

Legality / Morality of Concealing Parents Identity

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As somebody who has been emotionally scarred by the selfishness of a number of people in my life who decided to either lie to me or to others about my existence, I think that there is an important legal and moral issue here. That is that everybody has the right to have two parents, at least. More, preferably. Period. I think that people who would procure sperm from a cryobank anonymously and the cryobank that supplies it to them (I gather at substantial cost) should be required to fully divulge the identities of fathers to children, and those children should have the full legal rights of children. Not illegitimate children, full human children. Including rights of inheritance in both directions. (since it is a consensual relationship, and the children were never signatory to any agreement which cannot sign away a right enjoyed by THEM, I think its indefensible and unconstitutional to do anything else.) To do anything else is extremely unfair to the most important people in this story, the children. There are literally millions of children in this country who need loving homes. Seeing the segment in the film about prospective donees picking donors by appearance and knowing the cost of Caucasian infants to adoptive parents (most are not adopted by Americans, rich foreigners come from around the world to adopt here, causing adoption bidding wars) one has to see that this primarily profitmaking operation is making its profit on the tears of children. I would like to see some court cases establishing the rights of children to parents and making it clear that children are not bound by any agreements that create unnatural barriers for them to having parents, the most fundamental relationship we have. The same thing applies in reverse, I think that they have a relationship with their parents whether they want it or not. Its complicated. We don't understand it, but its real. In the real world none of us can pick our parents or our siblings, but one thing is clear, these relationships are not like different colored overcoats which we can put on and take off as it suits us. Period.

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