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## **STRONG DEBATE IN EUROPE ON EUTHANASIA IN ORDER TO END PAIN AND SUFFERING**

### **LOT OF CONTREVERSY SURROUNDING THE ISSUE**

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**USPA NEWS** - Euthanasia is defined as the practice of ending a life prematurely in order to end pain and suffering. the process is also sometimes called Mercy killing. There is a lot of controversy surrounding the issue of euthanasia and whether or not it should be legal...

Voluntary Euthanasia is carried out with the permission of the person whose life is taken. Involuntary Euthanasia is carried out without permission, such as in the case of criminal execution. In most nations, Euthanasia is considered criminal homicide. Arguments regarding the Euthanasia debate often depend on the method used to take the life of the patient. Many arguments also hinge on religious beliefs. One of the main groups of people who are involved with the Euthanasia debate is physicians. The controversy surrounding Euthanasia involves many aspects of religion, medical and social sciences. As this is one of the most studied fields of bioethics.

In the film "LA VANITE" (VANITY), David MILLER is an old sick architect who wants to end up his life. He chooses an association specialized in helping people like him. In SWITZERLAND, Euthanasia is legal, not like in FRANCE for example. To undertake this kind of process, the person needs to have a witness, preferably the next of kind. His son refusing to assist him, David MILLER had no choice but choosing the next door russian male prostitute of the hotel's chamber where he decided to die. Some issues come out also with the person from the association who is supposed to carry out the suicide with him...

Lionel BAIER, the Swiss filmmaker based his scenario roughly from a true story. The testimony he received was about a young foreigner student who was prostituting himself in a hotel in the suburb to make his ends meet. One night, he found himself taken by people who were staying next room to witness an assisted suicide. Finally, the Euthanasia didn't happen. What was shocking for this witness, was how persevering Swiss people were to control carefully the process of Euthanasia, when in his country people were fighting to survive... The film is coming out in FRANCE on September 2, 2015.

After the press preview, we can conclude that the film is a success, Lionel BAIER made sure his way not to fall into a pathetic story where we would feel pity for the sick man. All the scenes were made in studios, nearly all in closed sessions (Huit-Clos). Now and then, we could enjoy some kind of humour giving us the impression of a bit of lightness in a dramatic situation like Suicide...

The main characters played by Carmen MAURA (brilliant Spanish actress- "member of the association"), Patrick LAPP, excellent Swiss actor playing the dying architect and Ivan GEORGIEV, born in Sofia being in his first acting experience playing the Russian prostitute.

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