BIOETHICS AND GENETIC REPRODUCTION

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Major technological advances are typically followed closely by policy and laws that seek to regulate those technologies in a way that benefits the population. It has long been speculated that there will soon be a day when parents will be able to create their own “perfect baby” using the developing technology of genetic engineering. Currently there is technology created that enables couples to choose the sex of their baby. Soon who knows they could be able to choose eye color, height, weight, hair color, or even intelligence. Being able to have this much control will creates ethical questions about whether we should be able to “play god”. The ability to control sex selection is also starting to raise these ethical questions, as well as the possibility of sex discrimination and upsetting the male: female ratio. Controlling Reproduction is now no longer just a matter of science fiction.