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Homework: Due Tues. 10/20: Emanuel and Holland/Greenstein

In the contemporary U.S., an increasing number of citizens live to an advanced old age – into their eighties and nineties. While some people remain vital throughout their lifespan, others experience serious declines in physical and mental functioning and suffer from pain and limited mobility on a daily basis. The question of how to address the challenges of advanced old age has emerged as a critical and difficult social and economic issue for individuals, families, and the health care system in the U.S.

Answer these questions:

Why does Ezekiel Emanuel use himself as an example throughout this essay?
Is he a reliable narrator –do you believe that he will carry out his plan for age 75 and over?

In what ways is his point of view convincing?

In what ways is his perspective problematic? (Weave in reference to Holland and Greenstein, if relevant.)

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