

## Playing God: Genetic Engineering



### Introduction

Medical science has seen an amazing number of innovations. One of the most promising involves our chromosomes. The chromosomes that control our hair color, our height, and our likelihood of developing certain diseases have been identified, and thousands of other genes of these chromosomes already exist and will be able to do so for many others in the future. This practice of isolating human genes and changing them is called genetic engineering.

### Exercise 1: Read the statement and indicate your reaction.

**1- strongly agree 2- somewhat agree 3- neutral 4- somewhat disagree 5- strongly disagree**

- 15.12.3.4.5. If I knew the baby were going to grow up to be disabled, I would choose to change it genetically.
- 16.12.3.4.5. If I ask for doctors for sex genetic engineering technology for offspring a baby's sex will according to the parent's wishes.
- 17.12.3.4.5. If I could know if a fetus has any diseases or physical abnormalities, I would choose to change it genetically.
- 18.12.3.4.5. If I knew the baby were going to be born with a gay or lesbian, I would choose to change it genetically.
- 19.12.3.4.5. People have the right to decide what is "perfect" today, & not to create it if they can't.
- 20.12.3.4.5. It would be unethical to know what diseases I might suffer from later in life based on chromosomes for those diseases.
- 21.12.3.4.5. Changing human genes is against God's ethics.

### Exercise 2: In your opinion, do discuss your responses to the which would you have the right to do this or would not do it if the mother or the doctor?

**Exercise 3:** Scientists have found many ways to use genetic engineering, including curing diseases and doing deals with inherited birth defects, it's not totally good thing? Why or why not?

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How do you feel about this? What do you think are the pros or cons of these ideas? Do support that: