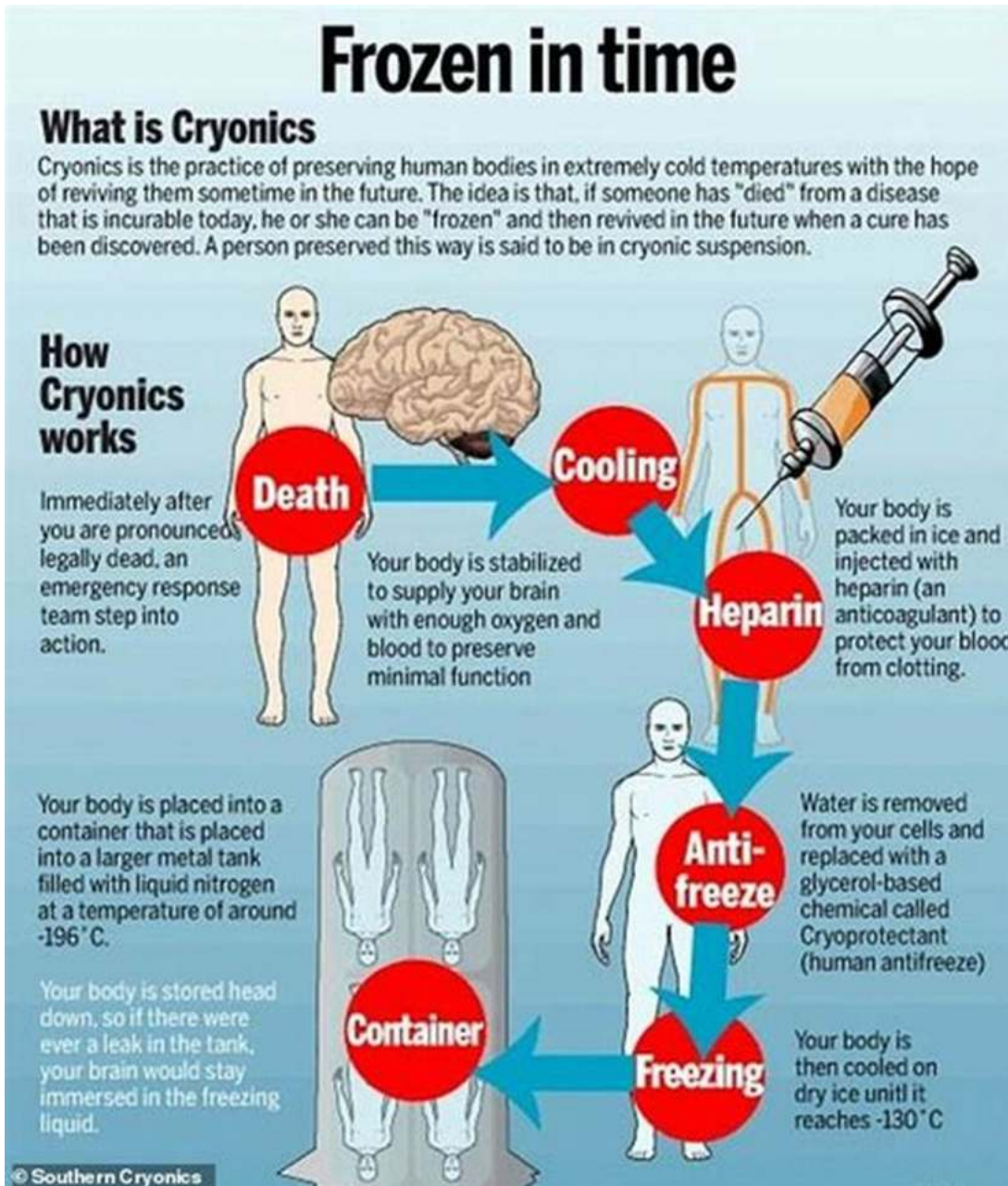


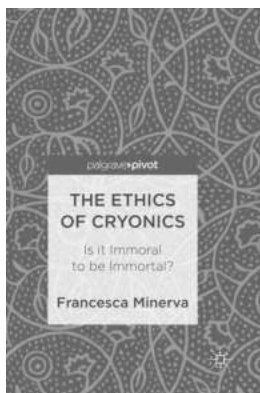
# The Ethics Of Cryonics: Preserving Life or Crossing Boundaries?



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## The Fascination with Cryonics

Cryonics, the practice of preserving bodies at extremely low temperatures with the intent of restoring life in the future, has captivated the imagination of many. With its promise of extending human lifespan and overcoming death, cryonics raises fascinating ethical questions.



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While proponents argue that cryonics has the potential to offer a second chance at life, critics question its moral implications and whether it is an ethical endeavor at all.

### Prolonging Life: A Noble Pursuit or Playing God?

One of the main arguments in favor of cryonics is the desire to prolong human life. Advocates argue that it is a natural human instinct to seek survival and overcome death, and cryonics provides a potential pathway to achieve that.

However, opponents raise concerns about the boundary-pushing nature of cryonics. They argue that attempting to extend life indefinitely interferes with the

natural cycle of life and death, potentially leading to unforeseen consequences and ethical dilemmas.

