

Should euthanasia be legalised in the UK for patients suffering from a terminal illness?



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I always intended to do an EPQ (and was happy to not have to do it on top of my school work) and enjoyed researching in-depth just one topic of interest to me.

When brainstorming ideas I knew I wanted to do a question which sparked a level of controversy and that would relate to medicine, which I am considering doing at university.

There are strong arguments for both sides of the euthanasia argument neither of which I knew much about before starting my EPQ and I was, therefore, intrigued to find out more.

While researching I found out that many countries including the Netherlands, Australia, Switzerland and, more recently, New Zealand have already legalised euthanasia and all use different methods of regulation.

My favourite part of the EPQ was doing a major case study into euthanasia in the Netherlands and seeing how we could apply a similar approach in the UK. As such, I came to the conclusion that they had a very thorough system that I think would not only work well in the UK, but benefit a lot of people.