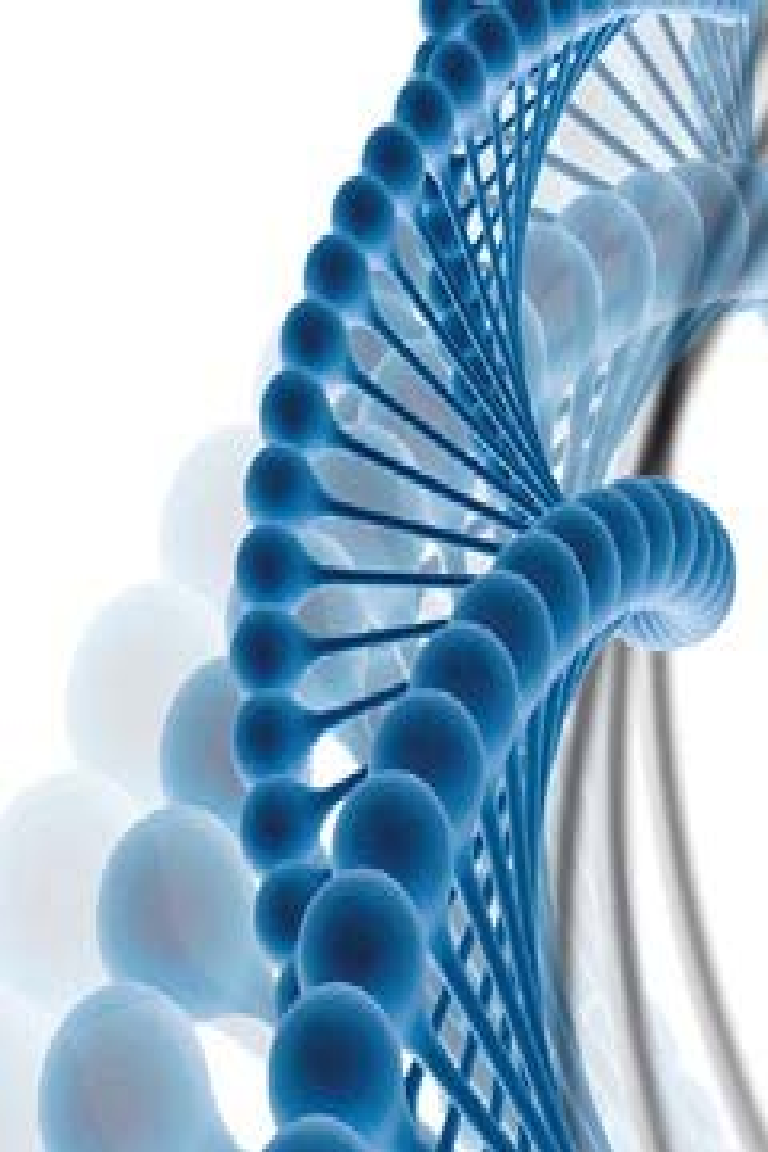




Interrogating Equity

HUMAN GENE EDITING

A GLOBAL DISCUSSION

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- **Largest source of stem cell funding in the world**
- **\$3 billion over 10 years (\$6 billion w/ interest)**
- **New state agency overseen by a citizens' oversight committee**

“right to stem cell research”

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 35 MEDICAL RESEARCH

SEC. 5. There is hereby established a right to conduct stem cell research which includes research involving adult stem cells, cord blood stem cells, pluripotent stem cells, and/or progenitor cells. Pluripotent stem cells are cells that are capable of self-renewal, and have broad potential to differentiate into multiple adult cell types. Pluripotent stem cells may be derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer or from surplus products of in vitro fertilization treatments when such products are donated under appropriate informed consent procedures. Progenitor cells are multipotent or precursor cells that are partially differentiated, but retain the ability to divide and give rise to differentiated cells.

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BODIES AND RIGHTS ON THE STEM CELL FRONTIER
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**“upwardly tilted
public agenda”**

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trickle down biotech?

