

Children to order: Ethics of “designer babies”

Creating designer babies who are free from disease and super athletic or smart may finally be around the corner.

But American society hasn't fully thought out the ethical implications for the future of baby making or policies to regulate these techniques, an ethicist argues in an article published March 13 in the journal Science.

“We’re on the cusp of having much more information, and the appearance of having much greater discretion, in choosing the traits of our children,” said article author Thomas H. Murray, a bioethicist at the Hastings Center, a nonprofit research center in Garrison, N.Y. People also need to think about what parents and doctors will do with the technology, he said. “What use will they make of it, and should there be limits?”

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