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Modeling the Environment

Designer Babies; A Question of Ethics or a Great Advance

Con:

Advances in science and technology have surpassed any and all expectations. Who would have ever imagined the day where parents could select their child’s physical characteristics? Though many believe that this is a fantastic scientific success, this is really a question of ethics that needs to be considered and confronted. Designer babies would have “desired traits” that the normally breed children are not guaranteed. As more and more couples continue to take advantage of this progress, a superior race may prevail. These designer babies may begin to dominate leaving the other children without a fighting chance at success. Would the naturally produced offspring be at a disadvantage? Has science gone too far? You decide.

Pro:

Advances in science and technology have surpassed any and all expectations. Who would have ever imagined the day where parents could select their child’s physical characteristics? This fantastic scientific success allows parents to give their child what they may have always desired but never could actually attain. A mother who has always wanted blonde hair could ensure that her child got what she always wanted. A father who always dreamed of raising a son could make sure he finally had a boy. Designer babies are a way for parents to ensure the best for their offspring. Science has taken a step in the right direction and should continue to make more progress in the field of genetics.

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