

arguments 'from nature'
problematic as consistency
would require a rejection of
much of modern medicine

private vs public morality
often the way we feel we should
act in a situation differs from how
we feel others should in theirs...

sanctity of life arguments
if there is something valuable about
life it seems (to Warnock) to be
closely identified with **quality**



Baroness Mary Warnock on 'Death'

slippery slope arguments
more *imaginative* than a *logical* argument,
blocking slippery slopes against the darker
part of human nature is the job of legislators

double-effect arguments
unrealistic when applied to real-life... are
we really able to distinguish between
foreseen and *intended* consequences?

(she is glad for the ability it gives doctors, but
finds the actual argument severely lacking)



what is really happening here is that one
intention is chosen as more important
than an/the other(s)

voluntary/involuntary distinction
often the *involuntary* cases are more black and white
(PVS, an-encephalic babies etc.) this prevents over
simplistic 'non-vol = bad' statements

miracle recovery from PVS
arguments
easily solved by strict medical criteria of
certainty in defining PVS