



**DON'T LET THEM  
LEGALISE  
EXPERIMENTATION  
ON BABIES.**

# The proposed referendum on abortion is supposed to protect human life.

## But will it allow experimentation on our unborn children?

Experimenting on human beings is opposed by all right-thinking decent people. But there is a lot of money to be made in what is called embryo research. In fact, using human tissue and cell lines from unborn babies is set to become a billion dollar industry in the near future.

Growing little babies for the purpose of experimentation sounds like something that would only happen in Nazi Germany but if the Government's proposal is not changed it could happen in Ireland.

You might think that sounds pretty extreme, especially given the fact that 70% of Irish people are opposed to abortion. The horrible truth is that behind closed doors, without your consent, preparations are already being made to allow this to happen.

### FACT

The Government says its proposal on abortion will protect unborn children "after implantation in the womb." It deliberately excludes children grown outside the womb from this proposal. This may allow embryos frozen during IVF procedures to be destroyed. It could also allow human embryos to be used for research purposes.

### FACT

The European Parliament voted on 14/11/2001 to give 17.5 Billion Euros to fund embryo research. The majority of Irish MEPs voted in favour of this funding.

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The Government recently established a Commission on Assisted Human Reproduction which is looking into the area of research on embryos. The Commission has stated that "the definition of the unborn is crucial" since human embryos cannot be frozen and later destroyed, nor can experimentation on unborn children take place where babies are protected from the moment of conception.

**IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS FRAMED ITS PROPOSAL SO THAT IT WILL NOT PROVIDE SUCH PROTECTION**

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Bertie Ahern has said that the proposals “have no relevance to the unborn outside the womb.” Why does the Government not wish to use this referendum to fully protect unborn children?

If the Irish Government does not intend to allow unborn children developed outside of the womb to be used for experimentation then they must change this proposal. To date they have said they will not do so.

**This is an outrage!** We have waited almost ten years for a pro-life referendum to protect the lives all of our unborn children from the moment of conception.

**WE CAN'T ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE THIS MATTER FOR THE IRISH PEOPLE. WE MUST DEMAND THIS PROPOSAL BE CHANGED NOW.**



## OTHER PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSAL

**T**he Government has said that it wants to protect current medical practice while banning abortion. Everybody agrees with that aim, but is that what the Government proposal actually does?

This is not a complex matter, as there is a clear distinction between necessary medical treatment and abortion. Medical treatment, as practiced in this country, rightly insists that women receive all necessary treatment when pregnant. It does not allow a doctor to deliberately take an action with the intention of ending a child's life.

The proposed abortion amendment plays games with this very important distinction between medical treatment and abortion.

**It does not specify which medical treatments are not abortions and does not say that any harm done to the unborn child should be an unsought side effect of necessary medical treatment.**

Again, the question is, why not? In order to protect unborn children from deliberate killing we must insist on changes to this proposal. This wording must be watertight or it will lead to abortion in Ireland.

**pro-woman pro-child pro-life**

# It's up to you!

We cannot allow this Government to deceive the Irish people. This is not just about brown paper bags and bribes. This is about Life itself.

We need to tell our politicians **now** that they won't get our votes if they refuse to protect **all** of our children.

The urgency of this request cannot be stressed enough. The Dail is currently discussing this proposal which may open the door to allow legalised abortion and experimentation on unborn babies.

This simply is not the pro-life referendum that we need to protect unborn children from the abortion industry. It's time we told the Government to stop pretending otherwise.

**It's up to you. Don't leave it to the politicians to decide whether our unborn children should live or die.**

**USE YOUR VOICE!**

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CHANGES**

## Here's what you must do to play your part:

1. Phone your local politicians and tell them that you are absolutely opposed to the legalisation of any form of abortion in Ireland. Tell them that this proposal is not satisfactory and that you want a proper pro-life referendum. Say that this proposal must protect the unborn child from the moment of conception and that it must be clarified with regard to medical treatment.
2. Visit your politicians at their Saturday constituency clinics and tell them the same.
3. Write to *An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern*, at Dail Eireann, Dublin 2 with your demands.
4. Get your family and friends to do the same.
5. To find out how you can do more in your area, contact the Mother and Child Campaign at (01) 8730465.
6. Distribute copies of our free leaflet in your town or city (both available from the Mother and Child Campaign office).