



Preserving Choice from Attack at the Beginning and End of Life: The War against Death and Sex

Dr. Stephen Jamison of Compassion & Choices

Saturday, June 2nd at 1:30 pm

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Dr. Stephen Jamison, the California Coordinator of Compassionate Choices will join us to discuss the strategic attack by right wing and religious groups on patients' rights at the end of life and women's rights for reproductive freedom.

Using the history of reproductive and end-of-life rights as our start, he will describe the similarities in the war against choice, and the efforts by Compassion & Choices to legislate, to bring cases to the courts, to educate, and to create a legal alternative for the dying.

Although three-quarters of Americans believe patients should be able to decide their end-of-life medical care, two-thirds support physician aid-in-dying, and an equally large percent support women's access to easy and affordable birth control, religious opponents and the political right continue to fight against patient choice.

He will discuss the legislative and initiative attempts to restrict patients advance healthcare directives and church involvement in fighting against patients' rights even to the point of threatening excommunication of Catholic legislators who might support legal aid-in-dying. Opponents of reproductive freedom continue to chip away at access to abortion. All of this is likely to affect the choices of dying patients suffering with pain who desire pain medication, sedation, or termination of treatment, those in persistent vegetative states who can be kept alive against their wishes, and the care given to women seeking emergency contraception, and women suffering from life-threatening ectopic pregnancies in need of abortion.

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Leaders in this war against death and sex cite religious freedom under the First Amendment – an Amendment that actually provides for freedom from religion. Join us for what is sure to be a fascinating discussion.

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