

Ethics of



Enhancement

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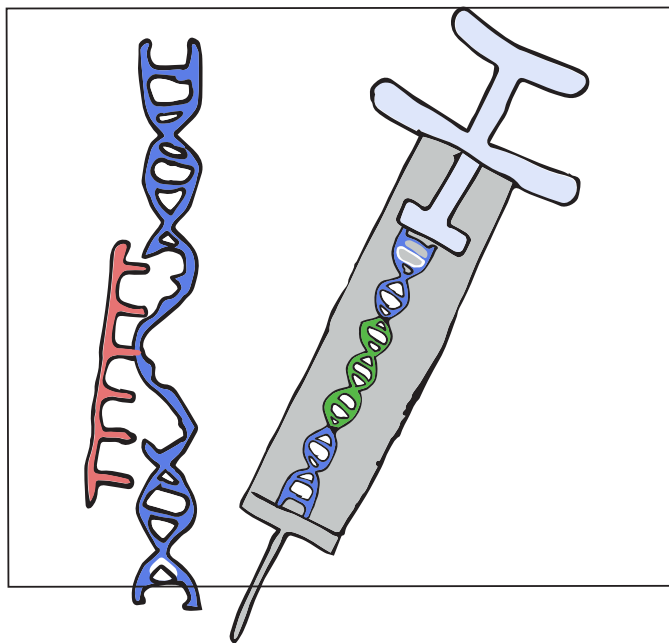
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Enhancement Chapbook

In our chapbook we will discuss the different types of enhancements as well as if enhancements should be allowed or not. We will be trying to make a case for whether enhancement should or should not be allowed by using the knowledge we have gained through research and a panel discussion. Also there are fun games for you to play to learn some of the philosophies we have learned and tried to connect to enhancement. We hope from reading our chapbook you can make an informed decision on if you think enhancements are a good thing or a bad thing.



Are you tired of going to the gym? Or have problems gaining muscle? Then you need to get the steroids gene.



Gene doping is the newest thing in medicine. If you want the treatment you better act fast.

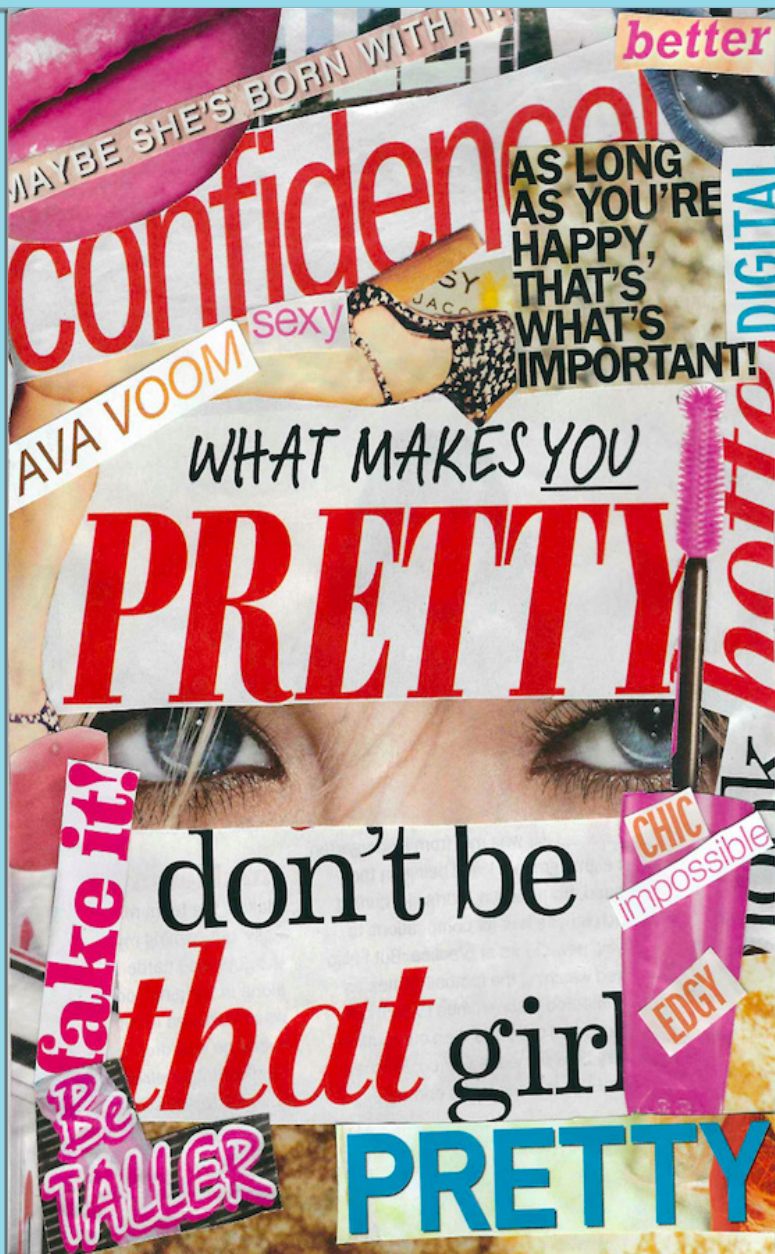
Warning getting this treatment could cause cancer, enlargement in unwanted areas and death.



