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众所周知,新加坡的教育环境竞争激烈。最近发表的一项学术研究报告称,与之前类似调查中的美国受访者相比,新加坡人对通过多基因胚胎筛选和基因编辑等新生殖基因技术提高人类认知能力的认可度要高得多。

平均而言,新加坡分别有 48% 和 57% 的受访者愿意使用基因编辑和多基因胚胎筛查,以确保他们的后代有资格进入一流大学。这两个数字远远高于美国受访者中分别为 34% 和 43% 的相应数字。因此,我们讨论了新加坡是否应允许通过提高认知能力来改善教育成果的一些注意事项。

第一个警告是,**通过提高推理能力,认知能力增强的后代的自主性会得到提高,这种** 观点是错误的。

然而,在新加坡这样一个以羞耻为基础、竞争激烈的儒家社会中,这种情况不太可能 发生,因为在这个社会中,个人经常会因为认为自己落后于同龄人而产生不满情绪。

相反,认知能力得到提高的后代的自主性很可能会受到其父母严厉的"虎妈式教育"的限制,因为他们在为这些技术投入巨额资金后,会"提高"对这些技术的期望值。

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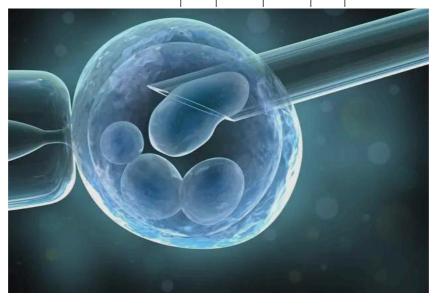
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第二个警告是,**认知能力的提高可以改善后代的整体福祉和个人幸福,这种观点是错误的**。

然而,这些认知增强的后代可能会有独特的动机和愿望,这些动机和愿望可能与其父母和社会的理想化愿景和更高期望不一致。这种脱节可能会导致他们的个人幸福和整体福祉下降,特别是如果他们努力实现父母和社会强加给他们的不切实际的期望的话。

在新加坡竞争激烈的教育环境和以羞耻为导向的儒家文化中,一个人的幸福感和成就感往往取决于其超越或跟上同龄人的能力。允许通过此类技术提高认知能力只会加剧"红皇后"效应,即认知能力得到提高的后代需要付出越来越多的努力,才能在与同样接受了类似认知能力提高的同龄人的竞争中保持其相对的社会或学术地位。父母必须教导子女,真正的成功不在于超越他人,而在于以感恩、贡献和道德力量为根基的有意义的生活。因此,重点应放在培养孩子面对环境和挑战的应变能力,灌输知足常乐的理念,培养他们对家庭和社会的责任感。人生毕竟是短暂的旅程,因此,在善良、诚实和正直的价值观指导下,寻求幸福是最重要的。

第三个警告是,**认知能力的提高有可能改善后代的未来前景和人生成就,这种观点是**错误的。

然而,在新加坡,良好的学历已不足以保证认知强化后代的就业前景和事业成功。新加坡和其他亚洲国家高等教育的快速发展导致了过剩的高素质大学毕业生,目前每十个年轻的新加坡成年人中至少有八个拥有大专以上学历。这就造成了本地就业市场的失衡,越来越缺乏具备相关技术和职业技能的工人。

近年来,新加坡政府日益认识到就业市场的失衡是新加坡的一个重要社会问题,并强调教育改革必须与劳动力市场需求保持一致。允许通过多基因胚胎筛查或基因编辑来提高认知能力可能会加剧当前的失衡,使本已饱和的就业市场上大学学位持有者供过于求,并加剧具备相关技术/职业技能的工人的短缺。这可能导致青年就业猖獗和政治不满。

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第四个警告是,允许广泛、自由地使用认知强化技术可能会在某种程度上"公平竞争",从而促进更高水平的社会经济平等,这种观点是错误的。在分配完全公正的理想条件下,所有家庭的后代都能接受认知强化,国家对贫困家庭给予补贴,这种说法也许是正确的。但在现实中,这在经济上是不可行的,在政治上也是不能接受的。这些技术和相应的临床辅助生殖程序的高昂成本,将使这些技术和程序昂贵得令人望而却步,并限制了社会经济背景较差的家庭获得这些技术和程序。

预计国家将缺乏补贴贫困家庭提高认知能力的政治意愿,因为这种昂贵的医疗程序既不能挽救健康,也不能挽救生命。由于这些先进技术主要只提供给较富裕的家庭,认知能力的提高很可能不成比例地分配给富裕阶层,从而进一步加剧现有的社会经济不平等。这可能会加剧新加坡多种族社会中的种族紧张局势,因为不同种族群体之间已经存在巨大的社会经济差距。广泛使用这种认知增强技术会导致少数族裔更加边缘化,这将不利于新加坡政府促进建立一个更加和谐、包容和有凝聚力的社会的努力。

