End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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Assisted suicide, while seemingly compassionate and letting people escape from their very real misery, sends out a message that some people's lives are not worth living - these people are valueless! Palliative care already caters for "end of life care with a minimum of distress." Why change something that works well? Why not increase it?

Devaluing human life has a very deleterious effect on society as the attitude towards such people would change - pragmatism would replace care and compassion - and who would be the judge? Relatives / patients on a bad day?

The scope of this Bill is particularly worrying as it encompasses anyone who cannot live independently. This includes people with varying degrees of disability, over 16 years of age, not just those with terminal illness.

The professional medical bodies and the B.M.A do not support assisted suicide and they are the experts.

It would be impossible to monitor every case of assisted suicide to ensure no abuse.

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