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Euthanasia

The following guide provides Web site links, a list of selected books, and access to online periodical articles about this subject. The Web site links have been researched, evaluated, and annotated by Rio Hondo College Librarians. The Librarians have specifically selected these Web sites to meet the research needs of Rio Hondo College students

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[Euthanasia : The Debate Continues](#)

<http://www.mala.bc.ca/www/ipp/euthanas.htm>

Although these essays were written for a Canadian audience, they address the issue of euthanasia with great insight and ask the difficult philosophical and moral question : Is it possible for us as a society to recognize and assert the fundamental importance of life while at the same time recognizing and asserting the right of a terminally ill patient to die with dignity? These are both excellent, thought-provoking essays, written by scholars of philosophy and religion.

[Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide \(PAS\)](#)

<http://www.religioustolerance.org/euthanas.htm>

Excellent Website that speaks about this issue mainly from a religious perspective, identifying the positions held by the world's major religions. The site also includes euthanasia laws in the United States and in other countries.

[Euthanasia.com](#)

<http://www.euthanasia.com/>

This site provides information and research on euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, living wills, and mercy killing. It has links to numerous related topics, medical, legal, statistical and religions information. Although the site is authored by the Pro-Life Council, it is a good starting point for research on the topic; it is well maintained and current. Some of the information is in Spanish.

[Euthanasia ProCon.org](#)

<http://www.euthanasiaprocon.org>

This site presents in a simple, nonpartisan pro-con format, responses to the core question "Should euthanasia be legal?" questions about the topic are divided into issues and sub-issues. All individuals and organizations quoted are ranked based upon a credibility scale.

[Farewell to Hemlock - Killed By Its Name](#)

<http://www.assistedsuicide.org/farewell-to-hemlock.html>

Euthanasia advocate Derek Humphry wrote this article about the demise of the "Hemlock Society," a famous right-to-die organization that he founded in 1980. (Note: several of the circulating books in the Rio Hondo College library were written by Humphry.)

[Regulating the Right to Die : The Supreme Court Considers Physician-Assisted Suicide / Catherine Hanssens. 1997](#)

<http://www.thebody.com/hanssens/rt2die.html>

Discusses the controversy over the right to die, taking into account all viewpoints. The article is influenced by the author's role as supporter of the civil rights of victims of HIV/AIDS. The site is part of The Body, which has various Web sites on Legal Issues about assisted death.

[Voluntary Euthanasia](#)

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/euthanasia-voluntary/>

This entry is part of a larger site developed and maintained by the Philosophy Dept. of Stanford University. The entry for euthanasia contains excellent definitions and arguments, both pro and con. There are also links to other essays on this subject.

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Issue & Controversies @ FACTS.com

Has up-to-date, in-depth, and objective information on prominent and hotly debated issues.

Books [top](#)

The following books can be located in the Rio Hondo College Library.

Reference Books (2nd floor)

Non-circulating:

Assisted suicide (Current controversies)
Call number: Ref R726.A852 2005

The debatabase book : a must-have guide for successful debate
Call number: Ref ZA3050.D3945 2007x

The ethics of euthanasia (At issue) (Opposing viewpoints series)
Call number: Ref R726.E7753 2005

The right to die (At issue) (At issue. Civil liberties)
Call number: Ref KF3827.E87R58 2006

Suggested Subject Headings

For additional titles on this topic at Rio Hondo, click on the following Library of Congress subject headings:

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The following media can be located in the Rio Hondo College Library, to be viewed in the Library.

An appointment with death
Call number: Video 000994

Focuses on medically-assisted suicide in Holland, the only nation where euthanasia is openly practiced and condoned, and the impact the Dutch experience may have on the euthanasia debate in the United States.

Death and dying : a conversation with Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, M.D.

Call number: Video 000197

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross discusses her work and philosophy, explaining how she handles death in her own family. She also shares her views on euthanasia and death with dignity.

[On our own terms : Moyers on dying](#)

Call number: Video 000492 pt. 3

[pt.3] A Death of One's Own : Unravels the complexities underlying the many choices at the end of life, including the bitter debate over physician-assisted suicide. Three patients, their families, and their doctors discuss some of the hardest decisions, including how to pay for care, what constitutes humane treatment, and how to balance dying and dignity.

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The Rio Hondo College Library provides online access to full-text articles through our [online databases](#). Please note: you must be a Rio Hondo College student, faculty, staff or board member to use these services.

The sample searches and articles below are from the [ProQuest](#) database. If you are viewing this subject guide from an on-campus computer, simply click on the links below. To gain access if you are at home or off-campus, first click here: <https://rioweb.rh.cc.ca.us/library/>. Input your student ID number and password [your birthdate]. You will see a list of all the online databases to which you have access. Click on ProQuest and enter the database. You may conduct your own searches at this point or come back to this subject guide and click on any of the links below:

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[\(SUB \(euthanasia\) and against \)](#)

[\(SUB \(assisted suicide\) and legaliz* \)](#)

[\(SUB \(assisted suicide\) and terminally ill \)](#)

[\("Death with Dignity Act"\)](#)

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