Debate Topics

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"Ethical Question: Is In-Vitro Fertilization an ethical way to have a child?

Definition: fertilization of an egg in a laboratory dish or test tube; *specifically*: fertilization by mixing sperm with eggs surgically removed from an ovary followed by uterine implantation of one or more of the resulting fertilized eggs"

*Source: http://www.debate.org/debates/InVitro-Fertilization/1/*

2) Do you support Genetically Modified Foods (GM) foods? Yes or no?

Genetically Modified (GM) Foods. Genetically modified foods boast a wide range of benefits, but are they safe for human consumption? How might they affect the environment? What impact will GM foods have on poorer nations, which are unable to produce them on their own?

3) Should Gene Therapy be used and supported? Yes or no?

Gene Therapy. Gene therapy has the potential to cure diseases such as Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s, and cancer. But the same technology could potentially be used to make “designer babies,” where parents choose various traits of their offspring, such as sex, eye color, height, etc., before they are born. How far should we go?