“The End of Suicide Tourism”
Assisted suicide has long been permitted in Switzerland. But helping German citizens commit suicide there could soon be a punishable offense. The German government is planning to table a new euthanasia law this fall.

“Germany: Debate on assisted suicide regulations”
In Germany, suicide is legal and doctors are permitted to help patients who choose to take their own life. Parliamentarians have been debating four draft laws to regulate assisted suicide and they're due to hold a free vote on the issue this fall.

“Assisted Suicide”
People suffering from chronic illnesses in Germany who want to choose how they die must turn to the internet for help.

“How to die in Germany”
The Bundestag discussed a bill to improve funding for palliative care on Wednesday. A group including the Parliament’s vice president also introduced another proposal to legalize assisted suicide.

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In a column for *The New York Times* this past January, Nicholas Kristof lamented what he called the country’s “empathy gap,” imploring his readers to grasp the complex circumstances that could plunge someone into poverty. Meanwhile, the psychologist Paul Bloom has argued that a sense of empathy can actually be “parochial [and] bigoted,” making it so “the whole world cares more about a little girl stuck in a well than they do about the possible deaths of millions and millions due to climate change.” For Kristof, empathy is a willingness to understand an individual’s situation, a cognitive and emotional exercise that could in turn inspire compassion. For Bloom, empathy is a blinding emotion that can preclude more rational thinking. In the first case, empathy reduces stereotypical thinking; in the second, empathy as emotion-sharing draws too much attention to an individual, standing in the way of effective social change.

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