

Made-to-order embryos: You want to sell what?!

This is an excerpt.

With political dividing lines carved deep into the collective consciousness, wading through the ethical minefield of embryo creation and destruction is a challenge. A recent *New England Journal of Medicine* article, “Made-to-Order Embryos for Sale — A Brave New World?” by I. Glenn Cohen and [Eli Y. Adashi](#) tackles the controversial issue of for-profit embryo creation. Possibly in an attempt to come out on a particular side of the political line, it sweeps what is truly terrifying about the practice under the rug.

The issue gained prominence last November, when the *Los Angeles Times* covered a Davis fertility clinic, California Conceptions. California Conceptions creates batches of embryos from donated sperm and eggs, keeps them in an embryo bank on site, and divvies them up to sell to multiple parties for a profit. As the *LA Times* reporter put it, “The clinic, not the customer, controls the embryos, typically making babies for three or four patients while paying just once for the donors and the laboratory work.”

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