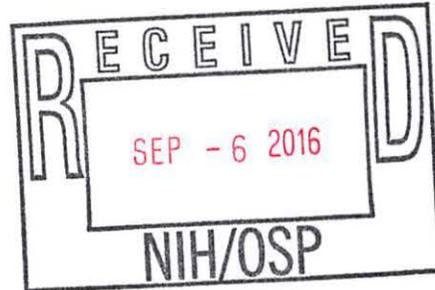


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Office of Science Policy  
The National Institutes of Health  
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Dear Science Policy Officials:

As a citizen of the United States of America, I ask you to **continue the moratorium** on research regarding chimeras – or part-human, part-animal organisms.

Exactly 77 years ago today Nazi Germany invaded Poland and the world quickly was dragged into World War II. One of the major philosophical ideas the Allies fought against was Nazism's utilitarian philosophy. It wasn't until the Allies reached the death camps in early 1945 that they saw how extreme this philosophy had become in Nazi Germany. They discovered that human experimentation had been conducted in the various work and death camps. It was clear that the Nazis considered human beings disposable. Their lives and remains were used for whatever purpose they saw fit. In other words the end justified the means. The sad thing is that millions of lives were lost fighting this despicable philosophy. Now our own country, through your agency, is considering going over this utilitarian cliff just like Nazi Germany did in the 1930s. It is hard for me to believe. Were all of the Allies' lives lost in the War ultimately lost in vain?

I am disgusted by the very idea of combining human and animal elements to develop chimeras. By doing so the dignity of human beings, made in the image and likeness of God, is tramped and destroyed. Had this capability been possible in Nazi Germany, I'm sure Dr. Mengele and his ilk would have been in their glory.

It is for the reasons stated above that I implore the National Institutes of Health to use its research and expertise for much higher, nobler purposes than developing chimeras. Let's not go down this road and begin to let the end justify the means; to embrace a utilitarian philosophy towards human beings. I strongly encourage the Institute to develop moral, ethical ways of solving medical issues and challenges.

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Thank you for reading this. Please, please continue the moratorium at the least, or even better, scrap the entire concept of chimeras.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph A. Bound".

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