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Abstract

The aim of this article is to present an outline of the views of the contemporary Australian ethicist, Peter Singer, on utilitarian ethics. It is the intention of the author to show that he ponders with great commitment over contemporary bioethical issues, including those connected to euthanasia. From the point of view of the impartial observer, he also attempts to test our deep-rooted beliefs. He emphasizes the aspect that the principle of the sacrosanct value of human life is subject to be questioned in the course of everyday life, due to the fact that nowadays attempts to assign a disparate value to human beings are no longer arbitrary. Attention is drawn to the fact that the consequences of Singer's ethics may cause controversy.

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