“Unbearable Suffering” and Mental Illness
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How does Brouwers’s case “challenge notions of what constitutes ‘unbearable suffering,’ impossibility of improvement, and ‘terminal conditions’”? 

The article notes that some states in the US allow euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide while others don’t. What explains this difference in policy? What reasons might be given on either side?

The author cites Dr. Koerselman's opinion that euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide should not be allowed in cases of psychiatric disorders because it “is not possible to distinguish a rationalized decision to die from a symptom of mental disease itself.” What does this mean? Do you agree? What does this say about a patient’s burden of proof?

Do you think Brouwers should be able to request that a doctor help end her life or do you think the doctors that refused her request were right to do so?

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