

“Making People Better: Saving Us from Ourselves Through Moral Enhancement”



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Climate change, terrorists with nuclear or biological weapons, and AI run amok threaten humanity's future. These threats arise from our morally deficient behavior. If we can prevent the great harm that results from these events, we must do so. As technology develops to make possible the biological repair of our moral deficiencies, we may have such an opportunity.

Crutchfield argues, not only that we ought to pursue the biological enhancement of our moral capacities, but also that the biological enhancement of our moral capacities ought to be mandatory and administered in secret. In other words, the project of moral enhancement ought to be a compulsory and covert public health program aimed at improving our moral deficiencies. He argues further that we should use the biological enhancement of moral capacities to bring about beings who are so morally superior to us that they cannot be properly called "human." By creating moral transhumans, we can save us from ourselves.

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