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Bioethical Decision-Making Model

I. State the bioethical problem specific to the scenario (for example, Should human cloning for economic gain be allowed?)

II. List at least 5 possible alternative actions or solutions to the problem, even if you do not agree with some. (Five is the minimum.)

Ranking	Solution
_____ 1.	_____
_____ 2.	_____
_____ 3.	_____
_____ 4.	_____
_____ 5.	_____
_____ 6.	_____
_____ 7.	_____
_____ 8.	_____

III. Rank these alternatives in order of preference by placing numbers beside your solutions. Rank the solutions from 1 being the one that your values agree with most and 8 your values agree with least. For example place a #1 beside your first choice, #2 beside your second, etc.

IV. Take your #1 solution and list at least 5 values you hold that cause you to rank it #1. Refer to the Values and Descriptors sheet for ideas.

Value	Personal Meaning of Value Word
_____ 1.	_____
_____ 2.	_____
_____ 3.	_____
_____ 4.	_____
_____ 5.	_____
_____ 6.	_____
_____ 7.	_____
_____ 8.	_____

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V. Now take your #1 solution and describe the CONSEQUENCES you think it would have. Consider any 5 of the long term and short term consequences below.

How would this solution:

affect my:	Short Term	Long Term
Money		
Time		
Personal Relationships		
Family		
Friends		
Psychological Self		
Community		
Country		

VI. Place a (+) beside each consequence you hold as "good" and a (-) beside each consequence you hold as "bad".

VII. Are there any "bad" consequences that you could not live with? If so, try another solution or modify your solution.

VIII. List 3 reasons why others might not agree with your solution to the problem.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

IX. Restate your solution and then place a confidence or conviction measure on it by marking an X on the confidence scale below. My solution is:

I can live with
my solution
1-----2-----3-----4
very sure

I cannot live with
my solution
1-----2-----3-----4
not very sure