

— Breaking News: — Charlie Gard

The United Kingdom's highest court has determined it is in Charlie Gard's "best interest" for his parents to give up on him and watch him die. The European Court of Human Rights sadly agrees.

Under European law, this renders Charlie hopeless, his parents powerless to intervene.

His parents raised more than \$1.6 million in private funds for transport to the U.S. for further care. But the state hospital has been granted the legal right to pull the plug on young Charlie at any time.

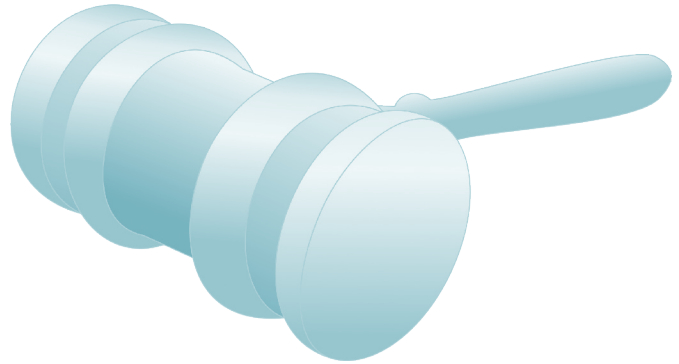
This is what happens when the state, not loving parents, decides what is best for a child: it miraculously happens to match whatever is best for the government!

Sadly, what happens in Europe has a way of coming here as well. And with the Supreme Court's *Troxel v. Granville* (2000) decision, the way has already been paved.

Where once parental rights were afforded "strict judicial scrutiny" protection (*Troxel*, p. 80), now those same rights are granted only "some special weight" (*ibid.*, p. 70)—and what that means varies from judge to judge and case to case.

Only the Parental Rights Amendment can keep what is happening to Charlie and his parents from ever coming to our shores.

If we cannot save Charlie, we can at least stand up and say, **"Never here. Never again."**



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