

Questions for Rachels and Sullivan on Euthanasia

- What is supposed to be the distinction between active and passive euthanasia?
- Rachels claims that active euthanasia can be morally preferable to passive euthanasia under some circumstances. What are these circumstances?
- Rachels claims that the doctrine permitting passive, but not active, euthanasia is untenable because it “leads to decisions concerning life and death made on irrelevant grounds.” What does he mean by this?
- Sullivan argues that Rachels has mistaken the “traditional view” that many people have about euthanasia. What, according to Sullivan, is the correct way to describe the traditional view?