

Reasons  
to  
VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 2

*REASON 1*

**Amendment 2 would permanently change Missouri's Constitution.**

First and foremost Amendment 2 would permanently change our constitution adding five pages of deceptive legal language and creative definitions, affecting 45 of its sections.

*REASON 2*

**Amendment 2 will use our tax dollars for unethical and unproven research.**

Despite claims to the contrary, if Amendment 2 passes, Missourians will pay for unethical and unproven research indefinitely.

*REASON 3*

**Amendment 2 would create a constitutional right to devalue human life.**

It would treat human life as a commodity and raw material for unethical human experimentation by the bio-tech industry.

*REASON 4*

**Amendment 2 is harmful to women.**

To produce the number of eggs required for embryonic stem cell research, many vulnerable women must take extremely high doses of ovulation stimulating hormones. Harvesting women's eggs can have serious health consequences. Risks include strokes, infertility, organ failure and death. Up to 35% of women who submit to ovarian stimulation experience health consequences and up to 14% of these are severe. Some women even die.

*REASON 5*

**Amendment 2 is unnecessary.**

Adult stem cell research has been proven effective for many illnesses. Breakthroughs in this research occur consistently. We need to retain the option to direct our tax dollars to this ethical and promising research.

*REASON 6*

**Amendment 2 protects and promotes human cloning.**

The proponents want you to believe Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) is NOT cloning but the reality is that every textbook and scientific journal defines SCNT as CLONING.

*REASON 7*

**Amendment 2 is an elite Initiative.**

95% of the more than \$16 million currently funding the campaign to enshrine embryonic stem cell research and human cloning in Missouri's Constitution have come from one wealthy couple. This is not a broad-based citizen's initiative.

*REASON 8*

**Amendment 2 is immoral.**

It is ethically wrong to destroy human life regardless of its origin or geography.

*REASON 9*

**Amendment 2 will exploit the disadvantaged.**

Disadvantaged women would be disproportionately exploited and enticed to risk their health by "donating" their eggs for payments specifically allowed by the definition of valuable consideration in this amendment.

*REASON 10*

**Amendment 2 is wrong.**

To permanently change our constitution to protect unproven and risky scientific experimentation is wrong.

### *REASON 11*

#### **Amendment 2 ignores proven research.**

Ethical stem cell research provides real hope without cloning or destroying human life. We do not need a constitutional amendment to pursue these promising avenues of research.

### *REASON 12*

#### **Amendment 2 is deceptive - it will PROMOTE not ban Human Cloning.**

The proposed amendment is based on a deception. The amendment states, "No person may clone or attempt to clone a human being." But to conduct embryonic stem cell research you must first clone human beings at the embryonic stage. They have created their own convenient definition of cloning.

### *REASON 13*

#### **Amendment 2 will destroy human life.**

Embryonic stem cell research, like abortion, involves the destruction of human life.

### *REASON 14*

#### **Amendment 2 will NOT give Missourians any more access or rights to cures or therapies that they and every other American ALREADY enjoy.**

You don't need a constitutional amendment to guarantee access to any therapies and cures available in the United States. Missouri patients would NOT be second class citizens as claimed by the proponents.

### *REASON 15*

#### **Amendment 2 ignores the success of Adult Stem Cell therapies and cures.**

Adult stem cells are successfully being used in clinical trials and the research and treatment of numerous disorders. In contrast, embryonic stem cells have yet to be used for the treatment of any disease.

### *REASON 16*

#### **Amendment 2 will NOT insure First Class status to Missouri's biotech industry.**

The proposed constitutional amendment is not needed for Missouri to remain a leader in medical research. Several states, including Michigan, have banned human cloning. Yet, Michigan's biotech industry is booming with the growth of its life sciences industries exceeding the U.S. average.

### *REASON 17*

#### **Amendment 2 is NOT in step with the rest of the world.**

Missouri is not alone in the fight to ban cloning human embryos. Twenty-seven countries, including secular democracies such as Germany, France, Switzerland, Norway and Denmark, have banned human cloning. Six neighboring states have also banned SCNT- true human cloning.

### *REASON 18*

#### **Amendment 2 will require your hard-earned tax dollars.**

The proponents of the amendment are after your tax dollars to fund questionable research because private money has been directed to more promising research avenues.

### *REASON 19*

#### **Amendment 2 has potential to make some people and corporations very wealthy at Missourians' expense.**

Researchers and bio-tech corporations stand to make a lot of money from patents - even if no cures ever come from human cloning and embryonic stem cell research.

### *REASON 20*

#### **Amendment 2 contains no real internal controls or oversight.**

It claims to require medical and public oversight but the fine print indicates the oversight committee will be appointed by the research institutions involved. The "fox would be guarding the henhouse".