

Giving up the impossible dream of genetic privacy could help everyone

In January, scientists scared the world by using public information to find the names behind five people's anonymous, public DNA samples collected for research. The scientists then determined the identity of some 45 family members who had also donated DNA. How? By linking ages and locations associated with the five individuals to family trees associated with DNA on genealogy websites. (The subjects' ages were then removed from public view.) The stunt, intended to raise awareness, also raised new fears—insurance companies denying coverage, discriminatory hiring practices, and the end of dating as we know it.

Here's the thing: Lack of genetic privacy isn't just something to accept. We should embrace it.

Read the full, original story here: [Don't Be Afraid Of Your DNA](#)