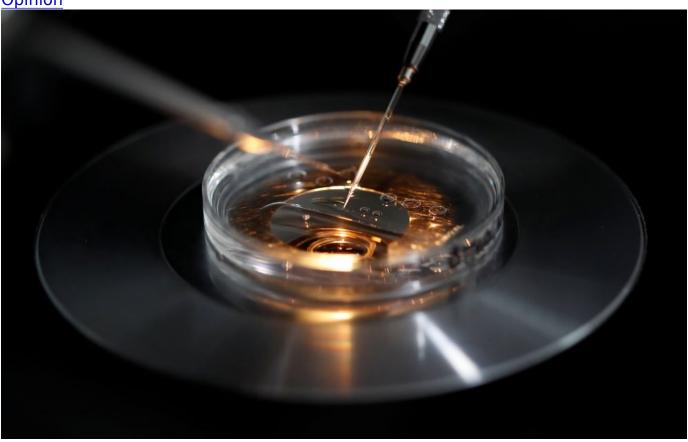
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A medical lab technologist operates an embryo vitrification during an intra cytoplasmic sperm injection process at a laboratory in Paris on Sept. 13, 2019. The Alabama Supreme Court recently ruled that frozen embryos qualify as children under state law. (OSV News/Reuters/Christian Hartmann)



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