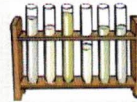


# IN VITRO FERTILIZATION

*Is making babies  
in a lab a good act?*



IVF reduces children to a science project – harvesting eggs, selecting sperm and mixing them together in a lab solution.



*Should we freeze  
our children?*

Is 'housing' tiny people in nitrogen filled tanks worthy technological 'progress'? Embryo-children have been frozen for 2 decades... where is their parental nurturing and love? ***These babies have intrinsic value and deserve better!***

*Does the struggle with infertility give a  
couple license to do 'whatever it takes' to  
have 'their own' baby?*

Having a child is not a 'right.' If infertility can't be treated medically, then emotional support and, perhaps, adoption or foster parenthood are loving options.

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## **"LEFT OVER EMBRYOS"**

(excerpt from a blog post)

['children' added for awareness]

"After we had our embryo [child] transfer the embryologist said to me "What do you want to do with your remaining embryos [children]?".... the next day would tell us which embryos [children] were viable to freeze and which ones [children] were not. In our case we had two left over embryos [children] that were such poor quality we let them go [our children die]. We chose not to freeze them [our children]. However, had they [our children] been good quality we would have had to make a decision – should we freeze them [our children] for later, let them go [our children die], donate them [our children] to another couple or donate them [our children] to science [research]."

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## JUST BECAUSE WE CAN... *SHOULD WE?*

IVF: Human sperm & egg are combined in lab glassware for fertilization to occur (human child conceived). The embryo-child is later implanted into a woman's uterus for the pregnancy.

Good intention – having a child to love and care for. *Yet, does the end justify the means?*

- Children are treated as objects – something to be put together in a shop. Sometimes the sperm and/or egg donors are not the 'parents' who 'ordered' the baby and will continue the IVF process.
- Eugenics is often a byproduct of IVF. Many embryos are 'made' and then 'screened' for likely-to-survive or for genetic problems. Failing embryo-children are 'discarded' (killed). These babies deserve to be named instead of disrespected like trash.
- If multiple children are implanted successfully, 'selective reduction' (elective abortion) may be committed if the parents don't want twins, triplets, etc.
- Children are treated like commodities. They may be made for the pleasure of people who have chosen a sterile lifestyle by design but want a child anyway.
- IVF children may not know who their biological parents are. Anonymous sperm donor fathers want nothing to do with their offspring who are left to wonder how many siblings they may have and who/where they are.
- 'Survival guilt' of the 'chosen' child whose IVF siblings were killed or left frozen. An IVF adult could be implanted with her thawed sibling!
- Dearth of parental responsibility - leaving their 'excess' frozen children unwanted and unloved. And society accepts this abandonment.

*Every child, no matter how conceived, has the right to life, value & purpose.*

IVF is an unethical choice that is an injustice to children, parents and families.