Assisted Suicide for Prisoners: An Ethical and Legal Analysis from the Swiss Context

Should prisoners be allowed to access assisted suicide? Whereas the ethical and legal issues regarding assisted suicide have now been extensively discussed in the literature, surprisingly scarce attention has been given to the pressing issue of inmates requesting assistance in dying. Through an analysis supported by the Swiss legal framework, this paper argues that there are no good reasons to restrict access to prisoners on the grounds of the principle of equivalence, the meaning of the death penalty as a punishment or lack thereof, and autonomy.

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