

Symposium on Some Ethical Problems in Behavior Genetic Research and Teaching

Committee on Ethical Problems in Behavior Genetics<sup>17</sup>

In response to a request made at the annual meeting of the association in 1979 and the enthusiastic response of individual members following that meeting, a committee has organized a symposium to discuss ethical problems in behavior genetics at the 1980 meetings. Not all of the relevant topics could be considered in this first of what is hoped will be a series of such discussions. The following were chosen for initial discussion. (A) Animals of the human and nonhuman variety; a discussion of the use of animal research models and their usefulness or uselessness for extrapolation to humans. (B) Ruts in behavior genetic research; a discussion dealing with judgments of the value and relevance of specific research topics, i.e., what questions are worth asking and what are the best research strategies to ask them? (C) Racists: Who are "they?" Does research in human behavior genetics lead to problems with the issue of racism in teaching, professional publication, government advising, and public education? The format of the symposium has been arranged to maximize audience participation.

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