## **Editorial**

## They're Giving You the Right To Die

While the basic Four Freedoms made famous by President Franklin Roosevelt—the freedom of speech and worship, and the freedom from want and fear—are being ripped up en masse by the permanent war and austerity policies dictated by the global financial system, there is one right which is being expanded at a frightening rate: the right to die.

Look at the global pattern:

- The Dutch health-insurance fund Menzis has become the first in that country to put euthanasia on its list of standard services, including reimbursement for expenses which relatives of the victims incur. The "service" is delivered in part by mobile medical teams who will come to your home to provide a deadly cocktail called "euthanacticum" for immediate use.
- In Germany, the Bundestag is reworking legislation on assisted suicide, which anti-euthanasia activists consider an open door to legalizing the practice of "mercy killing" that Hitler made infamous.
- In Great Britain, the Cameron government has just authorized an investigation of the huge number of deaths being carried out under the program begun in the Tony Blair-era, the Liverpool Care Pathway, a deep sedation procedure that generally ensures death with two days. A recent audit, as well as anecdotal evidence, has turned up evidence of a huge number of persons being put into the death program without their consent, or even that of their families—as well as indications that the financial incentives being provided to hospitals for putting patients on the Pathway may be leading to mass murder.
- Then there's the United States. So far, the practice of euthanasia (called assisted suicide) has been legislated state-by-state, not on a national level. The most "advanced" case is Oregon, where

drugs to kill yourself were put on the list of medications which the state health program would pay for back in 2008—at the same time that certain drugs for advanced cancer treatment, and for chronic diseases, were ruled out as not sufficiently "cost-effective." In other words, you can get help to exercise your right to die—just not your right to life.

But if Americans do not act soon to replace the current international financial system, and remove from power the lackeys that implement it—notably, President Obama—the Hitlerian policy of getting rid of "lives not worthy to be lived," which is being implemented in Great Britain and Europe, is on its way here. After all, the Blairites who devised the Liverpool Care Pathway were the very same medical "experts" who devised President Obama's Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare). And although they were prevented from putting explicit incentives for euthanasia into the bill, the drive for "cutting unnecessary medical costs" is at the top of the President's agenda, and that of many Republicans as well.

Obama's Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), appropriately called a death panel, is coming soon, to institutionalize a process already well underway.

It's time to call an immediate halt. This is a moral crisis of astounding proportions, a rejection of the very sacred character of human life, as well as our noble tradition as a nation. The money questions can be dealt with by returning to the American System of economic progress, which will provide the level of economic surplus we require to care for *all* our population, as well as to work with those nations much less developed than ourselves.

Once again, it's FDR's policy against Hitler fascism. Will you take a stand?

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