

The  of the “Stem Cell Initiative” puts
women at risk

Did you know?...

SCNT (Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer) a.k.a. **Embryonic Stem Cell Research** is the primary technique for human cloning? It requires two necessary components:

A body (somatic) cell and a **woman’s egg**

*“As a society we are at a turning point in our relationship to science. We are being asked to make **women** the servants of biotechnology, rather than insisting on a biotechnology that promotes the well-being of all people”*

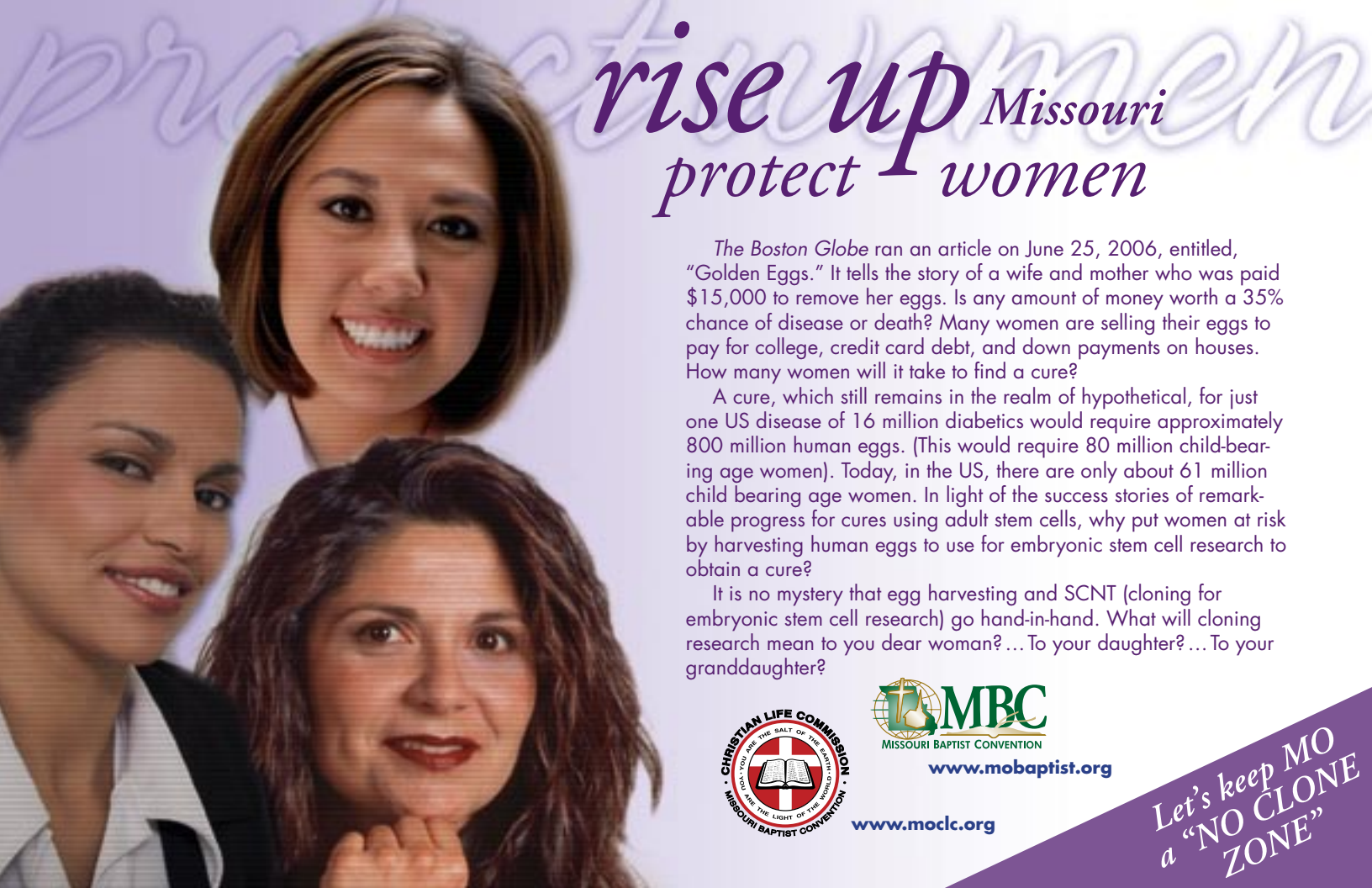
—Diane Beeson, Ph.D., medical sociologist, professor emerita, California State University.

Severe Health Complications for up to 35% of the women who submit to the procedure of harvesting eggs include blood clots, liver and kidney damage, future infertility and even death.



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The *Boston Globe* ran an article on June 25, 2006, entitled, "Golden Eggs." It tells the story of a wife and mother who was paid \$15,000 to remove her eggs. Is any amount of money worth a 35% chance of disease or death? Many women are selling their eggs to pay for college, credit card debt, and down payments on houses. How many women will it take to find a cure?

A cure, which still remains in the realm of hypothetical, for just one US disease of 16 million diabetics would require approximately 800 million human eggs. (This would require 80 million child-bearing age women). Today, in the US, there are only about 61 million child bearing age women. In light of the success stories of remarkable progress for cures using adult stem cells, why put women at risk by harvesting human eggs to use for embryonic stem cell research to obtain a cure?

It is no mystery that egg harvesting and SCNT (cloning for embryonic stem cell research) go hand-in-hand. What will cloning research mean to you dear woman? ... To your daughter? ... To your granddaughter?



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