

Class Preparation  
Leadership Unit VII  
Due Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Define the following ethical terms:**

1. Values – Concepts or ideals that give meaning to our lives
2. Morals – The values and beliefs held by a person that guide their behavior and decision making
3. Autonomy – The ability to make your own decisions and act upon them
4. Nonmaleficence – Do no harm
5. Beneficence – Doing good or performing an action or actions that benefits others
6. Justice - Fairness
7. Veracity – Telling the truth

**Current Ethical Debates:**

**CRISPR**

CBS This Morning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nhe6xYc6E9M> (6.57 minutes)

Do you feel using CRISPR to alter human DNA is ethical? Describe your thoughts in a 1 paragraph.

I think that using CRISPR to alter human DNA is ethical as long as it is used cautiously and for the greater good. I think that experimenting on embryos isn't morally correct because that involves experimenting on essentially a child, which is never acceptable. That being said, if this technology could be used to help parents who carry chronic genetic conditions have children who do not have to carry the burden of these genetic conditions, I think that would be ethical. Overall, I think this is a very "gray" area of ethics and that there is a very fine line between ethically using this technology for the greater good or using it to create "designer babies" and substantially profiting from it.

Sara Wallace

## Physician Assisted Suicide

1. Define the following terms:

1. Euthanasia: **The painless killing of a patient suffering from and incurable and painful disease or in an irreversible coma.**

2. Physician-assisted suicide: **When a physician aids in the suicide of a patient.**

2. In what states is physician-assisted suicide legal?

**The following states have legalized Medical Aid in Dying (MAID): California, Colorado, DC, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Vermont, and Washington**