

## Is individuality the savior of eugenics?

Payment of the poor or incarcerated has long been acknowledged as a form of coercion; yet some such women genuinely welcome the opportunity to simultaneously forgo children they can ill afford without becoming celibate. Sorting out these issues has been a problem at least since North Carolina's eugenics program, begun in the 1940s, which sterilized thousands through the 1950s and 1960s, with the express approval of the state.

Eugenics critics are still the vocal majority, spanning the political spectrum. But in recent years, a growing constituency of Drs. Jekyll within the biomedical community has sought to resurrect eugenics as a practice that, if done correctly, can be beneficent, and as a word that can be used without stigma. The key they say, is individuality.

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