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One woman donated her eggs to me, and another carried my twins so that I might complete my family. Next to my mother, I owe them everything. But to create my children, it took 4 attempts involving a total of 13 zygotes or fertilized eggs. 11 didn't make it. I have friends that took years of marriage before having a kid. Some have had to resort to IVF or surrogacy, as I did. Can you imagine how many fertilized eggs they created that they did everything they could to help survive, that did not? Let's stop putting the zygote on a pedestal. It is but one of the many steps necessary before you get a viable human being. That only really happens into the third trimester of a pregnancy. Until then, what we have is a dream, a tangible hope. And what is a dream or a hope compared to the physical integrity of a woman's body or her life. I know that if I had kids before I was ready, I'd either be an unhappy parent, or just an unfulfilled person. And there are some people I know that would make terrible parents, and many of them know it. Please let everyone decide for themselves if they are ready to sacrifice all to raise a kid, especially because their right to their body and life really is greater than the right of the chance at a human being that an undeveloped fetus represents. Sure, after you cross 20 plus weeks, it does get complicated, because many of them can live with help outside the womb. It really should be an individual and personal decision, with or without a partner. And yes, two parents are great, but look at all the amazing individuals that have risen to the top because of the dedication of one parent. Freedom and equality.