

Swiss groups fear study undercuts assisted suicide

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(AP)—Swiss groups that aid people seeking to end their lives say they fear a national research program could lead to stricter rules for assisted suicide.

[Switzerland](#) has long permitted "passive [assisted suicide](#)," where someone can give another person the means to kill themselves provided the helper doesn't personally benefit from the death.

Dignitas, EXIT and EX International officials say a five-year government-funded study of people nearing the end of life is biased against assisted suicide and should be made more neutral.

The Swiss government dropped a plan to impose stricter rules in 2011, but the groups told reporters Thursday they fear the 15 million Swiss francs (\$15.9 million) study could revive opposition to assisted suicide.

Study officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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