**Live Q&A with Prof. Sandel this Saturday, 6/29 from 1-2pm EDT**

[**BenChida**](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/1330541)*5 days ago*

Hi all!

We've finally worked out all the wrinkles and we're excited to announce another live Q&A event with Prof. Sandel. It will be from 1-2pm EDT this Saturday, 6/29. Please check out the 'Course Info' page for more details.

We hope you can join us!

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from Dave: Can you explain why you think Rawls is wrong on the prioritization of rights over the "good?" How can you prevent abuses based on prioritizing the "good": e.g., if studies showed that same sex marriage provided a bad environment for children (lower IQ, higher criminality, etc) then this could be used to justify banning such marriages. But then studies showing similar effects in mixed race or mixed religion, or any other marriages could be used to ban them.

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[0](javascript:void(0))[**BenChida**](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/1330541)

*4 days ago*

Hi Dave,

Can you please ask these questions in the forum entitled "Live Question and Answer Session with Professor Sandel, Part 2 (June 29th)"? You'll find it at the bottom of the discussion dropdown menu.

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from Dave; What is your position on assisted suicide (either in the case of a terminal illness, or in the case of a long term problem, such as Alzheimer's). Assuming the patient gives meaningful consent (some regulation would be required) and no one is forced to assist, seems to me that denying this right is an unacceptable infringement on personal autonomy.

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*2 days ago*

I believed that assisting in killing someone just because he suffers from terminal illness or even a long term sickness problem is still a violation of our law not only as an individual but as a creation of God. It is a clear violation of morality vested to a person. The law is established not just to protect us from harming others but also to protect as from harming ourselves, physically, emotionally and spiritually. It is not an infringement of personal autonomy thus, the law is trying to guide as to a right path.

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* + although such assistance is only dealt with lesser penalties.

*–posted 2 days ago by*[ree-chan](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/1894511)

* + I don´t think that the euthanasia is a violation of the law. for example in my country the penal code says, “homicide is the typical action on the figure of homicide; is the killing of a person, that is, when somebody stop the acitivity of vital organic working of the pasive person”, acording to this, we can affirm that euthanasia is an homicide, because a person supress intentionally the life of other, and is qualified by the law like a crime. but we have to say that laws are what legislators want to legislate. and also, we know that they legislate after an important event happen. In 2012, our Congres aprobed a law, but is not support homicide or authanasia, but it brings the opportunity that every capable adult who has an irrevirsible sinkness can reject treatments, even if that choice brings the death. But it´s really remarkable that 26.061 law reaffirm one of the most rights we have: our free autonomy of our health.

*–posted a day ago by*[taniadalera](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/1880504)

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