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euthanasia

This guide is an introduction to the research process that, while not being an exhaustive list of information resources available, should be helpful in getting started in your research about euthanasia. Below you will find pointers to suggested research terms about euthanasia, materials in the library catalog about euthanasia, and links to library databases that contain information about euthanasia. Please use our email reference service, contact us at (310) 434-4254, or visit us in the library at the reference desk if you need further assistance.

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Suggested Research Terms

One of the helpful things when searching for information about a topic is a short list of terms related to a topic. We think the following terms will help with your research about euthanasia:

- euthanasia
- mercy killing
- right to die
- medical ethics

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Materials in the library catalog about euthanasia

We have the following materials in the library catalog about euthanasia:

- euthanasia
- assisted suicide
- terminal care

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Websites on euthanasia

The following websites will help you with your research on euthanasia:

- Voluntary Euthanasia
  This entry from the Stanford University Encyclopedia of Philosophy sets out five individually necessary conditions for anyone to be a candidate for legalized voluntary euthanasia (or, in some usages, physician-assisted suicide), outlines the moral case advanced by those in favor of legalizing voluntary euthanasia, and discusses five of the more important objections made by those opposed to the legalization of voluntary euthanasia.

- Should Euthanasia be Legal?
  This site presents in a simple, nonpartisan pro-con format, responses to the core question "Should euthanasia be legal?" Questions are divided into the issues and sub-issues such as...
moral, and health care implications. It is published by ProCon.org, a nonprofit organization with no government affiliations with the goal of researching complicated, important issues and presenting them in a balanced, comprehensive, straightforward, and primarily pro-con format for free and without advertising.

- **Physician-Assisted Suicide: Pro and Con**
  This site from BalancedPolitics.org (“dedicated to balanced, non-partisan discussion of important societal issues”) gives for/against arguments about euthanasia “in a nutshell” including an overview of the topic, background information, and related links.

- **Euthanasia and End of Life Decisions**
  This University of San Diego website explores the topic from an ethical standpoint, including links, court decisions, statistical information and articles.

**Library Databases relevant to euthanasia**

The following Santa Monica College Library online databases may contain material relevant to euthanasia. Databases may include magazine, newspaper and journal articles. **Off-campus users, please note: you must be a Santa Monica College student, faculty or staff member to use these services.**

- **Academic Search Premier, MasterFile Premier**
  Academic Search Premier and MasterFile Premier provide full text for over 6200 periodicals including full text for more than 3,500 peer-reviewed journals. Coverage spans virtually every area of academic study and offers information dating as far back as 1975.

- **National Newspapers (U.S.)**

- **Philosophy and Religion Collection**
  Covers such topics as epistemology, political philosophy, philosophy of language, moral philosophy and the history of philosophy, world religions, biblical studies, religious history. Includes more than 300 full text journals.

- **Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection**
  Provides coverage of nearly 550 full text journals, covering topics such as emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational and experimental methods.

- **Health Source**
  Health Source: Consumer Edition offers information on many health topics including the medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine and general health. Has full text for nearly 300 journals.

- **JSTOR**

- **Medline**
  Search abstracts from over 4,600 biomedical journals for information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, pre-clinical sciences, and much more.

- **Nursing Journals (Ovid)**
  A collection of twenty nursing journals from Lippincott Williams & Wilkins made available through Ovid.

- **Nursing Resources**
  Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition provides more than 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines and also features abstracts and indexing for nearly 850 journals. Clinical Pharmacology provides access to information for prescription drugs, herbal and nutritional supplements, over-the-counter products and new and investigational drugs. CINAHL provides indexing for over 500 journals in nursing and other allied health disciplines.

- **CINAHL Plus with Full Text**
  Provides complete coverage of the professional literature in nursing, 14 allied health disciplines and health sciences librarianship. In addition, there are over 560 journals in full text.
History Reference Center
A comprehensive full text history reference database that covers both U.S. and world history. Includes historical documents and articles from reference books, history magazines, journals, and newspapers. Also timelines, biographies, maps, photos and video clips.

Encyclopedia Americana
Includes 45,000 articles, plus thousands of hypertext links to web sites featuring additional data. It is updated quarterly.

Encyclopedia, Funk and Wagnalls New World
Provides over 25,000 encyclopedic entries covering a variety of subject areas.

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