

MISSOURI VOTERS WAKE UP ! ! !

The Ballot Summary of the cloners' Amendment 2 that you will read in the voting booth on November 7 completely misrepresents the full 2000-word text of the amendment.

DO NOT TRUST THIS BALLOT SUMMARY!

To correct this injustice, Missouri Roundtable For Life is publishing this weekly series on the principal deceptions of Amendment 2.

THE CLONERS' AMENDMENT 2: A SERIES OF DECEPTIONS

WEEK 3: A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO CREATE HUMAN EMBRYOS FOR RESEARCH

Amendment 2 **pretends** to ban the creation of human embryos for research. **Section 2(2)** of the Initiative states that "No human blastocyst may be produced by fertilization solely for the purpose of stem cell research."

However, the definition section of the amendment, **Section 6**, introduces an enormous loophole in this apparent ban on producing human embryos for manipulation in research labs.

The definition in **Section 6(11)** states that "solely for the purpose of stem cell research"... **does not include producing any number of human blastocysts** for the purpose of treating human infertility."

This language gives researchers an opening to obtain as many fresh human embryos as they want from in vitro fertilization clinics. Such clinics are specifically allowed to create "any number of human blastocysts." Even if these embryos are created "for the purpose of treating human infertility," they will not all be implanted in a uterus. Those that are not implanted can be handed over to researchers to do as they please—indeed **Section 6(13)** specifically lists embryonic stem cells "derived from in vitro fertilization blastocysts" as included in the definition of stem cells.

We saw last week that researchers can reimburse fertilization clinics for the "costs incurred in connection with the removal, processing, disposal, preservation, quality control, storage, transfer, or donation of human eggs, sperm, or **blastocysts**." And of course, the researchers will get the money to do this from the taxpayers, as we will see later in this series.

Amendment 2 thus pretends to ban creating human embryos for research purposes but actually **creates a perverse constitutional incentive for in vitro fertilization clinics to create even more human embryos than usual so they can be manipulated and destroyed in laboratories.**

NEXT WEEK . . . A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ABORT CHILDREN TO HARVEST STEM CELLS

VOTE **NO** ON AMENDMENT 2

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