

Video Nightline - Dwarfism

- 1) Draw a table with two columns in which you compare and contrast five arguments for and against genetically testing pregnant women for the “dwarfism gene”.

- 2) Analyze the type of fears that expectant normal sized parents might have upon discovering that their child will be a dwarf.

- 3) What arguments could you present to these parents in order to alleviate their fears about having a dwarf child.

- 4) Should it be illegal to test a fetus for the dwarf gene. Explain your reasons.

- 5) List 3 other “differences” that some people may not want their babies to have, and might want to test their unborn fetus for.

- 6) Why is it important for people to be tolerant of others’ differences - does this apply to their own children?

- 7) Why is it important for people to have a choice in the qualities that their children will have? How much control should people have over their unborn children?