

My Father Was an Anonymous Sperm Donor

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[an excerpt:]

"I was angry at the idea that where donor conception is concerned, everyone focuses on the "parents" -- the adults who can make choices about their own lives. The recipient gets sympathy for wanting to have a child. The donor gets a guarantee of anonymity and absolution from any responsibility for the offspring of his "donation." As long as these adults are happy, then donor conception is a success, right?

"Not so. The children born of these transactions are people, too. Those of us in the first documented generation of donor babies -- conceived in the late 1980s and early '90s, when sperm banks became more common and donor insemination began to flourish -- are coming of age, and we have something to say.

"I'm here to tell you that emotionally, many of us are not keeping up. We didn't ask to be born into this situation, with its limitations and confusion. **It's hypocritical of parents and medical professionals to assume that biological roots won't matter to the "products" of the cryobanks' service, when the longing for a biological relationship is what brings customers to the banks in the first place.**

"We offspring are recognizing the right that was stripped from us at birth -- the right to know who both our parents are."

**DOING THIS TO CHILDREN LIKE KATRINA,
JUST TO SATISFY THE DESIRES OF
ADULTS, IS MORALLY WRONG!
(DITTO FOR EGG DONATION)**