

The potential for embryonic stem cell research is great and, if with strict guidelines and strong oversight, "the perils can be avoided."
"I can also promise that we will never undertake this research lightly. We will support it only when it is both scientifically worthy and responsibly conducted," Obama said. "And we will ensure that our government never opens the door to the use of cloning for human reproduction."
Obama also signed a presidential memorandum directing White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to develop a strategy "for restoring scientific integrity to government decision making."
"(Promoting) science isn't just about providing resources it is also about protecting free and open inquiry," Obama said. "It is about letting scientists like those here today do their jobs, free from manipulation or coercion, and listening to what they tell us, even when it's inconvenient"
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