

# THE IRISH SUPREME COURT HAS JUST WIPED OUT THE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN CHILD AT THE EARLIEST STAGE OF ITS LIFE.

On December 15th the Supreme Court denied any rights whatsoever to the human embryo outside of the womb. This leaves the door wide open to experiments on unborn human life, cloning, and other horrors - unless the government moves to protect life.

The Court was deciding on a case where a mother of two wanted her frozen embryos transferred to her womb, but was opposed by her separated husband. The Court ruled for the husband and also decided that the embryos had no protection under the Irish Constitution. The judgment was absurd; it ignores the wishes of the Irish people who voted for the protection of the unborn child in 1983.

It also leaves Ireland wide open to allowing for experiments on human embryos, for the whole scale destruction of frozen embryos in fertility clinics, and for the legalization of chemical abortion.

That's why we need you to speak up for life to help to reverse this wrong.



# THE ISSUES:

- 1. Human embryo research is unethical as it destroys human life. It also has produced NO cures. On the other hand, adult stem cell research, which uses cells from the patient and does not involve the destruction of human life, has produced successful treatments for 73 conditions including cancer and spinal injuries.
- 2. Manipulating human embryos for IVF (In Vitro Fertilisation) creates ethical problems. It's also very costly and has a high failure rate.
- **3.** We need to get our law makers to stop the practice of freezing embryos immediately. More funds should be made available for ethical fertility treatments, which do not involve the creation and destruction of human life in laboratories. Napro Technology, for example, has a far better success rate, is less costly and intrusive, and does not create any ethical dilemmas.



In 2004, a government quango — the Commission on Assisted Human Reproduction — issued a report looking for the government to legalise embryo research, embryo destruction and even cloning. Now they say this Supreme Court decision means the government should follow their recommendations.

But the government instead needs to listen to the people, not to some unelected quango! The people have also shown in poll after poll that they want to ban embryo research and protect life from conception.

## Time is short. Your voice is needed.

If you don't speak out, you get ignored. And in this case, that means the rights of tiny human embryos are ignored. Don't let Ireland become a centre for lethal experiments on human life. Protect the human embryo. Make your voice heard today.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

This will take just a few minutes of your time. The Government needs to see your opposition to proposals that will destroy human life. It's not something that will wait until the New Year.

Please contact your local public representatives today - across all parties. It is best if you can contact your TD's local office. Alternatively, you can phone Dáil Eireann on (01) 618 3000 and they can put you through to your local politician's office at Government buildings. You can also go to www.oireachtas.ie for details of all the TDs in your area, including their e-mails.

### TELL THEM:

- 1. That you are their constituent and that you are outraged with the recent Supreme Court judgment, which has opened the door to the destruction of frozen human embryos; embryo experimentation; and chemical abortion.
- 2. Tell him/her that you want to get a guarantee that they will push for immediate legislation that will bring full protection to the human embryo, both inside and outside the womb.
- 3. Please phone 01-8730463 or 01-8730465, or email: info@youthdefence.ie to register that you have complained, and any feedback.

Speak up for Life. Be a voice for the voiceless. Say no to experiments on human life.



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