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In France, the context of Assisted Reproduction Technologies (ART) has been recently transformed. In 2021, the review of the bioethic law disrupted the dynamics of the use of donor insemination (DI).

PROBLEMATIC

This new legislative reality in France and the tense context that it establishes question the way in which society actors give meaning to sperm donation, kinship and family.

Do this reality impact representations of kinship?

Does conception stories and their negotiation by children have been transformed?

What about donor motivations?

What these access ways to the DI experience tell us about the relationship with kinship and family?

METHODOLOGY

Comparative section with Switzerland

An intermediate legislative posture, and a close geographical and linguistic position, make this country a relevant point of comparison to better understand the French situation.

EXPLORATORY PHASE

12 exploratory interviews with parents receiving DI, members of activist associations, ART professionals and a donor.

Representation of the national regulation

Comparison of French and Swiss Laws

Experience with DI

Themes covered by exploratory interviews

LATER...

MEDIA FOCUS

Media analysis currently being carried out on French and Swiss daily newspapers.

POPULATION FOCUS

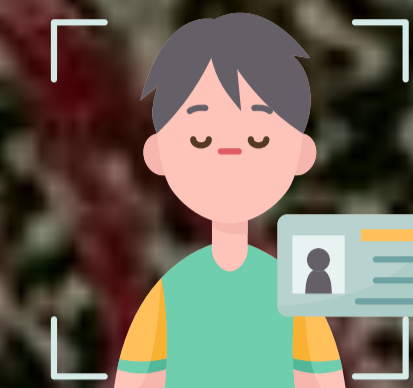
Donors, recipients, children : Semi-structured interviews (30)
General Population : Focus Groups (30)

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LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

New populations such as couples of women and single women.



Informations on donors given to children if they request it.

NEW DYNAMIC

8 times more demand

8X



15,8

Stabilization of the insufficient number of donors

The average delays to have a DI increased from 13,8 to 15,8 month

BACKGROUND

Sociogenetic approach of the theory of social representations (Kalampalikis, 2019; Jodelet, 2015): how a common sense theory is constructed and transformed during social interactions ? (Jodelet, 2015; Jovchelovitch, 2008).

THE MODEL OF LEGAL INNOVATION

How innovative concerns emerging in society, are legally institutionalized and integrated into discourses and practices.

EMERGENCE

INSTITUTIONALIZATION

GENERALIZATION

STABILIZATION

Stigmatic anchoring

Parents receiving donations may have difficulty to represent the donor (Doumergue, 2016).

Castro, 2012

Motivational profiles of donors Which meanings they attach to DI (Kalampalikis et al., 2013; Viville, 2020).

PERSPECTIVES

Exploratory interviews raise areas of reflection:

Verbalization around DI

The figure of the other

The relationship with kinship