Making Better Babies, Pro and Con
A Debate

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Revolutionary developments in genetic science and biotechnology
may provide new ways of treating and preventing disease. Most
people think this is a good thing. Genetic science and biotechnology
might also be used for human enhancement—to make people
“better than well”.

In the context of *in vitro* fertilisation (IVF), genetic testing already
allows parents to screen against embryos with severe genetic
diseases. Genetic testing, however, might also enable identification
of embryos with genes associated with positively desired
characteristics. It might thereby become possible to create
especially tall, smart, and/or beautiful people. But would this be
ethical—and should it be permitted? Two world leading bioethics
experts defend rival perspectives on designer babies in a public
debate.