

Class Preparation - Ethics
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1. Values – **concepts or ideals that give meaning to our lives**
2. Morals - **the values and beliefs held by a person that guide 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 that benefits another**
6. Justice - **fairness**
7. Veracity – **telling the truth**

Current Ethical Debates:

CRISPR

<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 do not feel that using CRISPR to alter human DNA is ethical. I feel this way because the long term effects are unknown. In addition, this powerful new technology has the potential to create harm. For example, embryos should no be able to be tampered with for experimental effects especially since the effects are permanent.

Physician Assisted Suicide

1. Define the following terms:

Euthanasia: the painless killing of a patient suffering from an incurable/painful disease or in a irreversible coma

Physician-assisted suicide: physician provides a terminally ill patient, at their request, with a prescription for a lethal medication; the patient must self administer the medication

2. In what states is physician-assisted suicide legal? **California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, Washington**