

# The Concept of Euthanasia and it Being A Right Under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution-An Empirical Study

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**Abstract:** *Euthanasia is the act of intentionally ending someone's life in order to relieve them from suffering due to a terminal illness or an incurable condition. Euthanasia is a controversial and complex topic that raises ethical, moral, and legal issues. Patients have the right to make decisions about their own treatment and care. However, the decision to end one's life is a controversial issue, and there is a concern that patients may be coerced or pressured into making such a decision. In Indian culture, it is common for families to care for their elderly and sick relatives. The idea of abandoning or ending the life of a loved one may be seen as a violation of cultural values. For the purpose of this research, an empirical method was followed and the data was collected through online survey forms. The SPSS software by IBM was used to calculate the descriptive statistics. The sample size is 204. Dependent variables are euthanasia being considered as an act of humanity, the possible changes on the enactment of a specific law in regulating it, the opinion on legalising euthanasia and views of the public on it, active euthanasia staying illegal in Chennai. Independent variables are Age, Gender, Marital Status, Educational Qualification, Occupation and Monthly income. One of the conclusions obtained through this research work is that the right to die can also be added with the right to die with dignity. The respondents are of the opinion that one's right to life also gives him an indirect right to take his life as well.*

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