

Ethical Issues in *Never Let Me Go*: Organ Donation

Never Let Me Go brings up many thorny ethical issues, chief among them the morality surrounding issues of organ donation. Read (or skim or watch where appropriate) the sources and think about the following questions. If you work with a partner, you must work together, discussing and debating your answers.

Organ Donation

Topic:	Donating your organs	
Sources:	https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/ https://www.blood.ca/en/organs-tissues/deceased-donation/organ-donation-after-death	
Opinion Questions:	1-Would you donate your organs while you are alive? Why or why not? What factors would influence your decision?	It depends on who I will donate my organs. If I had a personal connection with the person, I would be more willing to donate my organs to them as I would know the person to who I am donating my organs to.
	2-Should it be mandatory to donate your organs when you die? Why or why not?	I don't think it should be mandatory to donate. Although the dead person would not be conscious or know that their organs are being donated, it still should be their choice before their death on whether they want to donate their organs or not.

Topic:	Joining the bone marrow registry	
Sources:	https://bethematch.org/support-the-cause/donate-bone-marrow/join-the-marrow-registry/ https://www.tzuchi.org.tw/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=60&Itemid=184&lang=en	
Opinion	1-Would you consider donating bone	Similar to my previous answer, it

Questions:	marrow? Why or why not? What factors would influence your decision?	depends on who I am donating bone marrow to. I would preferably donate it to people that I personally know and have a good relationship with.
	2-Should it be mandatory to register (not donate necessarily) for the bone marrow registry? Why or why not?	I think it shouldn't be mandatory as people should be given a choice that they are comfortable with if they want to register for the bone marrow registry or not.

Topic:	Selling your blood plasma and organs	
Sources:	https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/oct/21/if-the-poorest-americans-are-selling-their-blood-the-us-is-in-serious-trouble https://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/may/10/kidneys-for-sale-organ-donation-iran https://money.com/donate-plasma-for-money/	
Opinion Questions:	1-Selling blood plasma is legal in the United States. Should it be? Why or why not? Selling kidneys is legal in Iran. Should it be? Why or why not?	I think selling organs from places that are not health facilities should be illegal as this could encourage many individuals to harvest organs illegally from other people in order to earn more money.
	2-Would you consider buying a kidney that was sold by an impoverished Iranian? Why or why not?	I would not consider buying a kidney that was sold by an impoverished Iranian as it might be unsanitary and it might cause more infections and complications to my body or someone else's body if the kidney was to be implanted.

Topic:	Harvesting organs
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Sources:	https://ishr.org/organ-harvesting/ https://theconversation.com/killing-prisoners-for-transplants-forced-organ-harvesting-in-china-161999	
Opinion Questions:	1-Should the international community sanction China in response to allegations of organ harvesting? Why or why not?	I think they wouldn't have to sanction China in response to organ harvesting, but China should be informed in some way that they shouldn't allow organ harvesting for a non-medical or scientific purpose.
	2-Would you consider buying an organ that was harvested and trafficked illegally?	I would not consider buying an organ that was harvested illegally as I wouldn't actually know what happened to the organ and what it had been through. It might be unsanitary or someone might have experimented on it.