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Approximately 18 people die every day waiting for an organ transplant that keeps on delaying due to the shortage of donated organs. These statistics are drastically increasing and need an instant solution. This problem can be resolved by redefining policies and strengthening laws on organ trafficking. According to World Health Organization (WHO), 10,000 kidneys were traded in black market in 2018. If the authorities resolve this issue and regulate the organ donation process, a lot of lives can be saved. If people are encouraged to donate their healthy organs at death, large number of donors could be recruited.

Many biologists argue that people should have full ownership of their body and they must be the ones to decide about their organs. There are millions of people who donate one of their kidneys to their loved ones and continue to lead a normal life with one kidney. But the scenario that Sandel described is a bit different. It has been argued a lot of times whether a person should be allowed to donate both his kidneys or not. According to me, in the free world, a person should have the freedom to decide for him/herself. A person who has no source of income or is certain that he and his family is going to starve to death must be allowed to sell his kidneys. Someone who is trying to get his children to good colleges but is not financially capable enough to do so, what other option does he have? In order to stop people from selling both their kidney’s due to financial issues, state should make policies to support such people. Otherwise the laws against freedom to someone’s own body organs must be changed. A number of NGOs in countries like Switzerland and Germany are already advocating for people’s right to make choices for their own organs.