Genetics and Reproductive Risk: Can Having Children be Immoral?
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Study/Discussion Questions

-“Is it morally permissible for me to have children?”
-can it be wrong to have a child because of genetic risk factors?
-in what ways is this issue closely tied to abortion?
-what is the author’s position?
-do you agree that those who oppose abortion must be especially careful not to conceive in certain cases?
-ought we use the human genome to determine whether possible children are at risk before they are conceived?
-what are the optimistic/pessimistic views the author addresses?
-do parents have an obligation to try to provide every child with something like a minimally satisfying life for their child?
-why is it hard to formulate a standard for this?
-possible children do not have a right to be conceived…do you agree?
-what are the desires to have one’s own child?
-how strong are they?
-how can they be seen as rational/irrational?
-should there be a parental responsibility requiring people to get tested?
-is there a defense for the claim that there is a right “not to know” one’s genetic makeup?