

Cittadini, ricerca scientifica e società democratica

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Citizens, Science and Democratic Society

Abstract: Scientific knowledge is the engine of social and economic growth in advanced countries. The most recent biotechnology progress has had an increasing impact on biopolitics, human rights and, more in general, on several aspects of our daily life because applied to crucial topics like the beginning and end of life, human genome and the new emerging technologies (CRISPR-Cas9, GMOs, stem cells manipulation, etc.). Scientists, laypeople, men of law, media operators should make decisions and spread the scientific achievements based on experimental evidences and not on personal prejudices. Scientific knowledge should be made available to everybody, allowing citizens to develop their own ideas about their own life. Health is inevitably linked with freedom and they both must be guaranteed to all, regardless of the economic conditions, geographic origins, gender and age. Responsibility, justice and law must be placed within a broad collective and political dimension if we want equality to be the cornerstone of our societies.

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