

Ethics: Bioethics (Fall 2014)

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BEING A PARENT: ACCOUNTS

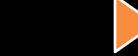
- Geneticist genetic basis
- Labor-based serving in the relevant role
 - Gestational (one type)
- Intentional & voluntarist taking the actions necessary for procreation with full intention of bringing at least one child into the world
- Causal causally responsible, regardless of intentions
- What do you see as benefits or pitfalls of these different accounts of how someone becomes a parent with all the relevant claims and responsibilities?

SOME DEBATES





On sperm donation



On egg donation



Strengths and weaknesses to the positions offered?

- → Moral preferability of what's "natural?"
- → Long-term repercussions for family structure, society?

GROUP WORK: OUTLINE SOME POINTS OF ETHICAL CONTENTION

Sperm donation

- Informed consent
- Screening
- Disclosure of information about donor
- Rights of genetic fathers
- Privacy
- Eugenics
- o ...others?

Egg donation

- Informed consent
 - Coercion, inducement
- Screening
- Disclosure of information about donor
- Rights of genetic mothers
- Privacy
- Eugenics
- o ...others?

CONTRAST & COMPARE

- Consider the following:
 - Relevant moral responsibilities of different parties
 - What might be morally problematic and morally beneficial about the different reproduction options
 - To what extent analogies can and cannot be drawn
- Abortion (in different circumstances)
- Surrogacy (traditional or gestational)
- Sperm & egg donation

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE

- Parenthood, SEP:
 - http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/parenthood /#BecPar

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?