

Although I'm not a product of fertility fraud by definition, I know from my experience that the fertility industry is ripe with deception for profit. My parents' fertility doctor suggested using sperm from my social father mixed with a donor's sperm because that would "help the patient's sperm work better", which is just not true. This deceitful industry gave my parents false hope for a biological child. When I was born, they were in denial and assumed I was biologically related to my dad. They didn't dare tell me there was a chance I wasn't, as their doctor told them not to, and that was the industry standard back then. So instead I had to find out at the age of 26, on my own through a 23andme test, which completely upended my life. Even though finding my half-siblings has been a silver lining, I have 9 half-siblings that I know of so far (and who knows how many more), most of which grew up in the same area that I did, Northeast Ohio. The number of people born from each donor was supposed to be limited... Another example of the fertility industry's corruption.

We as a country regulate the most simple things in life. But the most important, life itself, remains a for-profit industry of dishonesty. Someday, we as a country will catch up to other parts of the world when it comes to regulating the fraud and deception in the fertility industry, and today is your chance to be a leader in that pursuit.