



STEM CELL RESEARCH: *Fiction vs. Fact*

FICTION:

There is a total ban on stem cell research in the United States.

FACT:

No such ban exists. In August 2001, President Bush disallowed *federal funding* of only the kind of stem cell research that would require the killing of human embryos.

FICTION:

Embryonic stem cell research (which requires the killing of human embryos) is on the verge of producing cures for serious illnesses and there is no other way to obtain these cures.

FACT:

Embryonic stem cells have not helped one single human patient. Actually, it is research with *adult* stem cells that has shown very positive results. **Adult stem cells have helped hundreds of thousands of patients, including those with diseases like Parkinson's and patients with brain and spinal cord injuries, and new clinical uses expand almost weekly.**¹

FICTION:

President Bush has banned federal funding of all stem cell research in the United States.

FACT:

Last year, the Bush Administration provided over \$200 million for stem cell research, of which about \$190 million was allotted for research on adult stem cells. **Adult stem cell research is the only stem cell research that has yielded any clinical benefits for humans.**

FICTION:

Most Americans support John Kerry's position which would use federal funds for embryonic stem cell research *and* for cloning human embryos to be used in research that would kill them.

FACT:

In reality, most Americans disagree with John Kerry, his friends in Hollywood and the big biotech companies who want to get federal dollars for experiments using human embryos.

53%

of Americans *oppose* using federal funds for stem cell research which requires killing human embryos.²

74%

of Americans *support* President Bush's position which allows federal funding for stem cell research that does not require killing human embryos.²

69%

of Americans *support a total ban* on human cloning -- including a ban on cloning human embryos for stem cell research which would kill the embryo.²

The facts don't lie. Once again, John Kerry is out of step with the American public.



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¹See <http://www.stemcellresearch.org> for further documentation.

²Wilson Research Strategies interviewed 1,000 adults nationwide August 16-18, 2004. The poll has a margin of error of +/-3.1%.