

Abstract:

In the thesis titled *About Risks Resulting from the Legalization of Euthanasia* I outline several utilitarian arguments in favor of legalizing euthanasia and further arguments to refute the idea of its legalization. The fundamental argument against legalization of euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide is based on the refusal of these utilitarian tendencies and on Kant's conception of *dignity* as it can be found in his *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, along with a secular conception of the idea of the sanctity of human life. Beside other things is discussed also the question of whether philosophy has its rightful place in the discussion about the legalization of euthanasia at all or the relationship between euthanasia and palliative care.