Worries about artificial human enhancement persist among Americans

[According to] an extensive <u>survey</u> conducted by the Pew Research Center...[s]ixty-eight percent [of over 4,000 Americans] were somewhat or very worried about gene-editing, as opposed to 49 percent who saw themselves as at least somewhat enthusiastic about the prospect. Sixty-nine percent were also wary of brain implants and 63 percent felt the same about using synthetic blood transfusions to improve our strength, speed, and stamina. A similar percentage were taken aback at the thought of trying these technologies out on themselves or their future children.

"I think that being healthy, productive, [and having a] good quality of life is where I would draw the line," said one focus group participant[.]

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Among survey participants, people who were highly religious tended to more often view these technologies with suspicion[.]

Others were scared about the potential for discrimination towards those unable to access these miraculous marvels[.]

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Despite these concerns, though, the majority of Americans — 67 percent — viewed science as a net positive for society, especially when it came to health and medicine.

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