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Neuroscience Research, Philosophy and the Case of Terri Schiavo

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What seem to be more or less “official” positions within the bioethics community on autonomy, privacy, and rights are asserted as if there were no formidable and well-developed alternatives. Issues of the sort that gave such publicity to Schiavo, Cruzan and Quinlan arise from a complex interplay of moral, legal and political considerations not readily reducible to the somewhat platitudinous maxims routinely set down in bioethics *amicus* briefs.

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