

Sample Working Bibliography Entry

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Facts:

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- Religious and political leaders, from President Bush to the Vatican, sharply criticized announcement that scientists in Mass. had succeeded in creating the first cloned human embryo (Q)
- Religion and science must delve into uncharted ethical area (P)
- Scientist insisting they are only doing it to produce stem cells for medical research (Q/P)
- Cloning humans is not purpose of research (P)
- Nov. 25/01 Advanced Cell Technology succeeded in growing a human embryo for a few hours (P)
- Bush's Quote: "We should not as a society, grow life to destroy it...and that is exactly what's taking place...bad policy. Not only that, it's morally wrong in my opinion" (Q) from a press conference (NOTE: Find rest of press conference and does PM have a stand for Canada??)
- Federal money will not be committed to cloning research in US (find Canada)
- Most cloning research being done by private agencies (find out which ones)
- Vatican response Nov 26/01: "...despite 'humanistic intentions' of scientists, the first cloning of human embryos is an act of 'moral gravity' that must be unequivocally condemned. (Q)
- Vatican reopening debate over when human life begins = at conception (P)
- Find Vatican views from November 2001 in regards to human cloning (NOTE TO SELF)
- Test tube babies condemned in RC church (P)
- Vatican backs a proposed international convention against human cloning
- PJP2 "human stem cells must be treated with respect because of the human patrimony of which they are carriers" (Q)
- Stem cells can grow into any cell or type of tissue in the body (Q)
- ACT wants to produce stem cells to create a new era in medicine, essentially creating cloned human embryos for the purpose of experimentation (P)

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- United Methodist Board of Church and Society (year 2000 resolution) – complete and total ban of human cloning, including those limited to producing human embryos (Q)

- July 2001 USA (House of Reps) approved legislation that bans all cloning of human beings, including embryos (at time of article no law made through Senate) (P)
- Senate supports “cloning for research purposes.” ACT research though is making Senate rethink this decision (NOTE: what has been decided since this time) (P)
- Lots of political and religious organizations in United States want clear laws created and enforced in this type of research (P)

Bias in Source:

At first reading, the article does not appear to present a bias because it does provide information on both sides of the issue. As one reads further however, it becomes clear that the bias presented is that the author is not in favour of human cloning/stem cell harvesting because they are more strongly presenting the views of key religious and political figures who are not in favour of this type of research (President Bush, Pope John Paul 2, various clergy in Catholic, United Methodist church, Baptist in US, UN delegation, senators, members of house of representative. The bias in a Christian publication is obviously going to agree with the conventions and Christian teachings.

Summary of Article:

Advanced Cell Technologies is a United States private company that reported being the first company to successfully create the first cloned human for the purpose of stem cell experimentation. This article presents the views of a number of political and religious leaders who have taken a strong stand against this branch of science that has begun to experiment with human cloning for stem cell experimentation. The article makes it clear that lots of key world figures are disturbed about the ethical and moral issues that arise in many religions in condoning this type of research. All these key figures are calling for an immediate response and ban on research of this kind.

Keywords and names from article (further research potential):

- Stem cells
- Advanced Cell Technology of Worcester, Mass. (chief executive Michael West)
- Vatican stand on Human Cloning
- Bush’s speech on Stem Cells/Human Cloning
- Archbishop Rafele Renato Martino / Vatican observer to UN
- UN convention against Human Cloning??
- Senate/House of Rep legislation in US
- Christian Political Action Groups
Focus on the Family, Family Research Council, Christian Coalition, Christian Legal Society
- Union of American Hebrew Congregations