

## Resolution – Donor Conception

**WHEREAS,** Donor conception violates children’s right to life, right to their mother and father, and right to be born free-not bought and sold.

**WHEREAS,** IVF is not child friendly. Most donor children (DC) are conceived in glass (IVF). Only 7% of lab created embryos will be born alive. IVF treats babies like disposable commodities. “Undesirable” embryos are discarded routinely; many babies won’t survive the thaw or transfer, the few that do implant may be “selectively reduced” (aborted), or have their siblings “selected” for disposal. And many will spend their lives in a freezer.

**WHEREAS,** #BigFertility is for-profit; no one is “donating,” everyone is buying or selling. At great cost, “donor” children are created in labs by adults willfully choosing a motherless or fatherless (sometimes both) life for a child. DC children suffer socially and emotionally in greater numbers than their adopted counterparts. #BigFertility is unregulated with few requirements to record-keep or report on the outcomes of the children they are making. Ninety-nine percent of DC adults believe that #BigFertility has a responsibility to act in the best interest of the people it helps create.

**WHEREAS,** #BigFertility is big business and their human-products are troubled that their lives came with a price tag. DC people, rightly, feel trafficked and monetized. Seventy percent of DC people agreed that “the method of my conception sometimes causes me to feel distressed, angry, or sad.”

**WHEREAS,** #BigFertility is a marketplace and buyers pay more for gamete sellers with “desirable traits” such as attractiveness, athleticism, academic achievement, and white skin.

**WHEREAS,** Donor Conceived kids overwhelmingly believe knowing their biological parentage is paramount to good mental health. Many describe feeling fraudulent, untethered, and alone; even when raised in a two-parent family, they long for their biological parent:

- 64% of DC adults believe that their sperm donor is half of who they are.
- 70% believe they have been harmed by anonymous donation.
- 89% believe it is important to know the identity of their donor.

**WHEREAS,** The want of their commissioning parent(s) pales when compared to the need these children have to understand who is responsible for their attributes. Many DC adults are fixated with finding their missing half-siblings, some worry about the possibility of being related to a romantic interest, and others spend years obsessively searching for their biological parents. With the help of DNA testing services, many are learning the truth of their biological family members. According to We are Donor Conceived 70% of “donor” children found at least one donor sibling via DNA testing. 79% have found one to ten siblings, while five percent have discovered fifty or more siblings.

**WHEREAS,** Donor conception shifts the emotional burden of an adult longing to become a parent to a child who will long for their missing parent(s) for a lifetime.

**THEREFORE,** The \_\_\_\_\_ Party of Texas should adopt a plank on Donor Conception:

**Plank #xxx. Donor Conception:** Donor Conception should be banned. In order to mitigate the impact on children, a) any donor conception must be logged in a government database so that children will have access to their biological family; b) children must be allowed to access their medical information and biological identity through an open-ID system; c) intended parents must undergo adoption-like screening processes to ensure safe placements, and d) birth certificates must list biological parents. We oppose IVF.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the \_\_\_\_\_ County/Senate District # \_\_\_\_\_ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of Texas.

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