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Subject: Re: don't ask don't tell

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2011 13:24:33 GMT

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reborn wrote on Wed, 12 January 2011 07:12I believe though that the value of human life should of occurred to you before you decided to use that point as a tool to try and make Carrier come to that outcome by himself.

the value of human life is never far from my thoughts.

Quote:I totally get that you was trying to free him from what you likely feel is an illusion, and probably a mental prison of guilt. I honestly believe you have the right reasons in mind.

However, if you succeeded and "won" the arguement, then the basis of what supposedly saved his life would of been lost. His anchor broken. Unless the new conclusion that he came to (that his friends love him) is strong enough to be the new mental anchor, you've basically led him to a very dark place indeed.

no.

if i'd won the argument, the basis of what supposedly saved his life wouldn't have been lost, it would have been reinforced. he basically said he had faith that his friends/family (he didn't specify but we'll assume that) would have been devastated if he'd killed himself. well, it's undoubtably true that they would have been, but this isn't a faith-based position. it's an evidence-based position. all the evidence of how families and friends react to their loved ones committing suicide (unless he was terminally ill and in an extraordinary amount of pain, perhaps) is firmly on one side. what saved his life isn't weaker by what i'm saying; it's stronger because it doesn't rely on faith.

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