

Personal submission on "Scientific,ethical and regulatory considerations relevant to cloning of human beings.

1. I agree that all States should conform in their regulation of matters concerning human cloning and the use of embryos and that such regulations should expressly outlaw the cloning of human individuals.
2. The ethically acceptable benefits that I can foresee are those that can benefit the well-being/health of an individual who would otherwise be severely physically disadvantaged or at risk of premature death.
3. While being unable to produce genetically related children either because of physical handicaps or through same sex relationships could be regarded as extremely unfortunate, I do not believe that it can justify the use of cloning, especially at this time with all the attendant risks. Though I understand it easy for others (including me) to dismiss such demands I do believe that a more philosophical approach should be made to such matters, especially considering the number of children in the world that would benefit from foster parents.
4. Though I have noted the difficulties in trying to isolate cells in order to develop specific organs or tissues for transplant, I think that this and the research in immunology and for advances in treatments of such malformations as cancer is probably the only direction that could justify cloning.
5. However the production of a whole human embryo specifically for the production of spare parts/organs/cells/tissues I find grotesque and totally unacceptable, along with the proposed interference in the development of the upper central nervous system. (presumably to make it unaware and somehow inhuman).

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