

Schizophrenia about genetics

The following is an edited excerpt.

The [genetics of schizophrenia](#) is a fertile if fraught topic. But I won't be discussing that in this post. Rather, I want to put the spotlight on a peculiar contradictory and illogical tendency in the contemporary American *Zeitgeist*: **the gene is all-powerful, and the gene is irrelevant**. The same people who raise eyebrows with skepticism about the [heritability](#) of [endophenotypes](#), nevertheless seem to believe that when it comes to the domain of disease genes are perfectly and frighteningly predictive! I know scientifically educated people who have expressed to me their confidence in the power of nurture, as opposed to nature, in the determination of the character of their potential offspring. And yet these same individuals may express serious worry that genetic testing might render the whole field of health insurance null and void.

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