

Where do Americans stand on human gene editing, designer babies?

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Most Americans oppose using powerful new technology to alter the genes of unborn babies, according to a [new poll](#) — even to prevent serious inherited diseases.

They expressed the strongest disapproval for editing genes to create “designer babies” with enhanced intelligence or looks.

But the poll, conducted by STAT and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, found that people have mixed, and apparently not firm, views on emerging genetic techniques. US adults are almost evenly split on whether the federal government [should fund](#) research on editing genes before birth to keep children from developing diseases such as cystic fibrosis or Huntington’s disease.

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