

‘No limits whatsoever should be placed on medical research’. Discuss

Medical research has, on numerous occasions, been a controversial topic even to this day. Every year, news break out regarding unethical experiments from major corporations relating to testing on live animals and using them for cloning research. Scientists and research facilities take it upon themselves to go to any lengths in order to get sufficient and worthy results. Stem cell research, a rather early theory, has also become infamous in the medical world. In reply to these issues, some people are against the cruelty induced on humans and animals while others accept the sacrifices that are needed to make in order to benefit the human race and to further broaden our understanding. When should we draw the boundary to this or should we even have a boundary?

Animal testing among medical research has been prevalent since the start of medical advancements. Scientists pick out animals which have very similar DNA structures as humans so that when experiments are conducted, the results seen can be duplicated in humans. In 1969, one such trail had monkeys and rats inject themselves with an assortment of drugs including cocaine and alcohol. The point of the experiment was to understand how the human brain works when given excess amounts of narcotics and also how it reacts when the copious amounts are suddenly taken away. It was concluded that upon deprivation, many were in grave and desperate conditions that they even resorted to breaking their own arms in order to escape the cages. The majority of the populace scorned at the scientists in disgust due to the level of animal cruelty demanding a limit to be placed and agreeing that this went beyond the realms of ethics.

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