“From this perspective seeing the bright side of being handicapped (sic) is like praising the virtues of extreme poverty. There are many individuals who rise out of its inherently degrading states. But we perhaps most realistically should see it as the major origin of asocial behavior.”

A DISABILITY RIGHTS ANALYSIS OF GENETIC TECHNOLOGIES

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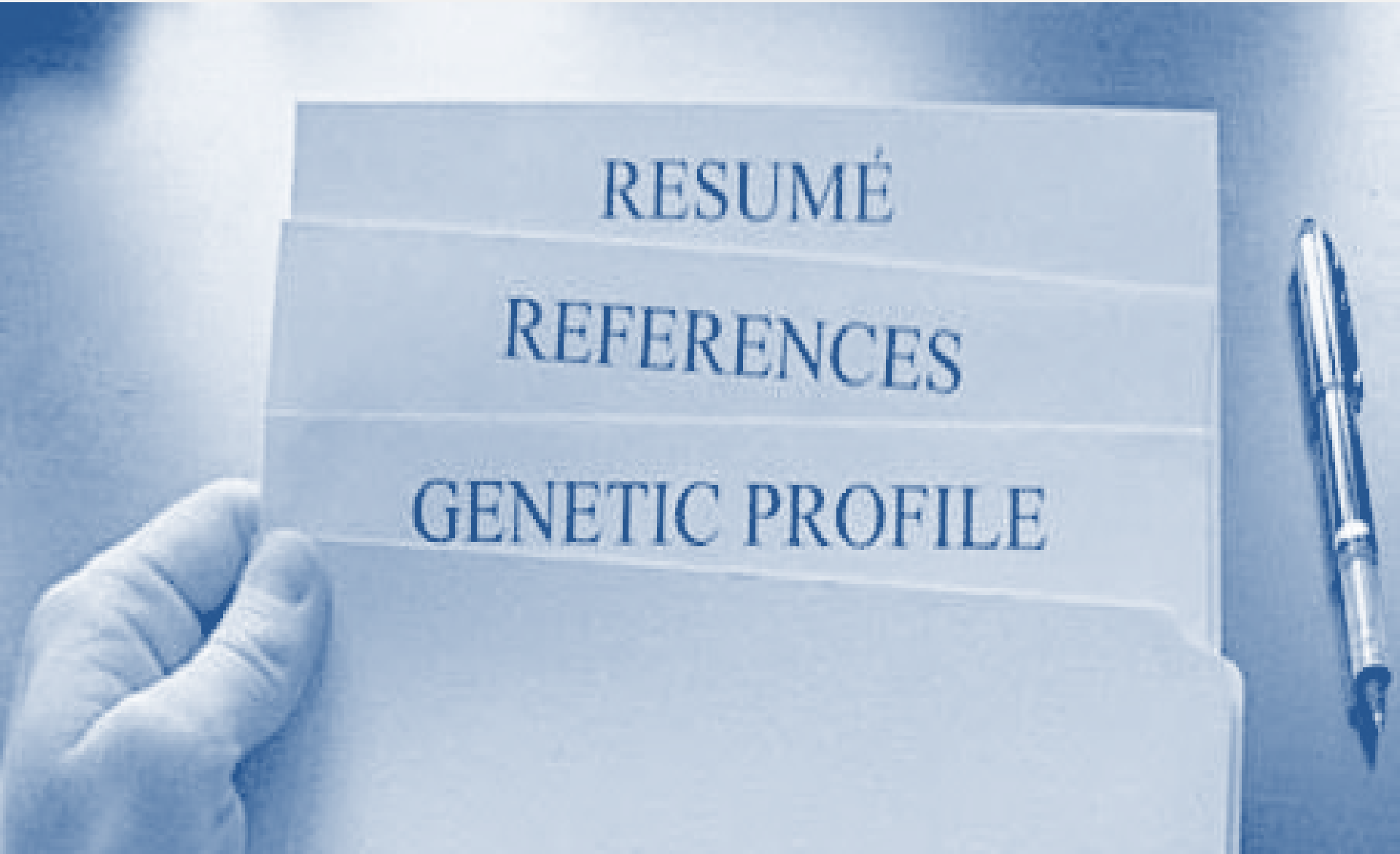
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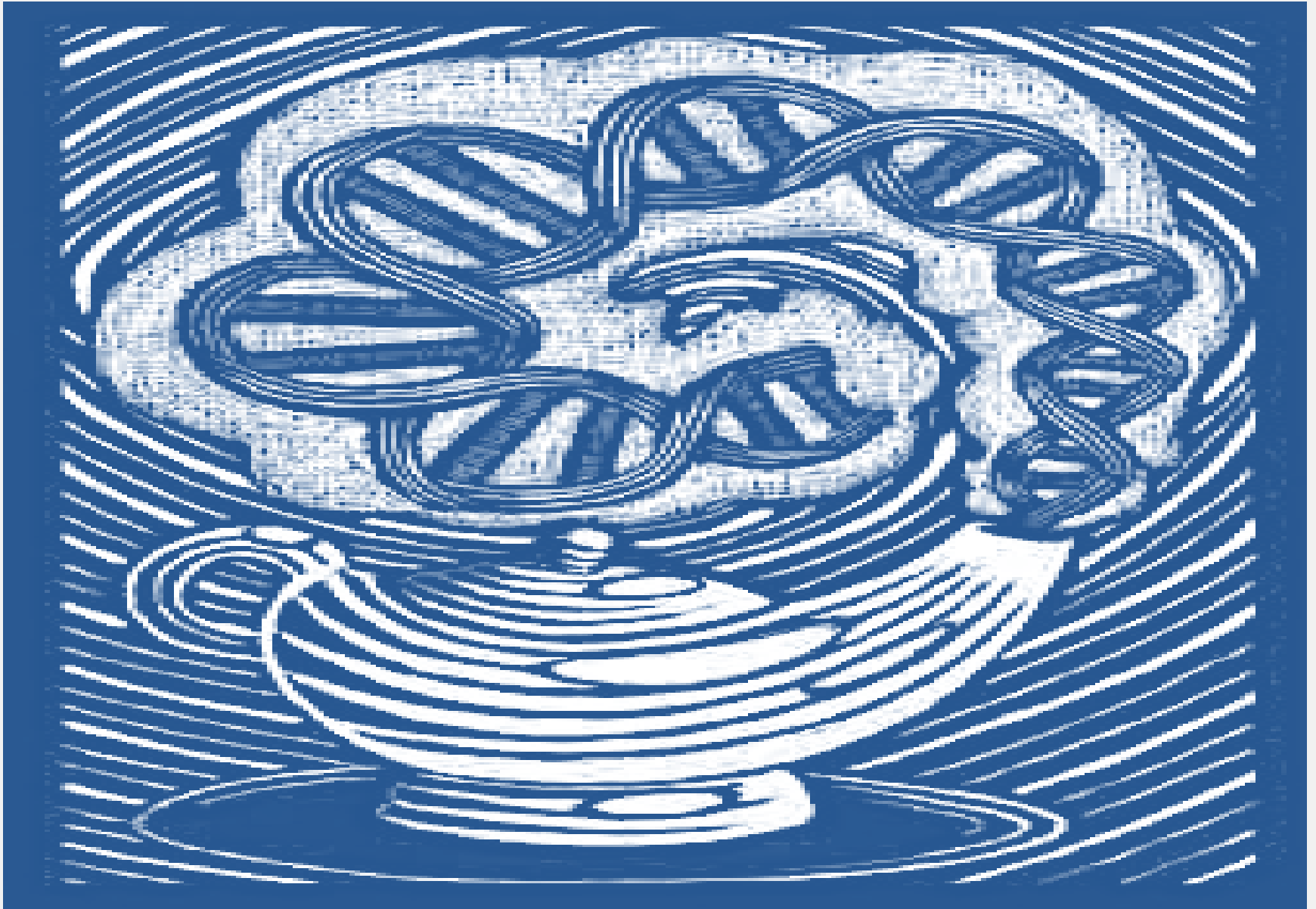
