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TRANSPLANT

A brilliant transplant surgeon has five patients, each in need of a different organ, each of whom will die without that organ. Unfortunately, there are no organs available to perform any of these five transplant operations. A healthy young traveler, passing through the city where the doctor works, comes in for a routine checkup. In the course of doing the checkup, the doctor discovers that his organs are compatible with all five of his dying patients. Suppose further that if the young man were to disappear, no one would suspect the doctor. Do you support the morality of the doctor to kill that tourist and provide his healthy organs to those five dying persons and save their lives?

No, I don't support the doctor killing the tourist to save the five patients. Even if five lives could be saved, it's still wrong to kill someone who's innocent. The tourist didn't do anything wrong and has the same right to live as anyone else. Taking his life just to help others is still murder, and murder is never okay.

It's wrong because it treats the tourist like he's just a tool or an object, not a real person. That's unfair and disrespectful. Morality isn't just about how many lives are saved, it's about doing what's right. And killing someone who's innocent will always be wrong. If we say it's okay to sacrifice one person to save more, then no one is really safe anymore. People would stop trusting doctors and lose their sense of security. A doctor's job is to protect life, not take it away.

There has to be a better way to save those five people without killing someone who doesn't deserve to die. Every life matters, and we shouldn't hurt one person just to help others.