Enhancements: A Daily Routine

Enhancements are all around us. There are those used to change something inside of you and how your body functions, but there are also enhancements for the outer layer of you. These cosmetic enhancements can be anything from lip injections to botox. However, people use enhancements each day that are much less extreme. There is a constant pressure for humans to be perfect. Diets, workouts, makeup, hair dye, waxing, spray tans. These expectations consume many of us daily. Social media, movies, magazines, and more, tell us who we are supposed to be. Unfortunately, many of us buy into these expectations everyday. This idea of pretty causes masses of people to wear makeup daily. We have been programmed to think we need these enhancements, when in reality everyone is uniquely beautiful on their own. Industries are leading us to believe that there is only one version of perfection.

You tell us to be confident. You tell us not to let others get to our heads. But how can one love themselves if they are crushed with criticism in everything they do?



For Enhancement:

Wanting to improve and enhance human capacities is not the drive to mastery. Humans use enhancements every day and we take a lot of them for granted such as GPS and computers. These enhancements have benefited our lives in many ways and we have solved the problems they brought over a short period of time. Enhancements are a part of human nature. We are always trying to improve our lifestyles to maximize our happiness.

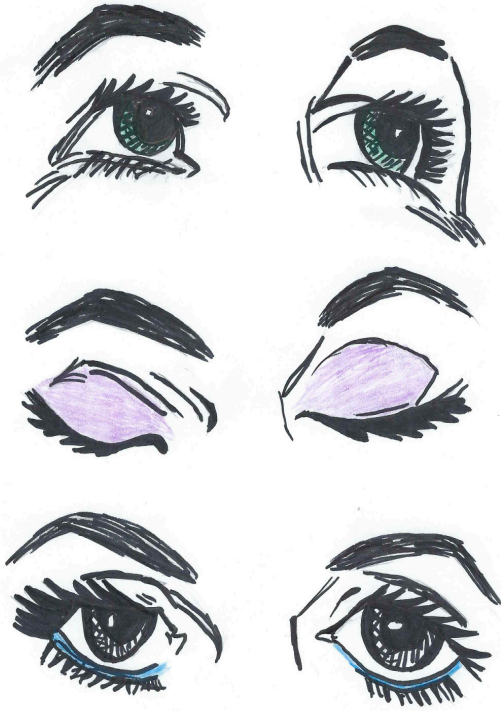
In The Middle:

Enhancements are okay to be used but only in a therapeutic manner. There are many ways to wrongly use and abuse medicines. Take Steroids for example, Athletes who use Steroids to enhance their performance in games give it a bad name. Steroids are also used in the medical world to help save many lives. The therapeutic way of using medicines to save lives is great. Enhancing babies or designing babies to cure diseases that will negatively affect them in the future is fine but to do these things to make your child better than others is wrong because you are abusing the telos of many items in the process. Could your perspective on enhancements be blamed on society's ways of displaying what's good and bad?