第五个也是最后一个警告是,新加坡人口迅速老龄化,出生率急剧下降,昂贵的认知增强技术可能会进一步加速该国人口的衰退,因为这些技术会给未来的父母带来沉重的经济负担。

如前所述,新加坡政府不太可能补贴这种用于提高认知能力的新生殖基因技术,因为 这些技术既不能挽救生命,也不能拯救健康。尽管如此,社会和同龄人的压力可能会 使未来的父母难以抗拒使用这些技术,以给他们的后代"人生最好的开端"。

然而,如果没有国家补贴,准父母将不得不承担这些新技术的高昂费用,这将使他们在考虑生育更多后代时犹豫不决。因此,预计许多原本希望生两个或更多孩子的夫妇最终会因为沉重的经济负担而选择只生一个"认知能力超强"的孩子。这可能会加速新加坡人口结构的衰退,对其未来的经济增长和作为一个民族国家的长期生存造成严重后果。

总之,新加坡的医疗政策制定者必须认真考虑上述注意事项,并严格评估允许使用此类技术提高认知能力可能带来的社会反响。社会文化差异可能会导致新加坡与西方国家在医疗保健政策的优先次序上有所不同,后者更重视对社会的整体危害或利益,而不是病人的自主权和个人选择。

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Singapore is notoriously competitive in its education environment, and a recently published academic study reports that Singaporeans are much more supportive of enhancing human cognitive abilities through new reproductive genetic technologies such as polygenic embryo screening and gene editing than U.S. respondents in a similar previous survey.

On average, 48% and 57% of respondents in Singapore are willing to use gene editing and polygenic embryo screening to ensure that their offspring are eligible for admission to top universities. These figures are much higher than the corresponding figures of 34% and 43% among US respondents. Therefore, we discuss some considerations on whether Singapore should allow cognitive enhancement to improve educational outcomes.

The first caveat is that the idea that cognitively enhanced offspring will have increased autonomy, through improved reasoning abilities, is a mistake.

However, this is unlikely to happen in a shame-based, competitive Confucian society like Singapore, where individuals often experience resentment because they perceive themselves as lagging behind their peers.

Conversely, the autonomy of cognitively enhanced offspring is likely to be limited by their parents' strict "tiger mom" parenting, as they "raise" expectations about these technologies after investing huge amounts of money in them.

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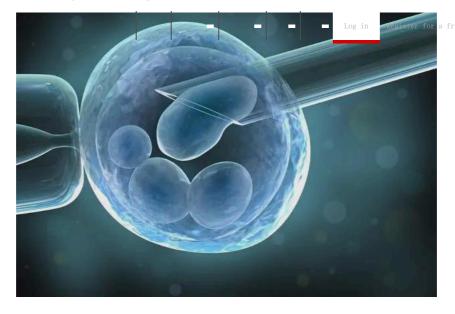
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The second caveat is that the idea that increased cognitive ability can improve the overall well-being and individual happiness of future generations is a mistake.

However, these cognitively enhanced offspring may have unique motivations and desires that may be inconsistent with the idealized visions and higher expectations of their parents and society. This disconnect may lead to a decrease in their personal happiness and overall well-being, especially if they strive to live up to the unrealistic expectations imposed on them by their parents and society.

In Singapore's competitive educational environment and shame-oriented Confucian culture, one's sense of happiness and fulfillment often depends on one's ability to surpass or keep up with one's peers. Allowing cognitive enhancement through such technologies will only exacerbate the "Red Queen" effect, whereby offspring with enhanced cognitive abilities will need to exert increasing effort to maintain their relative social or academic status in competition with peers who have also received similar cognitive enhancements. Parents must teach their children that true success lies not in surpassing others, but in a meaningful life rooted in gratitude, contribution, and moral strength. Therefore, the focus should be on developing children's resilience to face circumstances and challenges, instilling the concept of contentment, and cultivating their sense of responsibility to their family and society. Life is, after all, a short journey, and therefore, it is of utmost importance to seek happiness guided by the values of kindness, honesty, and integrity.

A third warning is that the view that increased cognitive ability has the potential to improve the future prospects and life achievements of future generations is mistaken.

However, in Singapore, a good academic qualification is no longer enough to guarantee employment prospects and career success for the cognitively enhanced

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countries has led to an oversupply of highly qualified univers lates, with at least eight out of ten young Singaporean adults now having the degree or above. This has created an imbalance in the local job market, with a growing shortage of workers with relevant technical and vocational skills.

In recent years, the Singapore government has increasingly recognized that job market imbalances are a key social issue in Singapore and has emphasized that education reforms must be aligned with labor market needs. Allowing cognitive enhancement through polygenic embryo screening or gene editing could exacerbate current imbalances, creating an oversupply of university degree holders in an already saturated job market and exacerbating the shortage of workers with relevant technical/vocational skills. This could lead to rampant youth unemployment and political discontent.

