CANADA'S RAPID DESCENT INTO THE EUTHANASIA ABYSS

In a flurry of court decisions, legislation and guidelines enacted over a short period of time, Canada has become the euthanasia capital of the world. This reality from our northern neighbors is a stark warning sign for the United States which has its own expansion efforts occurring in the various states.

TIMELINE OF EUTHANASIA IN CANADA:

2014	**Eligibility for those who are dying at "end of life"**	Quebec Province passes legislation to legalize
2015	**Eligibility for those with a grievous and irremediable medical condition**	Supreme Court decriminalizes euthanasia
2016	**Eligibility for those whose death is "reasonably foreseeable"**	Government passes legislation to legalize nationwide
2019	**Organ donation and euthanasia meshed**	Canadian Blood Services establishes guidelines
2021	**Eligibility for those whose death is not "reasonably foreseeable" (patients who are not dying); de facto advance requests; for those with mental illness (beginning in 2027)**	Government passes legislation to expand eligibility
2023	**Eligibility for those with serious physical disability and by advance request (Quebec); call to extend to "mature minors" and infants with severe disabilities**	Quebec Province passes legislation to expand eligibility

RAPID RISE IN CANADIAN DEATHS FROM EUTHANASIA*

2016	1,108 deaths
2021	10,064 deaths
2022	13,241 deaths
2023	15,343 deaths
2024	16,499 deaths

*Although Canada allows both assisted suicide and euthanasia, 99% of deaths are euthanasia deaths.

HORRENDOUS IMPACT ON CANADIAN RESIDENTS

The impact on Canadians has been astounding, with euthanasia of, or suggestion of euthanasia to, patients who are not terminally ill, have disabilities, are isolated or lonely, cannot find services, are living in deplorable conditions -- as evidenced by personal stories:

Jennyfer Hatch

Jennyfer died from euthanasia at age 37 because she could not find treatment and adequate accessible housing (3)

Donna Duncan

Donna's health deteriorated due to a concussion and she received euthanasia within four days of her initial request, even though she was not terminally ill. Efforts by her daughters for a police investigation were thwarted when the hospital refused to cooperate (1).

Lisa Pauli

Lisa is 47 and wishes to have euthanasia for her anorexia (13).

Alan Nichols

Alan had recurrent episodes of depression and several mild disabilities and was admitted to a hospital following a wellness check. He received euthanasia under an application that indicated hearing loss. His family contacted multiple authorities with no recourse resulting (2).

Raymond Bourbonnais

Raymond chose to die by euthanasia because he had a disability and his long-term care facility had atrocious living conditions (5).

Sophia

Sophia chose euthanasia because she was unable to secure housing compatible with her Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (6).

Christine Gauthier

Christine, veteran and former Paralympian, was offered euthanasia after trying for five years to get a wheelchair ramp installed in her home. (4)

Jack Sorenson

Jack had dementia and COPD and was deemed eligible for euthanasia despite questionable capacity (10).

Veteran (identity unknown)

A veteran who asked for assistance for PTSD was told by a Veteran Affairs Canada employee that he was eligible for euthanasia (7)

Rose Finlay

Rose, a 33-year-old woman who is quadriplegic, applied for euthanasia because it is a shorter wait than for the support services she needs (8).

Chris "Birdie" Gladders

35-year-old Chris chose euthanasia because he faced inhumane conditions in long-term care (9).

Cheryl Lowen

Cheryl was euthanized in 2019 due to chronic physical and mental illness; her brother does not believe she was eligible (12).

Kathrin Mentler

Kathrin Mentler, a 37-year-old woman with chronic depression and suicidality, was told by a psychiatric clinician at Vancouver General Hospital that there would be a long wait to see a psychiatrist and asked if Kathrin had considered euthanasia.(11).

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