

“Cloning is a tremendously inefficient process and an enormous supply of human eggs will be needed to create even a few cloned human embryos.”

-Dr. David Prentice
Family Research Council

“Egg extraction as currently practiced poses inadequately understood, yet clearly significant risks to women’s health. It is unconscionable to encourage young women to take these risks purely for research purposes.”

-Diane Beeson
Professor of Sociology,
California State University, East Bay
Founder of Hands off Our Ovaries

“Egg harvesting has incited protests from pro-life and pro-choice advocates alike. Both sides argue that reliance on women’s eggs for research purposes easily leads to exploitation, particularly of low-income, needy women who could benefit financially.”

-Concerned Women for America

“Many people have been won over to support cloning and embryo research, but that’s before they know that it requires women’s eggs. This latest effort should enlighten people to how dangerous pursuing this research will be to women, and that opposition to this immoral research goes beyond Christian conservatives to include a variety of people.”

-Wendy Wright
Concerned Women for America

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“Stem Cell Research Amendment”
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“Adult stem-cells have provided successful therapies for patients with cancer, impaired vision, lupus, multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis, and research subjects were not routinely killed in the process. Adult stem-cells exceed embryonic stem-cells as treatment, without the ethical baggage.”

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Not Every

**Fairy
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has a

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*Get the truth, not the Fairy
Tale on the exploitation of
women through cloning
and embryonic stem-cell
research ...*

The Story

The *story* is that women will donate their eggs for research. In order to clone a human embryo, it would take *a lot* of female eggs. When Dolly the sheep was cloned, it took 279 embryos to get one successful embryo. It is unknown how many sheep eggs were actually used to get one embryo. Cloning proponents claim that diseases can be cured. Let's look at diabetes: based on research done, there are approximately 17 million diabetes patients in the United States. If each patient were to have their own clone from which to extract genetically identical cells, it would take about 800 million eggs. About 10 to 12 eggs can be obtained per extraction, requiring more than 80 million women of childbearing age to donate their eggs. *There will never be enough women to voluntarily donate* the eggs needed.

The stem cell debate is about the value of human life at its beginning. Stem cells are “blank” cells, which can become all 220 different kinds of human tissue. Researchers hope that someday these cells will provide cures for all kinds of serious diseases, even repairing vital organs. Stem-cells exist throughout the body, but they are most abundant in human embryos. Getting embryonic stem-cells requires killing embryos and harvesting eggs from women, putting women at risk for irreversible damage. A raging debate is going on in our nation, over whether taxes should be used to support killing human embryos and whether women should be *exploited*, in order to harvest embryonic stem-cells for experimentation.

The Fairy Tale

The *fairy tale* is that cures of all kinds can be found using embryonic stem-cells. *The other tale* is that donating is safe when women are properly screened and treated (according to USA Today, The American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and other fertility organizations).

The Truth

The *truth* is: after 20 years of experimentation, *embryonic stem-cells have not treated or cured a single disease, even in lab animals.*

The *truth* is: extracting eggs from women is *not a simple or safe* procedure. Women are injected with *potent hormone drugs* to produce a large number of eggs at one time called hyper ovarian stimulation (OHS). A needle is then inserted into the ovaries to remove the eggs. There have been over *6000 cases of women suffering complications and 25 deaths* from these fertility drugs, reported to the FDA.

Human cloning research requires millions of human eggs to be taken from female donors, which creates health risks. Currently, there are help wanted ads to purchase eggs in many major college newspapers and the women who are voluntarily donating eggs “are *being paid up to \$35,000*” for their time and not their eggs (*USA Today* 3/18/06). The most vulnerable women will be pursued regardless of the potential *dangers and risks* to their health in the name of science. The only way to *ensure* that women will not be taken advantage of is to *ban all forms of human cloning*. In 2004, the United Nations passed a declaration asking countries to *ban human cloning*. Delegates of developing countries understand that it is going to be the poor, disadvantaged, and desperate women who will be exploited to obtain eggs.

How many women would voluntarily donate eggs through invasive surgery in the name of science? The past 20 years of embryonic stem-cell research and cloning attempts have brought reports of coercion and millions of dollars paid out to donors. This suggests that not many are voluntarily giving up a part of themselves.

“The legalization of embryonic stem-cell research would put America’s poorest women under pressure to sell their eggs to ‘stem-cell brokers’.”

C. Ben Mitchell

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

“Women can die from egg harvesting, or suffer irreversible infertility, and long term effects of the drugs which are used in the process are still being questioned. None of these issues has been adequately addressed by the stem-cell scientists eager to get their hands on women’s eggs and ovaries.”

-Josephine Quintavalle

Comment on Reproductive Ethics

Dr. Prentice of the Family Research Council states:

- 30-60 women out of every 1,000 will experience moderate symptoms which can be life threatening unless treated.
- 1-2 women out of every 1,000 will experience severe symptoms, which include death.

Adult stem-cells have successfully treated over 65 diseases, in which there is **NO** loss of life. Treatments and cures in adult stem-cell research, we need to turn the focus to this and stop the exploitation of women as egg factories for research. Freedom from disease is not worth sacrificing our commitment to the protection of human dignity.

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