

Re: U.S. House panel to seek to keep Schiavo alive

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> *Is there truly a merciful way to die in a situation like this? Is
> keeping her alive showing mercy? I dont think it can be any different
> than being removed from a ventilator. I'm sure that they do what they
> can to make the person comfortable. When I had to make the decision
> with my mother, the hardest part was knowing she was going to
> basically suffocate and drown. They were wonderful in the hospital
> monitoring her morphine so that it would be as painless and less scary
> for her. I think it actually shook us up more than it did her. My
> heart aches for that family, but I truly believe the parents need to
> let go. I'm sure they have hope for miracles, but truly the fantasy
> cant be very good for them to keep up with either. At least that is
> my opinion.*

Well, IMO, when you are not breathing on your own and you remove the ventillator, the process of dying is a bit quicker than slowly starving to death and dehydrating, etc.