

Positions, Beliefs, and Values

- Review each statement. Decide if you agree or disagree with it and to what degree.
- Explain what belief led you to that position.
- Refer to Values and Descriptors. List one or more values involved in your belief.

1. If gene therapy can cure a disease, all people that have the disease should be treated no matter what the cost.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Belief	_____				

Value(s)	_____				

2. Germline gene therapy should be used to treat any genetic disorder so that a person will not pass the disorder on to their children.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Belief	_____				

Value(s)	_____				

3. Government regulations should restrict gene therapy until its success is proven.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Belief	_____				

Value(s)	_____				

4. It is acceptable to use gene therapy for genetic enhancement of traits.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Belief	_____				

Value(s)	_____				

5. The government should decide which gene therapies are treatments and which are enhancements. Then, it should restrict the use of gene therapy for treatment only.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Belief	_____				

Value(s)	_____				

Values and Descriptors

Read through each of the following values and its definition. Cross out values that are not meaningful for you and add others that do have meaning for you. Be sure to define any values that you add.

ACHIEVEMENT: Accomplishment; a result brought about by hard work to attain a desired goal.

AESTHETICS: The appreciation and enjoyment of beauty for beauty's sake.

ALTRUISM: Concern for the interests of others.

AUTONOMY: Self-directed, capable of existing alone; acting without aid of others.

BEING LIKED: Being held in favor or regard by others.

COOPERATION: Working together for a mutual benefit.

CREATIVITY: Initiating new and innovative ideas and designs.

EDUCATION: The process of gaining knowledge and skills while developing reason, judgment and intellectual maturity.

EMPATHY: The ability to share in someone else's feelings.

EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING: Freedom from overwhelming anxieties and barriers; a peace of mind; inner security.

EQUALITY/RIGHTS: Correspondence in quality, degree, value, rank or ability.

FAMILY/BELONGING: Related by blood or marriage.

FRIENDSHIP: The state of one person being attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard.

HEALTH: The soundness of one's body.

HONESTY: Fairness or straightforwardness of conduct; integrity; uprightness of character or action.

HUMAN DIGNITY: Holding all humans in high esteem regardless of age, race, or creed.

INTERDEPENDENCE: The mutual need for support, aid, comfort, etc.

INTIMACY: A close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship.

JUSTICE: The quality of being impartial; to treat others fairly or adequately.

KNOWLEDGE: The seeking of truth, information, or principles for the satisfaction of curiosity, for use, or for the power of knowing.

LOVE: Affection based on admiration or benevolence; unselfish devotion.

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LOYALTY: Maintaining allegiance to a person, group, institution, or political entity.

MORALITY: The moral values held by an individual or society.

OWNERSHIP: To have or hold material objects or to acknowledge specific ideas as being part of your ideology.

PERSONAL HEALTH: The condition of being sound in body; freedom from physical disease or pain; the general condition of the body; well-being.

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE: Concern for the beauty of one's own body.

PLEASURE: The agreeable emotion accompanying the possession or expectation of what is good or greatly desired; a state of gratification.

PRESTIGE: Holding a position of high value relative to society's standards.

POWER: Possession of control, authority, or influence over others.

RECOGNITION: Being made to feel significant and important; given special notice or attention.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS: One's convictions or opinions about religion, faith, devotion, etc.

SELF-CONTROL: Restraint of oneself or one's actions, feelings, etc.

SELF-PRESERVATION: Looking out for your own welfare.

SELF-WORTH: A feeling of being useful and/or held in high esteem by others.

SKILL: The ability to use one's knowledge effectively and readily in execution or performance; technical expertise.

SOLITUDE: The state of being removed from society; a quiet life.

TRUTH: An ideal abstraction conforming to a universal or generalized reality.

WEALTH: Abundance or valuable material possession or resources; affluence.

WISDOM: The ability to discern inner qualities and relationships; insights, good sense, judgment.

WORK/LABOR: Exertion or effort directed to produce or accomplish something; toil, effort.