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## Ethics: Ethical Implications of Genetic Information

In such desperate straits, who is to say that radical engineering would still be the wrong thing to do? What policy decisions must be made so that fairness in the use of genetic information becomes less of a limitation to utilization of genetic services? Just because they can, does that mean that scientists should be edit DNA? So what might be wrong with mixing human and animal parts? Some of that can be in prevention by identifying people at highest risk and trying to be sure they're having the right preventative strategy.

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So that you'd have animals mating and producing human beings and animals. So, for example, if it turned out that there was, to use an example in literature, we could give human beings night vision so they could see at night like some animals through mixing in a little animal DNA, you might think that would be great. It's commonplace for societies to hold as absolute their understanding of what is right and moral and necessary, and to resist the notion that these convictions are, or should be, subject to change.

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Even in progressive cities, it seems, people still believe policing is the best solution to violent crime.

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Big decisions are being taken by a small group of people who often have vested interests, including government officials and those working in life sciences.

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The idea of having animals with human faces, for example, I think just disturbs a lot of people, even though you might say a face is a face. What role do nurses have in the support of decision making by individuals for single and eventually for multiple gene testing? But it's a marker of human

beings and the way we relate to each other and I think there's just a strong sociological push back against that.

### **Trusting the Future? Ethics of Human Genetic Modification**

We need to trust the decision makers of the future to determine what will be best for them no less than we trust ourselves to determine what is best now. This genetic modification, genetically modifies the DNA of an embryo to achieve desirable traits amongst them. PGD enables specific inherited conditions to be tested for as part of the process of — and, indeed, where there is known to be a high risk of a genetic disorder, IVF with PGD may be recommended over attempts at natural conception.

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