

Welcome to our unit on **euthanasia**.

Below is some optional reading for this unit. We invite you to use it for reference and reflection as you proceed through this sequence. Click to open each reading in a separate window or tab: **green** links will open in our coursepack; **blue** ones will open off-site.\*

- **John Keown**, selections from *Euthanasia, Ethics, and Public Policy: An Argument Against Legalisation*\*\*
- **Hallvard Lillehammer**, "Voluntary Euthanasia and the Logical Slippery Slope Argument"

When you're done with the unit, feel free to pop into **Office Hours** to ask questions or make other requests related to this week's content!

Death confronts us all. Our own lives will end, and so will those of our loved ones. This week, we take a careful look at two important issues in this area: the first unit focuses on competent patients, while the second focuses more on patients unable to have a hand in their own end-of-life decisions. Just like last week, we look forward to civil and meaningful exchange.

And don't miss the **polls** after the first and last lecture segments in this unit!

**Let's get started.**

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## Notes

\*Alt-text has been enabled to distinguish between coursepack and off-site links for the vision-impaired.

\*\*Professor Keown has carefully selected these passages to accompany specific video segments—open the reading in another window or tab and follow along as you progress through this unit!

## References

- John Keown. *Euthanasia, Ethics, and Public Policy: An Argument Against Legalisation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. Used with permission.
- Hallvard Lillehammer. "Voluntary Euthanasia and the Logical Slippery Slope Argument." *The Cambridge Law Journal* 61 (3): 545-550, December 2002.