



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## Bioethicists Support Killing for Organs

Two American bioethicists say it's OK to kill people for their organs. In the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, they write, "killing by itself is not morally wrong..."

They aim to justify organ donation after cardiac death. This is a state where a neurologically damaged patient cannot function without a respirator. They support withdrawing the respirator and taking the organs, even though they admit the patient is not yet dead, because her heart could start beating again.

They write the following about this disabled individual, "Then killing her cannot disrespect her autonomy, because she has no autonomy left. It also cannot be unfair to kill her if it does her no harm." Do you agree?

["Is it morally wrong to take a life? Not really, say bioethicists."](#) Michael Cook, BioEdge, January 27, 2012.

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