

# Cloning

## Reproductive Cloning

Potential uses:

- *Evil dictator*
- *Ill/dead child*
- *Einstein/MLK/Beckham*
- *Spare body parts*
- *Young self (eternal life?)*

## Problems with cloning

### Un-natural

- No random element that is usually present at conception
- Death is usually the end for a person
- Threatens the uniqueness of the individual
- IVF issues (because of how pregnancy is created)

### The clone is not the same

- Social context is different
- Upbringing will vary
- Experiences contribute to psychological development
- Personality is not genetically determined

### Freedom and individuality

- The cloned person should be free to determine his/her own future
- The manipulation of a clone to meet some other need is wrong
- Constant comparisons to the original will be a pressure
- A clone can't 'be themselves' as they will always be treated like a copy
- What name would they take, and who would be their parent/s and family?

### Rights

- What rights would a clone have?
- Would they be legally classed as a child of the original or his/her sibling?
- What would stop a clone from committing crimes and pretending to be the original?

### Health risks

- Dolly had arthritis and died young
- A large percentage of cloned animal foetuses have severe 'abnormalities'
- There is no way of knowing the long-term effects on the clone