

## **Cloning Around** Should people be allowed to clone themselves or others?

In 1997, scientists cloned a lamb named Dolly from an adult sheep. *Cloning* is a process in which cells from the body of one living thing are used to make an exact copy of it. Since Dolly, scientists have cloned cattle, pigs, and other animals.

Some scientists would like to try to make clones of human beings. They could create a new baby from the cells of a person, they say. Someday, just a few of your cells could be used to make a copy of you. You could have a younger identical twin.

Should scientists be allowed to clone humans? All over the world, people are wrestling with that question. Read these arguments. Then decide for yourself.

### **Yes! Scientists Should Clone People.**

Cloning humans would help us learn. We could learn more about how people develop. That could lead to preventing and curing diseases.

Scientists could learn how to clone parts of the human body. People who need new body parts would be able to get them. For example, a person with a bad heart could get a heart from a clone.

Making a clone of a person could be a wonderful thing. Parents whose child dies could use cells to create a new baby. The baby would be like the child they lost.

Some people aren't able to have babies. People who want to be parents could make a clone instead. Then they would have a baby of their own.

Many people have done a lot for peace or science. A clone might be able to continue the good work.

## **No! Scientists Should Not Clone People.**

Making clones of people is wrong. We were not meant to make new humans in the lab.

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Experiments on humans are dangerous. We don't know what could happen. Cloned babies might have problems. They might not be able to live full lives.

A person should be made from two parents. A cloned baby would have only one parent.

A cloned person would not be exactly like the

original. Many things affect how a person is. What happens in your life affects who you are. No two babies have the exact same experiences. Cloning a child who died would not mean getting that same child back.

Bad people might clone for the wrong reasons. For example, they might want to make thousands of clones of super strong people to use in armies. Cloning is too risky.