



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Will IVF be Affected by Overturn of Roe?



Education: In Vitro Fertilization is big business. But in the process of trying to produce a child, several other very young humans either die, are discarded, or are frozen indefinitely. Several eggs are fertilized. Sometimes the embryos are screened; one cell is removed and the DNA is examined, and if an unfavorable gene is detected, the embryo is discarded. Or if the embryo just doesn't seem as healthy as the others, it will also be discarded. Over a million human embryos are currently in frozen storage, as "extra"

products not used. And of course, embryos which are transferred to the womb but do not successfully implant, will die. It was estimated in 2010 that only 7.5% of embryos created survive to be born. (1) Current practices to more often implant only one or two embryos may have changed that number.

The reversal of Roe will affect "selective reduction". If 4 or 5 embryos are transferred, they may all implant – leading to a very high-risk pregnancy and the prospect of having 4 or 5 babies the same age. Selective reduction means killing the "extra" embryos to reduce the pregnancy to either a singleton or twins. That is definitely an abortion, or termination of pregnancy, which will be outlawed in many states if Roe is overturned.

As far as in vitro fertilization, manipulation and discarding of embryos outside the womb, the current laws in pro-life states ban termination of pregnancy, killing a child in the womb. There is little or no regulation of how embryos can be manipulated in vitro (that is "in glass"). (2) However, as time progresses, more people will hopefully begin to accept the fact that human life does in fact begin at conception, and people will therefore look at IVF in a different way, and realize that even early embryos are human beings and deserve to be treated with respect, rather than discarding them or freezing them indefinitely.

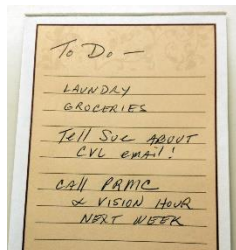
1. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-fertility/conception-is-a-rare-event-fertility-study-shows-idUSTRE69O50T20101025>

2. <https://thefederalist.com/2022/05/24/embryo-dumping-fertility-industry-is-panicked-over-the-potential-overturn-of-roe-v-wade/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please help everyone to realize that babies are not products to be manufactured, with "extras" to be discarded, but gifts from you. Once an egg and sperm have united to form a new human being, that person deserves to be treated with respect, not discarded or frozen, or placed in a situation where his or her survival is at risk. The very nature of IVF to create new humans outside the womb puts those humans at risk, with only a small chance of surviving to be born. Please lead couples struggling with infertility to trust in You to provide them with children, if that is your will for them. Help them to learn about NaproTechnology (3) as an alternative approach, and if necessary, consider adoption as an

alternative way to accept children into their home.



Action: If you have friends that are struggling with infertility, talk to them about IVF and the moral issues involved. Tell them about NaproTechnology, which has better results than IVF, but works with the natural reproductive system rather than replacing natural reproduction with an alternative method. Ask them to pray about it before deciding, and perhaps consider adoption as another alternative.

3. <https://naprotechnology.com/>