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Room for Debate

The discussion I choose was Parents’ Beliefs vs. Their Children’s Health and how some parent’s religious beliefs affect their child’s health. One side of the argument is the people who think it is child abuse and it is being overly protected whose main argument is that it is killing children that could have been saved and how religion is taking advantage of its constitutional rights to practice freely and the exposer of diseases as Alan Rogers a professor of history at Boston College and the author of “The Child Cases: How America’s Religious Exemption Laws Harm Children.” goes on to say “In Idaho during the past three years at least 12 children have died because their faith-healing parents, members of the Followers of Christ, withheld medical care. Autopsy records show that children died from medically treatable conditions.” Another person that opposed to the parents beliefs is Rita Swam president of the Children’s Healthcare is a Legal Duty says that “ Every kind of child abuse has been rationalized by someone as a religious practice: beatings, dangerous diets, forced marriages, slavery, exorcism, sexual exploitation, genital mutilation, conversion therapy for L.G.B.T. youth and medical neglect.” She says that if everyone was able to express their religious beliefs there would be that society itself would fall apart. Then there are those who respect the parent’s religious beliefs in not giving medicine to their children a person that agrees with is Richard W. Garnett is a professor of law and political science at the University of Notre Dame says that if a parents want to deny medication because of their belief of prayer it should be respected. Another person would be Sharon Slaton Howell is a Christian Science practitioner believes that people who strongly believe in Jesus Christ and rely of the healing power of god and not medication should be allowed to have an exemption from it. My opinion is that the parents shouldn’t have a say in the child’s health because if a child is very sick then doing nothing, but praying isn’t going to save a child that isn’t how the world and nature works if you have a deadly disease and you die where’s or praying now.