

## Stanford biomedical ethics chair predicts end of reproductive sex

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[H]ow [do] we navigate the ethical and legal morass [gene editing] create [in human reproduction]? As a professor of genetics, and the chair of the biomedical ethics committee at Stanford, [Henry T. Greely] is an expert on such technologies, along with the ethical and legal challenges they [pose](#). He argues that in as little as two to four decades, couples in developed countries will stop have sex for reproductive purposes and turn to science instead.

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Greely predicts that those who make babies the old fashioned way, particularly in countries with socialized medicine may become stigmatized, since they would drive up the cost of healthcare. In a sense, it would also lead to more equality, as same sex couples could create a child that is genetically their own. It might also lead to some horrific results. "What if a woman decided to make eggs from herself and sperm from herself, and then transfer them to her own uterus?" posited Greely. Though it is unlikely, it could occur.

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