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Schneck on Euthanasia and Medicaid

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Over at Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, Steve Schneck looks at the different ways the human dignity of the elderly is threatened in our society.

Here is a nightmare scenario: We create a culture in which we put tax cuts for the rich above sustaining Medicaid, as sound conservative libertarian doctrine insists. Seniors and their families then face horrible financial burdens. Then the libertarians of the left come along with a quick fix: euthanasia. That, my friends, is the culture of death and the fact that its source is libertarian in both instances tells us all we need to know about why Catholics must resist the libertarian sensibilities whenever and wherever they show themselves.

You will recall the GOP debate last winter when people applauded at the prospect of a person being left to die because he had no health insurance. That was an anecdote. We can't let it become a governing philosophy.

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