




TARRYTOWN: SOCIETY AND POLITICS DOROTHY ROBERTS

D. Roberts, Tarrytown: Society & Politics

“Rupert Murdoch, Barry Diller, Anne Wojcicki and Diane von Furstenberg at the DNA sample party”


NYTimes, Sept. 2008





Will biotech transcend race
and other unjust political
divisions?

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People will come together around
specific **genotypes**, and these
artificial barriers of country and **race**
will start to break down.


23andMe founder, Anne Wojcicki




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Scientists planning the next phase of the human genome project are being forced to confront a treacherous issue: the genetic differences between human races.

Nicholas Wade, NY Times, 7/20/2001




Expansion of Race-based Genomic & Biomedical Research & Technologies

- Race as category in biomedical & population genomics research
 - Race-specific pharmaceuticals
 - Reproduction-assisting technologies
 - Genetic ancestry testing
 - DNA forensics and biobanks
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Biological Race in a “Post-Racial” Society

Molecular
RACE

Society
race



Modern day mechanism for obscuring racism and consequences of neoliberal privatization and punishment

Colorblind Social Policy

“The way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is to stop discriminating on the basis of race.”

Chief Justice John Roberts,
*Parents Involved in Community
Schools v. Seattle School District
No. 1* (2007)






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Social race is the phenomenon constructionists have in mind....
Biological race, however, is what BiDil's developers are concerned with – that is, race as ancestry.

Sally Satel, American Enterprise Institute



Genetic race = scientific truth
Social race = ideology

The Liberal Biocitizen

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In advanced liberal democracies at least, the biopolitics of identity is very different from that which characterized eugenics... [because it involves] **choice, enterprise, self-actualization**, and prudence in relation to one's genetic makeup.

Nikolas Rose

“Concern about the medical and scientific validity of the concept of race ... is valid, but, under present circumstances, impractical.”

Gary Puckrein, Executive Director,
National Minority Health Month
Foundation





New Alliances

Reproductive justice, gender
justice, antiracism, disability
rights, economic justice,
environmental justice

