

**Dilemmas in Bio-Medical Ethics:
Playing God or Doing Good?**

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Paper #3 officially due 12/5 at 11:59 pm
but will be accepted until 12/13/13 at 11:59 pm without penalty.

In your final, ~2500-word, double-spaced paper, using standard citation style and including a bibliography, construct an essay that draws on specific, cross-cultural cases (see below) to make an argument that addresses the following questions:

How does an institution's perception/conception of a "population" shape the way that medical practices and technologies are applied toward that population? How do culture, history, politics, and economics influence these dynamics? To what degree do individuals have agency or power to resist or use technologies and interventions to further their own ends?

In your papers, write on **each** of the following topics: 1) the politics of reproduction (readings from October 31-Nov. 14 on pregnancy, abortion and contraception, and IVF and films) *and* 2) humanitarianism (Redfield book, James article, MSF film, etc.).

Provide a strong thesis statement in your introduction, note the cases you will examine, and provide a strong conclusion. Define your terms as you use them. Please do not simply answer each question above, but develop your own argument about bioethics, biopolitics, and embodiment. I will be looking for a good critique of the readings and course materials in these papers.

Good luck!!

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