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# Redefining Human Life Reproductive Technologies And Social Policy

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## **Redefining Human Life Reproductive Technologies And Social Policy:**

*Redefining Human Life* Robert H Blank, 2019-08-16 This book examines critical social policy issues emerging from recent developments in human reproductive technology. Although considerable attention has been focused on the ethical dimensions of these developments, the policy dimension has largely been obscured. Dr. Blank now provides a far-ranging overview of the cumulative impact on society of a wide array of new reproductive technologies and the social patterns that accompany or precede their application. The book begins with a description of the current context of reproductive decision making. Dr. Blank demonstrates how emerging technologies are producing complex and intense social policy concerns, then reviews in detail human reproductive technologies and illustrates the significant consequences of technological innovations for political and legal concepts of rights and obligations. Examples include recent cases involving torts for wrongful life. He analyzes possible alterations in the moral and legal status of the fetus in light of apparent technological and social policy trends and presents a paradigm of fetal rights that reflects these changes. A final case is made for a comprehensive assessment of reproductive technologies as well as for the urgent need to refine concepts of human life that in the past have been taken for granted but that now are being challenged. **Redefining human life**, 1984 **Reproductive Issues in America** Janna

Merrick, Robert H. Blank, 2003-08-06 A balanced and thoughtful analysis of human reproduction issues in the United States with emphasis on the ethical and policy implications of cutting-edge reproductive technologies. Few subjects are as divisive and partisan as the issues surrounding the propagation of the human species. This thorough examination covers the full scope of the debates and offers an up-to-the-minute survey of the controversial technologies that are at the heart of reproductive rights in the United States. The areas explored range from abortion and sterilization to fetal research and human cloning. The moral, societal, and public policy implications of each subject are examined thoroughly with emphasis on those areas where cutting-edge technology has raced ahead of public policy, thereby creating new concerns for ethicists and policy makers. Legislative oversight or the freedom to pursue reproductive technologies at any cost: this debate is far from over. Brain Policy Robert H. Blank, 1999-02-01 Neural grafting, virtual reality, gene therapy, psychotropic drugs. As startling new treatments emerge for disorders of the brain, new concerns are arising along with them. In the first book to examine the implications of the full range of revolutionary interventions now possible in the human brain, Robert H. Blank warns that while these new techniques may promise medical wonders, they also raise profound political questions. Our rapidly unfolding knowledge about the brain and the accompanying applications have three main policy dimensions: funding research initiatives, controlling individual use, and assessing social consequences. But underlying these aspects, Blank argues, are more disturbing issues that pose fundamental challenges to our conceptions of equality, autonomy, freedom, responsibility, and human nature itself. *Brain Policy* makes the key facts from the technical literature readily accessible to social scientists and general readers and points out the implications for our society. Blank first explains the structure and function of the nervous system and

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*Reproductive Health Hazards in the Workplace*, 1985

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values their children and their interactions with others Information from more than 500 intensive interviews with women and couples forms the core of *With Child in Mind*      **Surrogate Motherhood** Lawrence O. Gostin, 1990-05-22 glimpses of intriguing changes in social arrangements and cultural understandings in relation to surrogacy Disturbing motherhood indeed New Scientist Larry Gostin has put together the definitive collection of essays on one of the most perplexing and titillating topics in contemporary medical ethics This book includes contributions from some of the leading scholars on the legal ethical and social aspects of surrogacy as well as several critical perspectives on the famous Baby M case must reading for understanding the surrogate motherhood controversy Robert M Veatch Highly recommended Choice a valuable resource for those concerned with an exceedingly difficult ethical legal and political problem Ethics There is a wealth of information here on the current status questionis in the United States and anyone involved in the surrogacy debate in the U S or otherwise will find working through this material very worthwhile Canadian Philosophical Review an excellent sample of some of the best and most varied thinking so far on the numerous conceptual moral social and policy questions raised by contract motherhood The Journal of Clinical Ethics      **Reproductive health hazards in the workplace.** CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES - Office of Technology Assessment Washington D.C. 20510,      New Reproductive Technologies and the Health Care System Canada. Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies, 1993 This volume includes studies on the Canadian health care system a literature review that provides a framework for technology decisions assessment of available data from randomized clinical trials to determine the effectiveness of given treatments by specific indications the adverse health effects of drugs used for ovulation induction changes in evaluation of in vitro fertilization the cost effectiveness of an in vitro fertilization program and the costs of associated hospitalizations and other infertility treatments public preferences toward an in vitro fertilization program and the effect of the program on patients quality of life the health of the children involved and a feasibility study of the epidemiology efficacy outcomes and direct costs of infertility treatment in Saskatchewan from 1978 90      Public Sector ,1994      **The Cornell Journal of Social Relations** ,1983      Science & Public Policy ,1986      **Special Issue** ,1990

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