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Tiivistelmä-Referat-Abstract Gene technology is a rapidly growing area in the field of biotechnology. People's lives are pervaded by a flow of biomedical knowledge showing the associations between biology and identity. Gene testing has already improved lives of a number of people. Some reliable, low cost tests are used to clarify a diagnosis and direct a physician toward appropriate treatments, while others allow families to avoid having children with devastating diseases or identify people at high risk for conditions that may be preventable. The goal of this paper is to study the kind of attitudes Finnish general population has toward gene tests. Rapidly developing gene technology gives people the reason to think of how to act in a situation where the hereditary make up of the future generations can easily be altered to please ones ideals. People were asked to describe in their own words what benefits and drawbacks do they find in prenatal gene tests. The basic finding of my study is that people people are concerned about the new innovations, yet raising hopes for the new discoveries. Respondents show more positive attitudes toward prenatal gene tests than negative. The most crucial finding, however, is that the tests are able to provide information about the health of a baby. Everyone is wishing for healthy offspring and hopes to avoid unnecessary pain and worries. The most active respondents seem to be females in the most acute child bearing age. Marital status, nor ones education level do not seem to explain my findings. Income level, however, does indicate that people with more money seem to have stronger attitudes toward the issue. Prenatal gene tests raise a lot of feelings because they clearly have two different sides to an issue. The ones against the testing are afraid of its possible effects to eugenics, the ones in favor of the test plead to the decrease of human suffering. The question is difficult do to the fact that it has no either or answer. Public needs more information about the issue as well as clear laws and regulations to follow the correct use of those tests.			
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