

I object strongly to the NIH's proposal to rescind its moratorium on funding of research involving human-animal chimeras. I do not want my tax dollars being used for grossly unethical research involving the creation and manipulation of parthuman, part animal beings whose very existence blurs the line between humans and nonhuman animals. This proposed research raises all the ethical problems of human embryonic stem cell research in general and serious additional problems related to the creation of human animal beings with partly or substantially human brains and/or human gametes. I also am appalled, and object strongly to the NIH's apparent lack of consideration for the ethical issues implicated by this research. Indeed, the NIH pledged to "undertake a deliberative process to evaluate the state of the science in this area, the ethical issues that should be considered, and the relevant animal welfare concerns associated with these types of studies" when the moratorium was put in place in 2015. Yet, to date there is no evidence of any discussion of the ethical issues involved in creating partly human animals. What your people at the NIH propose is horrific! It is hallmark behavior of a slide toward madness. Your aspirations conjure up the glory days of the Nazis, when Hitler's own madness knew no limits, respected nothing as sacred, and regarded no laws as immutable! You too are precipitously racing headlong into the moral abyss!! And the NIH proposes to drag America down with it! I strongly urge you to maintain the current moratorium on funding research involving the creation and manipulation of human-animal "chimeras". It is in Truth: evil. fellow American Citizen and Taxpayer, Dr. D. Arangno