

Newly-wed with cancer plans her own death

LOS ANGELES, USA: A newly-wed US woman with terminal cancer has announced plans online to end her life on 1 November to die with dignity and without debilitating pain.



Newly-wed Brittany Maynard, 29, is not planning her own death after she was diagnosed with brain cancer. She has moved to Oregon that has a right-to-die law and plans to die on 1 November, before having to endure immense pain and the loss of dignity. Image: [SQVP](#)

In January, Brittany Maynard, 29, was given six months to live because she had brain cancer and was told her death would be long and painful because of the aggressive nature of the disease.

She was trying for her first child with her husband Dan at the time, but gave up on that hope because of the cancer.

"The thoughts that go through your mind when you find out you have so little time is everything that you need to say to everyone that you love," she said in the video which has been seen over 5.5m times on YouTube.

Maynard and her husband Dan, who had just married when she first began having severe headaches, moved from their home in California to Oregon, one of a handful of states in the US with a right-to-die law.

A doctor will prescribe her the medication she needs to end her own life, surrounded by her family in the bedroom she shares with her husband.

Maynard is currently on medication to limit the swelling of her brain, but the side effects of this medication is that she is gaining weight.

Maynard agreed to make the six-and-a-half minute video publicising her case in spite of some profound shyness regarding her new prescription drug-induced appearance, her fundraising website said.

"I didn't launch this campaign because I wanted attention. I did this because I want to see a world where everyone has access to death with dignity, as I have," Maynard says.

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