

Is it time to decide what we want our future gene-edited society to look like?

Now, we are able to [‘design’ babies](#), filtering out illnesses, and selecting things like eye colour, hair colour, and even intelligence. And the possibilities will only continue to grow in the near future.

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[Bioethicist Ronald Green] calls this idea of a class of people with ‘perfect genes’ “[genobility](#)” – but adds that it will only be available to those who can afford it. As dystopian as that might sound, he says, society is already rife with [divisions](#) along privilege lines when it comes to access to medicine and cosmetic procedures.

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“For example, once we discover which genes (if any) could contribute to homosexuality, would we permit people to edit those away? Should we respond to requests to lighten the skin of children? Should we support sex selection? Should we permit people to engage in arms races of IQ, height, muscular and physical ability?

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Facing a future of ‘designer babies’ then, we need to decide what we want society to look like in the future. Do we want a society that is tall, athletic, neurotypical and intelligent? Or do we instead value diversity? The very thing that makes each of us who we are.

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