

Head Transplant

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History

In 1908, a French Surgeon named Alexis Carrel attempted to graft the head of one dog onto another dog.

This attempt was unsuccessful as the head showed early signs of life but was put down hours later.

History

Later in 1954 a Soviet Surgeon would give his own attempt. This time the dogs would survive for up to 29 days.



History

Up until 2016 a man called Ren Xiaoping experimented with rats heads.



Effect

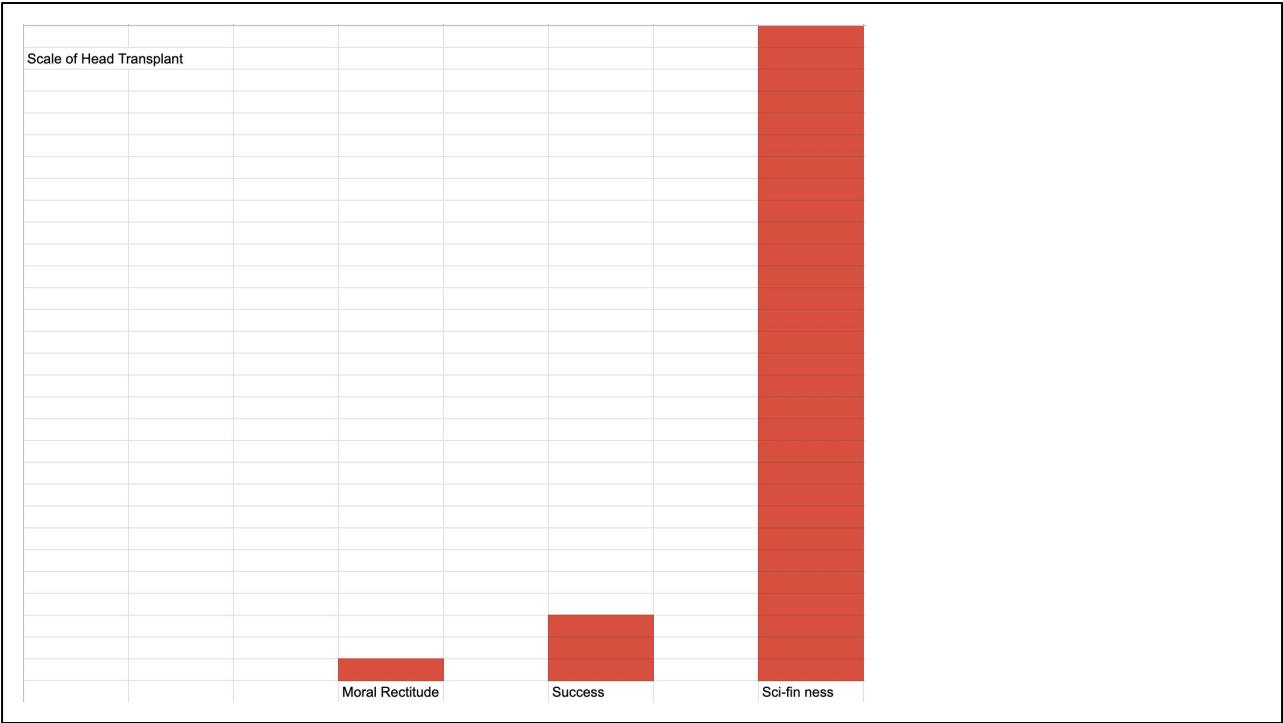
Head transplants haven't had much of an impact due to the fact that a long-term transplant has never been successfully completed.

Pros

- If it were to be completed successfully it would mean massive breakthroughs in transplant medicine.
- The idea is cool like a sci-fi story

Cons

- Head transplants can be considered morally wrong
- It's never actually been completed



My Opinion

I believe that it is morally wrong to graft someone's head onto another person. Because of that opinion I think that head transplants shouldn't be pursued any further.



It's a cool idea though. Something out of a sci-fi movie.

Resources

- [“Surgical, ethical, and psychosocial considerations in human head transplantation”](#) By [Allen Furr](#),^a [Mark A. Hardy](#),^b [Juan P. Barret](#),^c and [John H. Barker](#),^d
- [“Promise of world's first head transplant is truly fake news”](#) By Arther Caplan
- [“Ethical considerations regarding head transplantation”](#) By [Anto Čartolovni](#)* and [Antonio G. Spagnolo](#)
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