

THE SANCTITY OF DEATH: RESPECT FOR PERSONS SUPERCEDES FIDEISM

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Proposal:

The United States is a pluralistic culture. We are a population that permits most any value system as long as it does not cause harm.

However, there is one arena where folklore stands cohesive. We are a death-denying society.

Because of ethos technology is being used incorrectly.

Ethical reasoning must translate into action for beneficence and justice to unfold.

I call for a time cap on how long a brain-dead entity may remain within simulated life-sustaining non- medical treatment.

Furthermore, I propose a standard of care to ensure separation of state and church remain intact when automation stymies respect for persons.