## **Preserving Identity Across Time**

Another ethical quandary revolves around the preservation of personal identity. Cryonics enthusiasts believe that freezing the body provides a chance to maintain individuality and continuity of self, allowing individuals to wake up in the future with their memories and personalities intact.

On the other hand, critics argue that cryonics disregards the inevitable changes that occur in society and personal experiences over time. They question whether the person who wakes up decades or centuries later would truly be the same individual, as their notions of selfhood may have evolved due to societal advancements.

## **Equity, Access, and Allocation of Resources**

Cryonics, being an expensive procedure, raises concerns about equity and access. Currently, only the wealthiest individuals are able to afford cryopreservation, leading to a potential disparity in the chances of revival.

Opponents of cryonics argue that resources should be allocated towards more pressing societal issues, such as healthcare, poverty, and education. They claim that investing in cryonics further widens the gap between the privileged and the underprivileged, perpetuating social inequality.

## **The Role of Consent and Autonomy**

Consent and autonomy play significant roles in the ethical debate surrounding cryonics. Advocates argue that individuals have the right to decide what happens to their bodies after death, including the option to pursue cryopreservation.

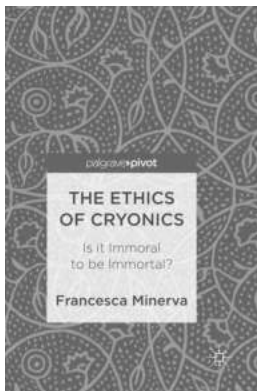
Critics, however, question the ability of individuals to provide informed consent regarding an uncertain future. They argue that decisions made in the present may not align with the preferences or values of the revived person in the future.

The ethics of cryonics remain a topic of intense debate. As science continues to advance, society grapples with the implications of attempting to conquer death. The desire to extend life is undoubtedly a powerful force, but it also raises profound ethical questions that must be carefully considered.

Whether cryonics is seen as a noble pursuit to overcome mortality or as a hubristic endeavor to defy the natural order, its ethical implications will continue to challenge our beliefs and values.

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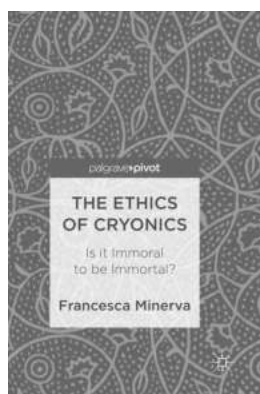
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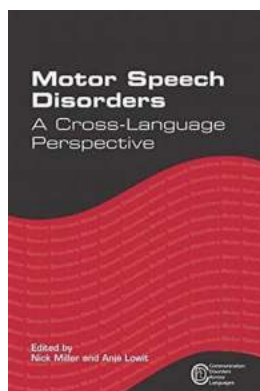


Cryonics—also known as cryopreservation or cryosuspension—is the preservation of legally dead individuals at ultra-low temperatures. Those who undergo this procedure hope that future technology will not only succeed in reviving them, but also cure them of the condition that led to their demise. In this sense, some hope that cryopreservation will allow people to continue living indefinitely. This book discusses the moral concerns of cryonics, both as a medical procedure and as an intermediate step toward life extension. In particular, Minerva analyses the moral issues surrounding cryonics-related techniques (including the hypothetical cryosuspension of fetuses as an alternative to abortion) by focusing on how they might impact the individuals who undergo cryosuspension, as well as society at large.



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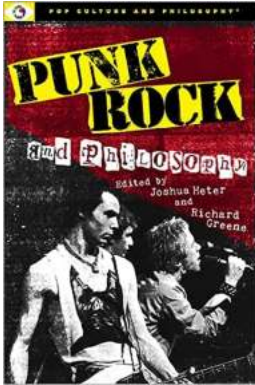
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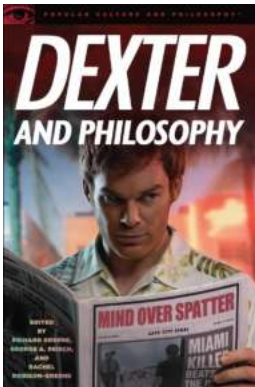
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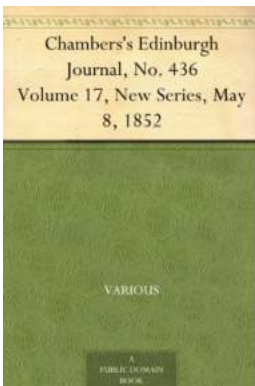
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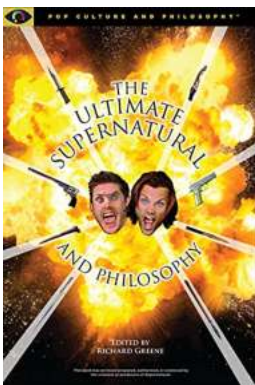
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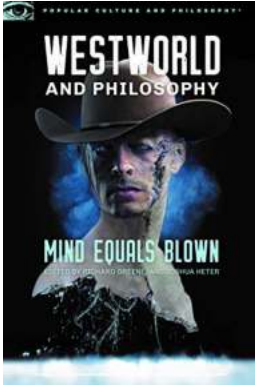
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