

## Taking Sides Assignment (Issue: 8 Stem Cells)

Stem cells are cells that can divide indefinitely can differentiate or develop into other cell types. These stem cells can vary into many types of cells, from helping with heart disease, building new tissue or any tissue that is damage. They are harvested or frozen from left over cells of In vitro, the ones they didn't use or that were left over. From the source of Dominican University of California, they say that around 400,000 to 500,000 embryos are thrown away or discarded. I know that they have a great use! Let's use our sources!

My stand currently is for Stem Cell research. I support the idea of them researching more so that we are able to find a cure or way to resolve these many diseases. I believe this because the "zygotes" aren't even human beings. They are what could be human beings or potential ones. It not even is what we think it is. It makes perfect sense to do what question number two is saying, we need to take advantage and use the technology we have to study and further develop our medical field. We, for the most, are just going to be throwing away many of these stem-cells, be them frozen or not.

I like the point in the argument where they support and point out from the Declaration of Independence "liberty and the pursuit of happiness" who's to determine what's canceling out the rights of human beings and their pursuit of happiness. Would we not be a whole lot happier if we had more openings or solutions for certain diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, heart disease and others? I think absolutely and that we shouldn't let an opportunity like this slip away. I kind of think of our Nation as having this dream and idea that we are always free with opportunities and we can always grow. If we were to say no to this argument, we would kind being showing that we don't represent America to the fullest. Or people from other countries will see us as not fulfilling our purpose or being who we ought to be. The results of having a renewable source for cells in some of popular diseases far outweigh the misleading thought of "killing of human beings".

It's ethical because it's better for us. It's kind of like building muscle we go through the pain and break down our muscles only to have them bigger and better in the future. I don't understand even if you thought they were humans, if they were going to be thrown away anyway why not use them for research so that we have healthier happier people in the future.