the beliefs and consciences of its citizens, Canada would stop being a democracy to become a tyranny.

I am sure that those of you who are members of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights do not intend to destroy Canada as a democracy and I trust in your good judgement to find solutions that do not punish institutions, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, etc. who will refuse to collaborate with assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Thank you for you attention

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