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PROGRESSIVE VALUES IN BIOETHICS

As the pace of scientific innovation continues to accelerate exponentially, the Center for American Progress wants to ensure that these advances are shaped by our shared progressive values. Moving beyond the narrow concerns and ideological conflicts that have plagued contemporary bioethics, the Progressive Bioethics Initiative provides a voice for the millions of Americans who do not see their views or concerns represented in current bioethics debates.

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Rather than decry progress as inherently dangerous, the Progressive Bioethics Initiative embraces the promise of science to improve our lives with a critical optimism that understands that science must be guided by our values. Progressive Bioethics promotes human dignity by providing the social, political and economic conditions individuals need to realize their own goals, without unduly interfering in their personal choices. We understand government must regulate science so that it proceeds within our existing ethical framework, without needlessly restricting scientific progress or ignoring the value of scientific fact.

The Progressive Bioethics Initiative, launched with our panel “The Challenge for Progressive Bioethics”, incorporates the timeless progressive values of justice, equity, dignity and critical optimism in order to shape a better future for all.

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