

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

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I think it's important to remember, your brain is what registers pain. Her brain isn't working anymore.....

"Anne Vasquez" <annevasquez@NOSPAMhotmail.com> wrote in message news:YvR\_d.24069\$YD4.2689@newssvr12.news.prodigy.com...

> *That's what I've always wondered when people talk about removing feeding  
> tubes from terminally ill patients. I know so little about this sort of  
> thing, and I assume there is reason to believe that people don't suffer  
> horribly, since it is being done on a regular basis. Being the food  
> addict that I am, the thought horrifies me, but my feelings aren't based  
> on any kind of research or personal experience, so I certainly am in no  
> position to even think about being judgmental about others who are faced  
> with these decisions. I would certainly like to believe that these  
> people don't suffer gnawing hunger pangs, headaches, and all of the  
> things I associate with being really hungry.*

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> Anne

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> *RaeMorrill wrote:*

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>> *I gotta believe that. If you go w/o food for a period of time, you do  
>> not feel hunger pains like those caused by missing a schedule meal.*

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>> *I just watched this argued on Larry King. I am speechless at the "Moral"  
>> argument this is killing her. It's not like she can feed herself or  
>> drink or in any way protect herself from anything at all. These are  
>> heroic measures. Only a generation or so ago they would not have had the  
>> technology to keep her alive this long with feeding. People are allowed  
>> to refused medical care for any reason. They do not force Witnesses to  
>> take blood or Christian Scientists to accept medical care by holding  
>> them down. This same logic could be used to force any one of us to  
>> accept chemotherapy that would prolong a miserable existence with little  
>> or no hope of any cure, even if we did not want it.*

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>> *Big Brother is getting scarier by the day. I understand the MM feels  
>> majority should rule regardless (likely not if it abridges their beliefs*

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> > *of course – that would be different). I guess that means if the tide*  
> > *changes a little we'd be allowed to euthanize them when they get too*  
> > *sick to have any chance of life. There really is no difference. Either*  
> > *we all have rights to personal choices or none of us do.*  
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