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## Abstract

This online publication deals with the ethical, social and legal issues raised by genetic mapping and research.

## Content

This online publication deals with the ethical, social and legal issues raised by genetic mapping and research. It was written by Catherine Baker for the American Association for the Advancement of Science and funded by the US Department of Energy. Aimed at the general public, the issues are presented in a way that makes them easy to relate to, and there is just enough biological information to understand the concepts being discussed. Many issues are covered, including gene therapy, genetic modification of foods and DNA fingerprinting. Fictional case studies make you think more deeply about the implications of genetic research, although they are written in an eerily calm style. There is a small glossary, to which technical words are linked, and a bibliography. The 78-page publication can be downloaded in PDF format, making it easy to print out. There are a few external links, although these are not particularly useful. No broken links were detected.

## Navigation

Each page has forward and backward links and a link to the contents page, making navigation through and between chapters relatively easy.

## Reporter's comments

## Timeliness

I could not find a publication date on either the website or the PDF.

## Best feature

The language is plain and simple and there are some useful graphics.

## Wish list

A list of related websites, including those containing the host's own and other online publications, would be useful.

## Related websites

Other introductory sites for genetics include [Primer on molecular genetics](#) and [Blazing a genetic trail](#).

## Table of links

[Your genes, your choices](#)

[Primer on molecular genetics](#)

[Blazing a genetic trail](#)

## References

1. [Your genes, your choices](#).