Singaporean government policymakers should carefully study other Asian countries to understand the social drawbacks of competitive education systems producing an excess of highly qualified university graduates. In Japan and South Korea, many university graduates face limited employment opportunities and are often forced to accept part-time or temporary jobs with low wages and few benefits, fueling the "job economy." In mainland China, many highly qualified university graduates work in blue-collar jobs, leading to growing disillusionment and social alienation among unemployed or underemployed youth.

A fourth caveat is that the idea that allowing widespread, free access to cognitive enhancement technologies might somehow "level the playing field" and thereby promote greater levels of socioeconomic equality is a mistake. It might be true that, in an ideal world of perfect distributive justice, all families' offspring would receive cognitive enhancement, with state subsidies for poorer families. But in reality, this would be neither economically feasible nor politically acceptable. The high costs of these technologies and the corresponding clinical assisted reproductive procedures would make them prohibitively expensive and limit access to families from poorer socioeconomic backgrounds.

It is expected that the state will lack the political will to subsidize cognitive enhancement for poor families, as such expensive medical procedures can neither save health nor life. As these advanced technologies are mainly available only to wealthier families, cognitive enhancement is likely to be disproportionately distributed to the affluent, further exacerbating existing socioeconomic inequalities. This could exacerbate racial tensions in Singapore's multi-ethnic society, as there are already large socioeconomic gaps between different ethnic groups. Widespread use of such cognitive enhancement technologies would lead to further marginalization of ethnic minorities, which would be detrimental to the Singapore government's efforts to promote a more harmonious, inclusive and cohesive society.



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As mentioned earlier, the Singapore government is unlikely to subsidize new reproductive genetic technologies for cognitive enhancement, as these technologies neither save lives nor health. Nevertheless, social and peer pressure may make it difficult for future parents to resist using these technologies to give their offspring the "best start in life."

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However, without state subsidies, prospective parents will have to bear the high costs of these new technologies, which will make them hesitant to consider having more offspring. As a result, it is expected that many couples who originally hoped to have two or more children will eventually choose to have only one "cognitively superior" child due to the heavy financial burden. This may accelerate the decline of Singapore's demographic structure, with serious consequences for its future economic growth and long-term survival as a nation-state.

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Xiaozhu's daily life and work 2025-04-14 13:56:01

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A rural guy was laughed at for his short height, so he invented a magic tool, but now his IQ is also laughed at

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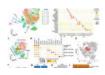
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Poker card magic tutorial, do you understand?

Magician Xiaodong 2025-04-16 19:59:15

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A doctoral student from the College of Horticulture of Qingdao Agricultural University published his research results as the first author in a top journal in Zone 1 (IF: 9.3)

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How did he become a boss with such intelligence?

Menglou loves to chase dramas 2025-04-16 17:17:07

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Yoon Seok-yeol refuses to plead guilty, and news of North Korea's giant warship comes, South Korea faces multiple challenges

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dollars to the United States. I don't knc Log in his father is thinking.

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The experimental subject was eaten until only one bite was left, but the high-throughput data was obtained and the SCI paper was published with the residue

Biology 2025-04-17 17:57:12

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The hyperthyroid brother immediately expressed his position to China when he landed in the United States! Now looking at Li Meiyue, no wonder the People's Daily criticized

Visit History 2025-04-17 12:00:12

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Is the US tariff war a demonstration of hegemony or a destruction of its own credibility? Why is Biden's value-based diplomacy more dangerous?

Commentator Geng Xin 2025-04-15 19:33:25

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Under high tariffs, Americans fly to China to shop

Qiu Zhijie2025-04-18 01:46:46

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Trump didn't wait for China's call! Instead, he received the most severe bombardment! The United States paid a heavy price!

Al Next Generation 2025-04-17 17:19:43

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The 5 countries with the lowest IQ in the world

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16-year-old genius student jumps off building, his father says: "This world can't accommodate you", the truth behind it warns countless people

Xiaomin Youth said 2025-04-17 20:31:25

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Foreigners see Chinese people growing their own strawberries to eat, and Korean netizens are so envious that they want to move to China!

Xiaozhe Dance Class 2025-04-16 14:10:09

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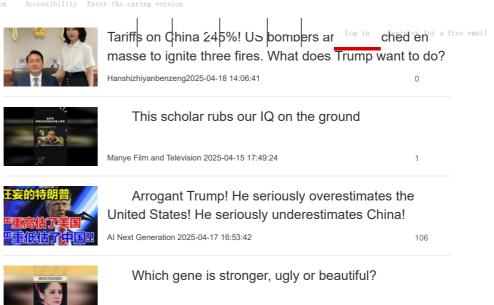
"Lying down and thinking, I can laugh at the Southern Liang Dynasty." The top student recited a fake ancient poem on the honor roll, and the Chinese teacher was also stunned

Xixi preaches 2025-04-17 19:59:18

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Chinese dumplings were registered by South Korea first! The US approval caused public outrage. Chinese restaurants selling dumplings will also infringe



The drama is good 2025-04-14 16:41:06

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