

RTLACO Policy Statement on IVF

While Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio empathizes with the many couples who turn to IVF as a treatment for infertility, we oppose IVF because IVF entails the production of multiple embryos which results in selective abortions after implantation. Furthermore, cryopreservation is incompatible with the respect owed to human embryos. IVF screens human embryos for genetic disorders, handicaps and sometimes gender. The “undesirable” embryos are often discarded and thus their dignity is reduced to that of a commodity, lacking the preservation of the dignity due to all human life. Whereas IVF is used for surrogate pregnancy, RTLACO supports adoption and other ethical and life affirming technologies and procedures that do not violate the intrinsic nature of the marital act nor treat human beings as commodities.

Resources

In Vitro Fertilization (Students for Life of America)

Assisted Reproduction (Human Life International)

In vitro fertilization (IVF) (The Mayo Clinic)

Eggsplotation (45-minute YouTube video)

Support Educational Activities

Donate to support our Educational Activities in our communities in Ohio.

Your Donation can Help Us Impact the residents of Ohio to Change Hearts & Minds and Save Lives.

The Education Fund informs Ohioans by presenting the truth about abortion, infanticide, embryonic stem cell research, IVF, euthanasia and other issues which impact the inalienable right to life.

Your Gift Will

Provide Educational & Training Opportunities
For youth and Ohioans new to
the prolife movement.

Promote Town Halls, Seminars & Panels
Provide Professional Speakers & Instructors

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A Candid & Factual Look



The Process

- Egg generation in mother (or donor) using hormonal drugs to stimulate ovaries for multiple egg production.
- Aspiration of eggs via surgical procedure.
- Eggs combined with sperm to produce multiple embryos.
- Selected embryos transferred into the uterus.
- Unused embryos frozen in storage.
- Inherent risks to woman and embryo.

Violates Dignity of the Child

- God's plan is that each child be conceived within marriage.
- More embryos than those transferred to the woman are either destroyed or placed in freezer storage. Each child is treated as a commodity; both scenarios are degrading to the human person.
- Preimplantation Genetic Testing is often employed with the intent of detecting gender and/or abnormalities for the purpose of destroying the embryos that are abnormal or unwanted.

IVF Concerns

- The IVF industry is unregulated in the United States—a lucrative industry driven by monetary gain with no legal or moral accountability.
- Embryos are frozen for future implantation and/or experimental use .
- Embryonic Transfer undermines the meaning of the sexual relationship and denies God's plan for procreation.
- Multiplets are often implanted in hopes of a successful outcome. However, this sets the stage for selective reduction (abortion).
- The value and dignity of human life is sacrificed to accomplish what one desires at the expense of lost human lives.



What About the Frozen Embryos?

- The frozen embryos are indeed human persons who deserve protection. They must never be destroyed nor used in scientific experimentation.
- Embryonic transfer, although well intended, it undermines the meaning of sex and denies God's plan for procreation.
- Human life and marriage are sacred and sacrosanct; their dignity cannot be sacrificed one for the other.

Responsive Action Steps

- Pray for a return to societal respect and protection for all human life.
- Pray for an end of IVF and Embryonic transfer.
- Educate Ohioans about IVF and Embryonic transfer.
- Initiate and pass laws to regulate the IVF industry.