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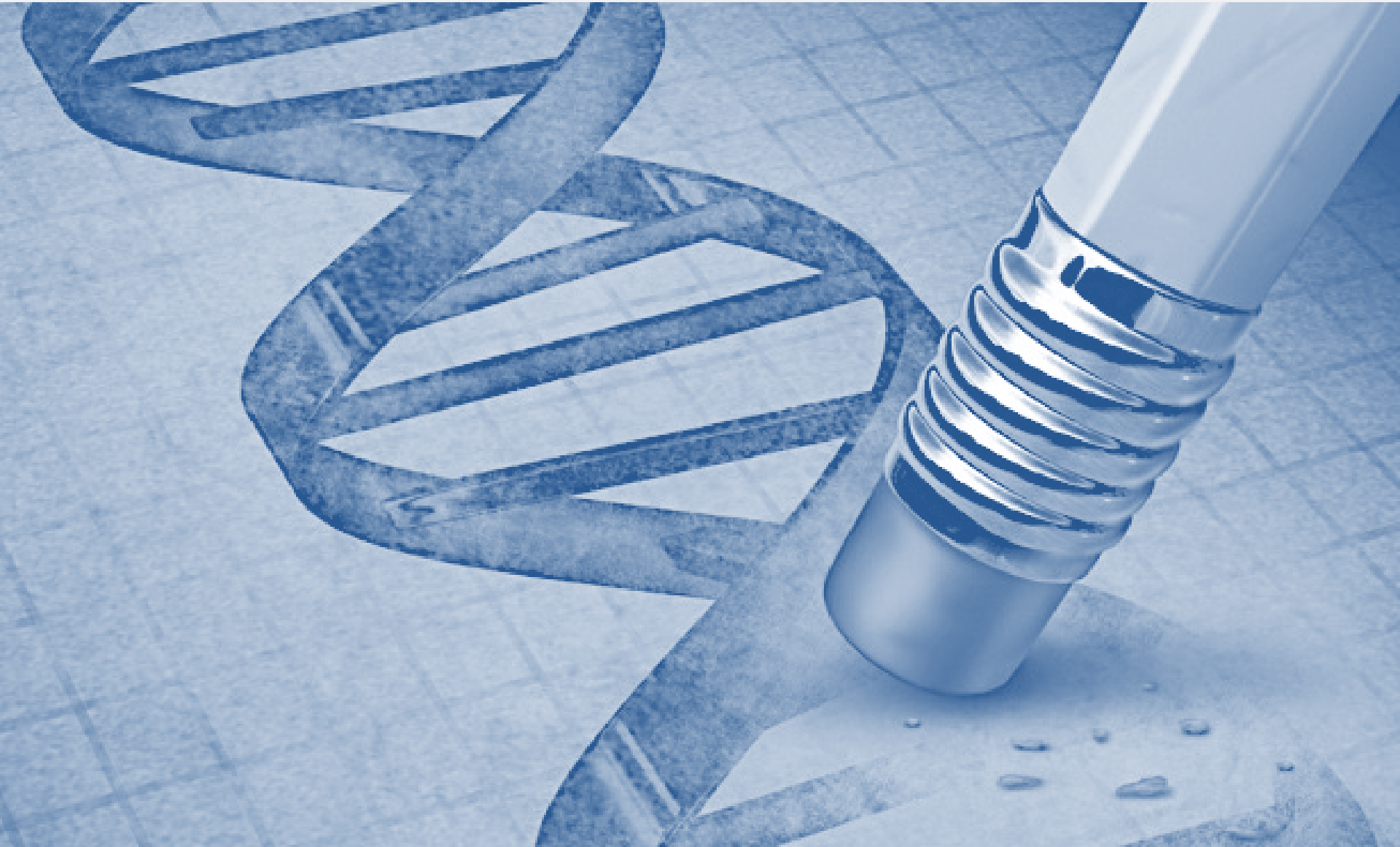
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Expanding Scientific & Ethical Imaginaries



“At the table, not on the table”

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