Against Enhancement:

Wanting to enhance and design babies is wrong because it is an example of the drive to mastery. It is a part of human nature to want to improve and maximize happiness but taking the job of God and creating life is wrong. Creating life will make us take for granted the things that we can't control like talent and giftedness. If we create life people will also put in less effort to reach their goals because they were given so much in life already that working for success will





Makeup is an example of an everyday enhancement. By using cosmetics such as mascara, blush, eyeliner, etc., people are enhancing their beauty. Although makeup is a small enhancement, it is still considered a body alteration.



Enhancements are not always over the top medical procedures. Often times, you can find products that help enhance our bodies at grocery stores. There are so many dieting pills on the market, each promising to make your body better. By taking these pills, you are letting something other than nature take its course on your body. We conform to beauty standards and hope to become a better version of ourselves.

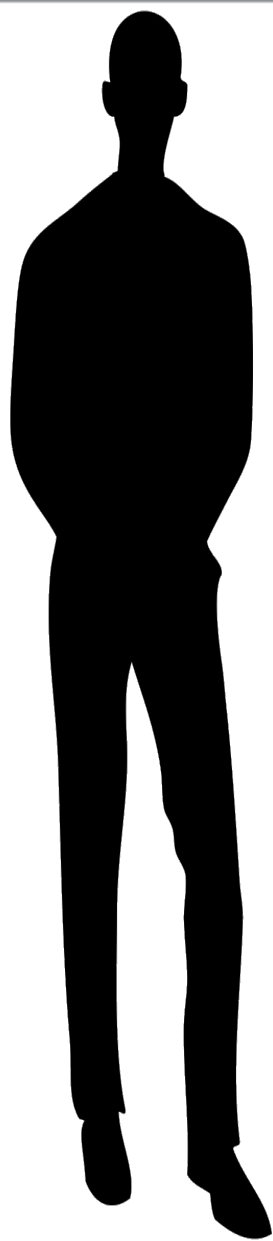
Controlled Talents

Two young parents have decided to have a child. They have been basketball fans their entire lives and want to ensure their child will be a famous player in the NBA. How can this be done? Gene enhancement technology has advanced over the years, allowing for parents to select the genes they want their children to have. You can now pick your child's strength level, height, speed, eyesight, and much more. These advancements in technology have allowed the family to choose what genes they want enhanced in order to make their child into the basketball they've always hoped for. By making these enhancements to their unborn child, the parents rob the child of any autonomy. Autonomy is something we all have a right to, and these parents are denying their child of that right. The right to act freely and autonomously was taken away as soon as the parents selected the genes for their child. Once this child is born, they won't have the chance to grow and develop into who they are naturally supposed to be. Instead, the child will grow up to have certain strengths and be talented in basketball. They are no longer free to find their talent on their own. They have been forced into a sport and lifestyle that was chosen for them. They are looked down upon for having an interest in any other sport. All because of their parents wanting a basketball star...



An Autonomous Childhood

Two young parents have decided to have a child. They have been basketball fans their entire lives, however they do not expect their child to be. Instead, they leave whether or not their child will be a star to chance. They let the child grow and develop naturally into who they are supposed to be. The child is able to live autonomously. They didn't have their life predetermined. There are no expectations the child has to live by. The child makes decisions on it's own and discovers it's talents on it's own. Perhaps this child still becomes a basketball star. Is this the same thing as the parents who engineered their child to be one? No, this child discovered it's giftedness on it's own rather than being injected with it. The parents allowed the child to flourish on it's own, instead of constricting it to the lifestyle of their choice.



Enhancement Wordsearch

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Autonomy:

Improve

Mastery

Humility

Giftedness

Responsibility

Solidarity