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to look it over and say, you know, that's not for us; that's going to diverge too far from our values as a society. There's nothing wrong with that. That's not antiresearch, that's not antiknowledge. That's using knowledge and exercising wisdom and making a policy choice. It's also not wrong to think it over and decide, you know, something that we thought was okay 40 or 50 years ago, we've evolved in our thinking; we don't think that's acceptable anymore. It means we don't have to go out and destroy all our polio vaccine. It just means that we're not necessarily going to use those same methods anymore. That's completely legitimate. That doesn't make you a Luddite, that doesn't make you antiexploration or antiprogress. You get the sense that we're all doomed if we don't pursue this one avenue of research. There are many avenues of research going on. We're just deciding that this particular one, this is not for us. And that is a place...that's our call. That's our call to make. What I mean is, another argument we've heard is that politicians don't have any business sticking their noses into medical research, into scientific research. I don't want to micromanage research at the Med Center or anyplace else. But when research has a major public policy implication, not only do we have the right to stick our noses into it, we have a duty. It's our job to set the general parameters. We're the ones that are the elected representatives of society, not research scientists. They're not accountable to society, we are. And if a particular kind of research has major public policy implications, then there is a role for us, there is a voice for us, and nobody should apologize for it. If you don't have the stomach for it, then you shouldn't be here, because that's part of our job. The good news in this case is, as other senators have pointed out, there's no conflict here, there's no titanic clash between politics and science. We would simply be codifying what the university's bioethics panel has already recommended. Last point I want to make,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. Last point I want to make with my final 60 seconds is, I want to address the handful of senators--I think maybe it was a half-dozen or so--who on the issue of fetal tissue research said, I believe