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Question 1

ANSWER:

I believe any tissue from a human body should be put into the donation/sale category the same. Hair, organs, etc all contain DNA which can be used to replicate life to different extents with current and future technology. There should not be any distinctions between the tissues in regards to ethical concerns.

Question 2

ANSWER:

No

Question 3

ANSWER:

Currently there is legally. But in the future, I don't think there should be differences legally. With regard to living tissue versus tissue that has been taken from a dead person, the tissue is probably more viable and easily preserved from a living person.

Question 4

ANSWER:

The cost would be potential detriment later in life if their other kidney fails, for example after providing one kidney earlier in life. However, they could then get a kidney provided to them. That is the risk and is the person's own decision. Also, that person's body part/tissue would be given to someone else, and they could use that tissue to obtain DNA to determine a lot of information about an individual and potentially use it for future cloning type technology that we currently do not have. The benefits should be monetary or whatever the providing individual would like to receive in return. It can be an auction type transaction like ebay.

Question 5

ANSWER:

Same as the previous question. Although it sounds like the benefit for this person would be giving something of theirs for the future benefit of mankind which could be noted with their name in some history book.

Question 6

ANSWER:

No

Question 7

ANSWER:

Yes. Enough money to retire on. Min \$5MM US. Preferably \$20MM

Question 8**ANSWER:**

No

Question 9**ANSWER:**

Just the fact that you are giving up your DNA for potential harmful uses if someone wants to do that. Otherwise, no.

Question 10**ANSWER:**

See previous response

Question 11**ANSWER:**

I'm all for compensation

Question 12**ANSWER:**

It is not a moral duty in my belief. I am an organ donor, but I believe that there are not enough organs and tissue to go around for everyone who needs them. Bring organ providing to the open market and people can get what they can afford. And the poor who cannot afford it with money can either trade organs or be on some form of Medicaid program (US program) that allows them to receive organs.

Question 13**ANSWER:**

No. For some people there will be and good for them. Not for me.

Question 14**ANSWER:**

This is another reason it should be an open market. People need organs. They will give what they can to obtain them. If the whole world is open to providing organs, then there will be plenty. Also with tissue engineering advances, dependable "off the shelf" organs are only 25-50 years away. That will probably obviate the need for organ providing in the way you are bringing it up.

Question 15**ANSWER:**

Yes. Monetary. I don't know how much. You would have to ask me and I would have to sit down and do some math and more due diligence

Question 16

ANSWER:

No difference in my view

Question 17

ANSWER:

Anything other than monetary for me would not be worth it. And I would like something that I could retire on. \$5MM US. Or \$1MM for each tissue that I provide depending on how many I could provide. It would have to be substantial.

Question 18

ANSWER:

Direct is the only way for me. Although on the open market auction, there could be many forms. It could be money, real estate,...any contract that could be imagined.

Question 19

ANSWER:

Yes

Question 20

ANSWER:

Tissue engineering advances. "Off the shelf" organs are just about a reality. However, they probably won't be truly viable and exceptional for another 20-50 yrs.

Question 21

ANSWER:

Anything the recipient can imagine and bring to fruition is fair game.

Question 22

ANSWER:

Good question. People have to be grown-ups and make responsible and informed decisions.

Question 23

ANSWER:

No

Question 24

ANSWER:

Yes, but that is why you hope you give written or oral or recorded instructions to loved ones before it happens. Be prepared. That can be part of your education.

Question 25

ANSWER:

If the person signs a consent and a detailed one that says what can and cannot be donated or provided for money or compensation, then the family should not have a say. If the dead person did not sign a consent, then there should be no providing of organs or tissue.

Question 26

ANSWER:

See previous question and response

Question 27

ANSWER:

YES!!!!

Question 28

ANSWER:

Yes. They can act as a broker, a processing center, planner, and probably other things too.

Question 29

ANSWER:

See the 2 or 3 previous questions/responses

Question 30

ANSWER:

No. Thanks