

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

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I don't know if I could pull a feeding tube; I could have a respirator unplugged. I could not breathe for my sister, but I could feed her and give her water, even if it were done through a tube instead of her mouth. The reason I have a problem with this is because Terri wrote down nothing and people change all the time. How do we know that, if it was said at all, it wasn't said as a causal remark without thought given to it, like so many remarks we make? How do we know that she didn't (before she couldn't) change her mind and want to cling to the life she has as the best she can hope for? The problem is we just don't know.

Terri hasn't spent the last 15 years just "staring at the walls". She has people with her a great deal of the time, and Dani, she was still smiling before they pulled the tube. Was it just "reactive" on her part? Aren't all smiles? If someone smiles at you, you normally smile back and that doesn't mean you do it because you have no brain. I can't find it in my heart to have sympathy for Michael because he has moved on with his life. I have the utmost sympathy for anyone who loses a child, and the Schindlers are losing the child they have loved for 41 years.

djgordon wrote:

- > *So had you been her sister and she had told you she didn't want to be kept*
- > *alive by heroic measures (in FL that means a feeding tube--it's in the state*
- > *law) and you were the only person to look out for her, would you have gone*
- > *on these 15 years and longer letting her just lay around and stare at the*
- > *walls?*
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- > *Dani*
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