SHOULD PARENTS BE ALLOWED TO REPRODUCE AS THEY PLEASE?

No. Right to Reproduce Overrated.

As they please:
– as many as want w/o regard to ability to care; w/o regard to health – CA octuplets & 6 case
– pregnancy w/o regard to substance abuse during pregnancy that risks child disabilities

We need Societal Regulation – Reasonable Regulation of Reproduction

– Natural Reproduction: Problem of Substance Abuse during Pregnancy (Illegal drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco)
  – Now very limited regulation: mostly CPS intervention based on ltd testing illegal drugs
  – Yet serious problem:
    – Subst Abuse harm during preg and harm if take babies home
    – Alcohol & Tobacco essentially unregulated

– Appropriate regulation:
  – Rules saying No
  – CPS Intervention
  – At-birth removal or Family Drug Court, Intensive HV
  – Penal Sanctions for repeat drug birth??

– Reproductive Technology: Ups stakes and Demands
Societal Regulation: Issues include:
  – Sex Selection
  – Positive & Negative Eugenics
  – Cloning
  – Chimeras & other Research/Experimentation

Overrated Right To Reproduce has led to No Regulation
  – Felt sense of Repro Freedom Lens over all
  – Need establish Mid-Tier Scrutiny as appropriate Const Standard, allowing State to Regulate w/o fear that all will be struck down

  – Dangers??
    – Slippery Slope?
    – Political game gets played and our position doesn’t win out
    – Slow Down for Science – not as great a danger as rush forward