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Personally, I do not feel a person can warrant taking their own life, however there are so many various circumstances and possibilities for each individual case that the process, if ever approved, would have to incorporate a structured evaluation process. Knowing that we, as human beings, are prone to behavioral reaction may assist a suicide just because someone had a bad day.

A person could make a defining decision that would be unjustified. On the other hand, individual people handle stress differently. We are talking about the behavioral response defined as "Fight or Flight" that Walter Cannon first described in the early 1920's. Some people have the ability to deal with stress, and others do not and seek a way to run from addressing it. Either way, there are so many variables that a "one size fits all" approach is unacceptable.

Thank you,

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