

Homework 4 (Jones)

What are the advantages of having a clear definition of “brain birth”? (1 point)

How would you answer the author’s question: “When can an embryo/fetus be said to be alive in any meaningful sense?” Why? (2 points)

A proponent of brain birth might argue that a person should be considered alive when there is a whole functioning human brain (First EEG activity) Give at least one reason why this definition might be considered problematic. (2 points)

What is brain birth 1 and brain birth 2? (2 points)

Why might the “pre-conscious nervous system” and “post-conscious nervous system” need to be treated differently? (1 point)

Should definitions for the beginning of life be consistent with brain definitions for death? Why or why not? (2 points)