

Re: 783,936 Deaths per year Caused by Drugs Prescribed by American Doctors

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"Robert" <Robertsnospam2@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> People go to doctors and hospitals and yes that means they don't take
> responsibility for their own health. Every time you go to a doctor the
> person is saying they need help. They are placed under the doctors care
> BECAUSE they can not care for themselves.
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Not to nitpick, but competent adults aren't "placed under a doctor's care", they voluntarily *place themselves* under a doctor's care. They have the right to choose whether or not they will seek medical care, and they have the right to choose the doctor, and determine whether or not they will follow the doctor's recommended course of diagnosis and treatment. They have the right to refuse any of those courses of action and seek another doctor if they desire. Presumably, they go to see a doctor because the doctor has knowledge and skills that they don't have, but certainly any competent adult has the right to fire the doctor, or terminate any testing or treatment if and when they don't believe that that's true.

The article in question has been exposed as fraudulent many times since it came out, but no matter. If someone believes that they are in more danger going to doctor and following his/her recommendations than they would be by NOT doing so, then they certainly have the right to make that choice.

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