

**Write up**

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- **Read the article and comment on whether you think suicide is philosophically justifiable? Do human beings exercise their free will when they decide to take their lives?**  
(<https://www.ukessays.com/essays/philosophy/different-views-on-suicide-philosophy-essay.php>)
- **Answer in relation to the article as well as Antigone**

**Answer:**

People who commit suicide, basically do this under excessive mental or physical pressure, mostly mental pressure, that compell them to do that to kill themselves on their own! It is considered as the final solution for all problems for them. Actually, when an individual becomes unable to bear any situation and its consequences, then he/she will try to give up. But giving up from his/her own life cannot be the permanent solution for any sort of problems at any cost!

Moreover, this article has also religious perspective of consequences of committing suicide. Religions also don't allow it. It is strictly prohibited.

Though according to philosophical perspective, suicide is acceptable when a person's life is no longer sustainable due to external factors; two examples include those who are suffering from a fatal illness and those who are prisoners in concentration camps who believe they have no prospect of escaping.

And as per the given article, committing suicide is philosophically justifiable till its only that person's will; not by the influence of others.

But mostly people use their free will when it comes to the fact of committing suicide. They don't consider the situation that will be created after their self-destruction.

It is shown clearly in the play "Antigone" that suicide is the final outcome of the main character, Antigone. Despite being brave enough to protest against the rules of King Creon, when the cruel punishment made her imprisoned. But she did not accept the punishment. Rather committing suicide seemed more respectful to her. And she did that.

But in case of Antigone's fiancée (Haemon) and her would-be mother-in-law (Euridike), the reason behind committing suicide is something else here. Haemon kills himself by being agonized by the death of Antigone. And again, Euridike commits suicide due to the grief of her son's death. These two cases of suicide are basically not ethical in my point of view.

But in the case of Antigone, she chose the short way toward her final destination rather than choosing the slow,cruel, deadly punishment of Creone.

Therefore, according to the article and its main theme point of-

- Free will of self-sacrifice

Here, this free will matters the most. The person's life, its only his/her decision, and people use this free will whenever it comes to the extreme situation of self-killing.

To conclude, suicide may be justifiable according to philosophy, but I don't think so. Life is a much more bigger, valuable thing. Self-destruction cannot be the final solution of anything.