

# Morality and Science: Global Origins of Modern Bioethics

*Global Perspectives from the CIA Archives*



## Quick Facts

A fully searchable digitized collection of primary source documents related to bioethics  
Unique international sources chronicle the development of modern bioethics from 1957 to 1995  
A wealth of information for numerous STEM and humanities disciplines

## Overview

From genetic engineering to fertility treatments to stem cell research, some of the most cutting-edge advances in the life sciences have stirred global controversy, prompting concerned scientists and citizens alike to question their ethical implications. *Morality and Science: Global Origins of Modern Bioethics* is a fully searchable digitized collection that chronicles the field of modern bioethics as it emerged, offering valuable insight for students and researchers in a variety of disciplines.

### A comprehensive archive of media and research

Between 1957 and 1995, the Central Intelligence Agency collected media from around the world and translated it into English, including tens of thousands of journal articles, government publications, newspapers, magazines, and transcribed television and radio broadcasts. These primary source documents capture the promise and trepidation that accompanied historic advances in the life sciences in unparalleled detail. When Louise Brown, the first “test tube” baby, was born through in-vitro fertilization in 1978, for instance, onlookers across the globe—including the Pope—expressed concern that meddling in human biology could lead to unintended consequences.

### Applications across STEM and humanities disciplines

The way that governments, the scientific community and the public react to new research influences how that research is applied in real life, which in turn affects the technology and medicine we use every day. *Morality and Science: Global Origins of Modern Bioethics* is the most comprehensive archive of primary source material related to these debates, offering English translations of academic articles, media reports and government analysis that are unavailable elsewhere. Students and researchers across a broad range of disciplines, including STEM and Humanities, will find myriad applications for this material. And Readex’s intuitive online interface enables researchers to easily browse the collections by a broad range of topics, each providing highly relevant results for users at all levels.

### A Global Origins of Modern Science and Technology collection

In addition to *Morality and Science: Global Origins of Modern Bioethics*, closely related collections also derived from the Archives of the Central Intelligence Agency include *Aeronautics and Space Flight: Global Origins of Modern Aviation and Rocketry*; *Computing and Artificial Intelligence: Global Origins of the Digital Age*; *Climate Science and Sustainability: Global Origins of Modern Environmentalism*; and *Nuclear Energy: Global Origins of Energy Resource Management in the Atomic Age*.



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