

Il decisivo passo compiuto dalla Sentenza n. 242/19 della Corte Costituzionale sul suicidio medicalmente assistito per lo smantellamento dell'ippocratismo

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A New Decisive Step in Dismantling Hippocratism Made by Constitutional Court's decision n. 242/19 on Medically Assisted Suicide

Abstract: In the Hippocratic paradigm life is teleological, and on that assumption there is a sharp difference between killing and letting die. On the contrary the Italian Constitutional Court asserted the equivalence of killing and letting die, dismantling the Hippocratic paradigm. Not only is Italy on the forefront in permitting assisted suicide, but such a decision requires the conceptual distinction between two different kinds of "killing": killing as terminating a life by merely cutting a biological life's finalism off, and as killing as causing the death of a biographical life.

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