

PHI 2301: Ethical Issues in Contemporary Society
Paper 2: Cloning

Among ethicists, there is a general agreement that cloning of human beings raises a number of important ethical issues. Discuss at least three of these ethical issues, arguing ultimately that cloning of humans is either positive or negative. Use outside sources when appropriate. 2-3 pages.

The Benefits of Cloning

All over the world, people are searching for ways to improve themselves and their lives. Cloning can help the lives of millions of people in the United States. It offers a variety of options that can help almost everyone. People will be very happy with the cloning technology. Cloning is good for our world because it can get rid of infertility, and it can give people the appearance they want.

Because of infertility, many couples go through physically and emotionally painful procedures for a small chance of having children. Infertility happens when a woman's ovaries have failed, her eggs are not easily fertilized, or because the man's sperm is not conceivable (Kolata 5). Many couples run out of time and money without successfully having children, couples go to infertility doctors and try over and over to conceive a child if they can not get one the first time. Once couples know that they have a chance of having a baby, they will keep trying until it happens. Sometimes they are not so lucky and are never able to have a baby through regular infertility procedures. With cloning, a child could be created and placed into a woman's womb. To do this, they would clone the genes desired by the parents. Infertility clinics expect to be able to add or delete genes to human embryos to create a perfect child (Kolata 13). They can delete genes that could cause disease or disability and add genes that they want in their child. . If an infertile couple was given a choice of a child who is a clone or no child at all, they would most likely choose a clone child (Kolata 19). This feature in cloning will let everyone have the child of their choice. Even if couples do not have fertility problems, they can choose different genes they would like in their child. This would make everyone happy with their child.

Every person is self-conscious about his or her looks. People usually have plastic or

cosmetic surgery to alter themselves to their liking. Although many people have chosen to have plastic surgery, there are many risks. The silicone used for plastic surgery could leak and cause problems for your body. With the cloning technology, these problems and worries would be a thing of the past. Instead of using materials foreign to the body for such procedures, doctors will be able to manufacture bone, fat, connective tissue, or cartilage that matches the patient's tissues exactly (HCF Online). They would clone the patient's bone, tissue, and other parts and alter them. Limbs may also be able to be regenerated with cloning (think Luke Skywalker). This will help people who have lost a limb feel better. Anyone will be able to have their appearance altered to their satisfaction without the leaking of silicone gel into their bodies or the other problems that occur with present day plastic surgery (HCF Online). Being able to clone and manufacture people's tissue would make people very happy, they would not have to worry about the silicone gels harming their bodies. Once people have the appearance that they want, they will be happy with themselves.

Overall, there are many pros to the cloning technology. It is able to help almost anyone and can bring up their self esteem. It can improve everyone's lives in many ways. The world needs a thing like cloning to make everyone happy with themselves. Cloning will help infertile couples conceive a baby, improve a person's physical appearance, and help cure health problems and diseases.

Questions to Consider for Paper #2: Cloning

What is the writer's thesis?

This should probably appear very early on in the paper, at the end of the first or second paragraph. Underline the writer's thesis right on the draft. Give specific suggestions for improving the thesis, if it needs improving.

Does the writer provide evidence to back up the thesis?

Underline the writer's evidence. Suggest other types of evidence, if necessary (web sites, anecdotes/stories, survey results, statistics, interviews, etc.)

Does the paper include an effective title?

Suggest an effective title that will sum up the purpose of the piece, and attract readers.

Is the paper well organized?

Does it seem to jump around? Are the connections between ideas made clear? Point to specific places where organization and transitions are a problem.

Does the paper conform to MLA format and style?

Is the paper set up as it should be? Are all quotes, paraphrases, and ideas from other sources given proper citation? Are they all listed correctly in the Works Cited page?

Are there surface errors that are repeated, which distract the reader or inhibit meaning? Look in particular for common errors involving commas, apostrophes, and run-on sentences. (But don't make them the only, or even the main focus of your response.)

Rubric for Paper #2: Cloning

	Excellent (4)	Good (2)	Adequate (1)	Inadequate (0)
Thesis	Thesis clearly conveys an original argument	Thesis is clear but not original	Thesis makes an argument, but is not completely clear	No thesis present
Evidence	Evidence is clear, original, and connected to thesis	Evidence is clear and connected to thesis	Evidence is present, but not clear or connected to thesis	No or little evidence to back up thesis
Organization	Organizational scheme is signaled early on (“signposted”) and enhances argument	Organization enhances argument but is not clearly signaled	Some lapses in organization – jumps around occasionally	No discernable organizational scheme
Title	Title is original and thought-provoking	Title is either original or thought-provoking	Title repeats name of assignment	No title
MLA Document.	No errors in citations or works cited page	1-2 errors	3-5 errors	More than 5 errors
Surface Errors	No surface errors (spelling, usage, punctuation)	1-3 errors	4-6 errors	More than 6 errors