

What's the difference between choosing healthy embryos and picking a baby's eye color?

Blair and James are trying to start a family. Like many parents, they hope their future offspring will be healthy. They'd also like the baby to have blue eyes.

The couple, both 35, describe themselves as type-A personalities who research everything. When they decided to try for a baby, they looked into DNA testing to rule out disease-causing genetic mutations they might pass along to their child. Then they learned about a test that might help predict a future baby's eye color.

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[T]he notion that parents might someday select embryos based on what some deem as aesthetic preferences—a future child who is a certain height or good at sports or looks a certain way—raises challenging ethical questions. Perhaps, some ethicists argue, DNA testing will create a society that further values certain types of children more than others.

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Based on the results of the testing, [Dr. Jeffrey Steinberg] says, “You absolutely can make a blue-eyed baby.” The doctors say that they estimate that in a group of five of their embryos, one is likely to have blue eyes.

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Once you start looking at an embryo to rule out diseases, [James] says, what's one more thing like eye color?

“You are there already,” he says.

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