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Exploring Social Issues through Design: What do you support?

Some of the most powerful and meaningful art ever created was made in reaction to the important social issues of that time. Picasso painted *Guernica* as a response to the bombing of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War. Goya's *The Third of May* was painted as a result of the shootings of innocent civilians by Napoleon's armies. These are two examples of art that addressed important social issues. What issues are we faced with today? Which issues are important to you?

1. List some important social issues we face today:

ABORTION	HEALTHCARE	STEM CELL RESEARCH
GLOBAL WARMING	WAR	NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION
ANIMAL CRUELTY / TESTING	CAPITAL PUNISHMENT	TEEN PREGNANCY
FREEDOM OF SPEECH	ECONOMY / TAXES	GANG VIOLENCE
POVERTY	STOS	GUN CONTROL
ILLITERACY	CHILD ABUSE	EUTHANASIA
IMMIGRATION	RACISM	
SAME SEX MARRIAGE	WAR ON DRUGS	
LEGALIZATION MARIJUANA	PIRATES	
OBESITY	HUMAN TRAFFICKING	

2. Which of these issues is most important to you, or which issue do you want to address in a poster? Why does this issue matter to you, or why did you choose it?

I CHOSE TO ~~ADD~~ ADDRESS STEM CELL RESEARCH. I THINK STEM CELL RESEARCH IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT CAN POTENTIALLY CHANGE HOW WE TREAT HUMAN DISEASE INCLUDING CANCER, PARKINSON'S, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER DISEASES & DISORDERS.

3. **Research Topic:** Find a news article or other informational source on your topic. Read and print your article.

Name of information source(s): (e.g. LA Times, Wikipedia, etc.) STANFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHILOSOPHY

Article Title & Date: ETHICS OF STEM CELL RESEARCH

Web URL: HTTP://PLATO.STANFORD.EDU/ENTRIES/STEM-CELLS/

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4. According to the article you chose, what are some of the different viewpoints on this issue? Summarize each side of the argument with factual information. Or if you chose an issue that needs more awareness, summarize the issue and tell us why more people should know about this issue.

THE ARGUMENT FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH IS BASED ON THE POTENTIAL FOR STEM CELLS TO ~~BE~~ CHANGE HOW WE ARE ABLE TO TREAT/^{CURE}~~WASH~~ DISEASES THAT OTHERWISE HAVE NO CURE OR TREATMENT AVAILABLE.

OPPONENTS OF STEM CELL RESEARCH SAY THAT THE PROCESS OF HARVESTING EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS IS UNETHICAL ~~AND~~ AND WRONG BECAUSE IT REQUIRES THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HUMAN EMBRYO, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO KILLING AN INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE.

5. On your topic, what viewpoint do you support? Or tell us why you think this issue needs more awareness. Give 2 reasons why you support this viewpoint, or why you think this issue is so important. **Support each reason with evidence from research.**

STEM CELL RESEARCH SHOULD BE ALLOWED AND FULLY FUNDED -

MOST HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS ARE DERIVED FROM

1. EMBRYOS CREATED FOR INFERTILITY TREATMENT ~~AND~~ BUT WERE IN EXCESS OF WHAT WAS NEEDED ~~AND~~ FOR PREGNANCY. THESE CELLS ARE USUALLY DESTROYED ~~IT WOULD BE~~ THE POTENTIAL FOR THESE CELLS TO BE USED FOR HEALING PURPOSES SHOULD OUTWEIGH THE CONSEQUENCES OF DESTROYING THE CELLS THAT WOULD BE DISPOSED OF OTHERWISE.

2. EMBRYOS AT THIS EARLY STAGE ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE EQUIVALENT TO HUMAN LIFE ~~AND~~ AND WITH MORE RESEARCH THE DESTRUCTION OF THE EMBRYO MAY NOT BE NECESSARY TO EXTRACTING THE STEM CELLS.