

Gattaca's future is now, "God help us all"

"Gattaca" is considered to be one of the best science fiction films of the past twenty-five years, but we seem to be on the verge of turning the world it depicts into science fact.

A recent series of articles at Time magazine's website discussed the potential and pitfalls of a new technology called "whole-genome sequencing" or WGS. WGS can analyze a person's entire genome and identify genetic risk factors for diseases such as diabetes and cancer.

Anyone who thinks that the widespread adoption of WGS, especially if it's used *in utero*, won't result in discrimination against the already-born and death of countless more unborn is kidding himself. As families growing smaller and health care eats more and more of our GDP, the pressure to use WGS in ways that the movie "Gattaca" envisioned will be almost-irresistible.

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