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# Is It Wrong to Kill my Future Self?

## Part II

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After passing Bill C-14, one of three questions promised to be revisited asks whether it should be possible for a Canadian to include a request for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) in an advanced directive or to direct a surrogate decision-maker to request MAID on one's behalf, when certain conditions are met. In this presentation I will discuss what aspects and claims about personal identity, character, and illness could justify allowing a current self (person time 1) the ability to kill a future self (person time 2), lacking capacity to either consent to or refuse MAID. Implications of this kind of argument will be discussed in Part II:

- How the competing expressed interests of (person time 1) and (person time 2) make the issue of identity through time non-trivial.
- How clinicians can recognize and balance these kinds of conflicts.
- How we can conceive of a practical and clinically relevant theory of identity which could serve to resolve such conflicts between selves and even make sense of MAID via personal directive.

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