

Citizens of Missouri

The proposed cloning amendment on the Missouri ballot this November 7th is perhaps the **boldest attempt ever to hijack the legitimate functions of representative government** in Missouri.

Its basic mechanism is a language structure that is **designed to defeat the casual reader** by turning reasonable inferences about the text on their heads in other subsections.

It completely **abandons the implied obligations of full, clear and unambiguous disclosure** where parties are trying to negotiate a legal agreement, in this case a Constitutional Amendment. In every material feature, the proponents of the initiative have tried to conceal what they really want.

The amendment creates a constitutional right to clone and destroy human embryos for research purposes, while pretending to ban cloning. This is accomplished by using a false definition of cloning. To present the citizens of Missouri with this false definition of cloning that departs from all recognized science is completely misleading.

So a very few people with enormous resources have concocted this scheme because they could never achieve their goals in an open, honest, straightforward discussion. They are attempting to **buy a constitutional amendment** whose provisions are completely detrimental to the citizens of Missouri, who have expressed their respect for human beings and human life through the legitimate processes of legislative government over a long period of time.

A careful parsing of the initiative reveals that its proponents, who will become its beneficiaries, will have completely insulated themselves and their cloning practices in an alternative legal reality where:

- They clone human embryos;
- They kill human embryos to harvest their stem cells;
- They can implant an embryo from in vitro fertilization and abort him or her at any stage of development to harvest stem cells;
- Women will be paid to donate their eggs for experimentation at the risk of their own health;
- All Missouri laws, statues, and regulations must be construed in favor of cloning and cannot discourage cloning or create disincentives to cloning in any way;
- They have a constitutional entitlement to taxpayer funding, which can never decrease and must always increase because any decrease will be considered an unconstitutional disincentive to clone;
- Private institutions with endowments measured in billions of dollars will force Missouri taxpayers to pay for the cloning and destruction of human embryos;
- The prospect for “cures” will have been absurdly hyped, given among other things the vast numbers of eggs required and proclivity of embryonic stem cells to cause tumors.

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