

Experts discourage ban on genetic engineering

The following is an excerpt.

As genetic technology develops, the ability to change the genes of a fetus has moved from the realm of science fiction to a possible reality in the future.

Large-scale genetic modifications are currently banned in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration, however other countries are experimenting with the practice, said Hank Greely, the Deane F. and Kate Edelman Johnson professor of law at Stanford University. As other countries experiment with genetic engineering, the ability to change the composition of an unborn child's DNA has raised a plethora of ethical dilemmas, with some groups calling for the practice to be prohibited all together. Although Duke researchers see issues with genetic engineering, most do not believe it should be banned altogether.

"Banning is not a productive way forward," said Nita Farahany, professor of law, philosophy and genome sciences and policy. "Whether or not [genetic modification] should be allowed is a different discussion."

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