

## Summary in english

Human dignity is a foundation and a source of human rights. The way of its interpretation affects catalogue of human rights, hierarchy of those rights, scope of protection and personal scope of those rights. The principle of protection of human dignity means that no right should be protected in the way that causes an infringement of the core of any other right. It applied to the right to life as well. The purpose of this dissertation is to discover how Council of Europe respond to the problem of temporal borders of the right to live and its protection in the light of the principle of protection of human dignity. The analysis of the legislation and the case law of the Council of Europe can show how „human dignity” is shall be interpreted in bioethical context in the connection with problems as abortion, artificial procreation, research on human beings, death penalty, euthanasia and palliative care.

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