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Subject: Schiavo Situation

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The legal argument at this point is merely a tossing of words between two sides who cannot defend their case. The husband says that she spoke with him regarding this issue (without documentation) over a decade ago. Conversely, the parents obviously contend this with their own asperations of what Terri would want. This means that the legal debate must go into the realm of what makes more sense, as no more than circumstantial evidence can be presented.

An interesting thing to note is that there is absolutely no logical basis behind the death decision. Doctors call this woman braindead, and she very well may be. However, her body continues to function to a certain degree. Aside from the fact that the brain is required to control the body in the first place, there is absolutely no scientific evidence to say that Terri's consciousness is in fact dead.

In fact, to date there is no evidence to support a definate region of the brain where self-awareness takes place. We have general ideas, we know what can affect it in a peer-to-peer scale (talking, emotions, communication), but we do not know where this originates. Therefore, the purpose of this judgement is to determine the fate of that which all thought originates.

That being said, it is no more logical to kill a "brainlive" person than a "braindead" person, as there is no more definable proof that the actual person is dead outside the lack of communication in a tangible way. In essence, someone with Down's Syndrome isn't killed because that person can still speak, learn, and think in a fashion that tells others that he can in the first place. The only difference that we can actually tell with Terri is that she cannot do it in a way we can understand.

Does that constatute killing her and not a child with Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy... or even a kid who is completely normal?

The logic isn't there, so lets hope they can figure it out in time.

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