

## Do we need regulation for coming brain augmentation technologies?

If you could permanently change your brain to work better, would you? Or, maybe more importantly, would you have the right to?

Over [at The Atlantic](#), there's an excellent rundown of think-tank the Institute for the Future's forecasts for the next 10 years, but one of the most fascinating is the idea of a "Magna Cortica": a document that would legally protect the right to cognitive enhancement. Mood pills, brain stimulation, genetic modification — what should we be allowed to do to ourselves?

Institute for the Future distinguished fellow Jamais Cascio drew up [this rough list](#):

1. *The right to self-knowledge*
2. *The right to self-modification*
3. *The right to refuse modification*
4. *The right to modify/refuse to modify your children*
5. *The right to know who has been modified*

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