

LaRouche: The Political Issue of 'Human Cloning'

LaRouche in 2004, the campaign committee of Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, issued this statement on Aug. 10, 2001.

The essence of the political issue of "cloning," is underscored by a current series on this subject appearing in the German popular-entertainment daily *Bildzeitung*. There we find featured a reported intention to clone a replica of Adolf Hitler, using material extracted from Hitler's skull. Ironically, this scandalous news item accurately underscores the fact, that the current rash of proposals for cloning do, like much of current trends in U.S. health-care policy, parody the Nazi regime's views on the biology of mankind.

The inhuman views of the Nazis, and those Americans who, back then, shared and praised the Nazis' eugenics policies, are echoed widely today among those susceptible persons who have been duped into admiration for the cult of "molecular biology." What is new, is the revival of the

kinds of thinking on eugenics associated with the Nazis then, as is to be seen now in the influence of the science-fiction cults of the "New Economy" cult of "information theory," and "artificial intelligence," today. There has been a recent spillover of those science-fiction cults, into the spread of such wildly reductionist doctrine of molecular biology as the infamous "Bell Curve" racism spilled out of locations such as Harvard University.

The clear and present danger from the spread of this "human cloning" fad, is to be recognized in the mass slaughter of cows and sheep in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. That killing, in conscious and malicious violation of all well-established, successful methods for dealing with the control of the spread of hoof-and-mouth disease, is being explained by some official circles in Britain, as a probable precedent for the application of the same mass-killing policies against human beings, in the case of major epidemics among human populations.

If we look around us, in the world at large today, no honest and intelligent person could deny, that there is, indeed, the smell of Auschwitz in the currently panicked efforts to ram through such wild-eyed assertions of the universal authority of molecular biology, as seeking clearance for human cloning.

or even reach an understanding of evolution. I can only say how grateful I am that neither Galton nor Darwin shared these views, and state my own firm belief that they are not valid. Darwin knew nothing, I repeat *nothing*, about the actual mechanisms of biological variation and inheritance. . . ."

Before you get sick, I will leave the matter of the Huxleys. But I ask you to think about this explicit and implicit "program of action" which they drew up after the Sputnik shock. Because we have seen it all happening: the rock-drug-sex counterculture of the '60s; the Club of Rome campaign about the "limits to growth"; the first Population Conference in 1974 in Bucharest (where Helga Zepp publicly attacked John D. Rockefeller III for this policy of planned "genocide"); the ensuing, in fact, genocidal campaigns against DDT and nuclear plants; the instrumentalized defense of "endangered species" against human intervention; the UN's Cairo conference of 1994, with the program of action aimed at reduction of the world population; not to forget the neo-liberal mobilization to dismantle the welfare state. And now, the moves toward negative and positive eugenics in the field of reproductive medicine.

Is This Progress?

The question becomes very concrete: Is PID or human cloning "progress," and what about using human embryos for the purpose of turning them into embryonic stem-cell cultures? For many, the answer is not obvious at all, while others,

maybe too readily, have an answer at hand. In any case, some serious thinking about the complex matter is strongly recommended.

What I have done so far, is to establish the historical-political context of the issue: The legacy of Aldous and Julian Huxley should be helpful in generally answering the question, whether this line of action is good for mankind, or not. Note that they are explicitly advising against the prevention of diseases, especially infectious diseases in the underdeveloped world! The only diseases which should be eliminated, in their view, are "genetic defects" by way of eugenic selection. So, what they really demand in medicine is clearly not scientific progress, but its opposite, which leads to the obstruction, prevention, and discrediting of real scientific progress.

A symbol of such discrediting is the so-called "science cult" in Canada, led by a former pop singer called "Rael," who employs a group of so-called scientists and talks about cloning Adolf Hitler. Their symbol is a swastika in a Star of David. They believe in UFOs and claim that man was not a product of evolution, but of a genetic intervention of extraterrestrials. Nevertheless, Richard Dawkins wholeheartedly supports the cloning project. It is easy to see how this discredits both medical science and serious extraterrestrial activities like space travel, among other ghastly aspects. And I could hardly believe it, when I saw Rael's "cult bishop," molecular biologist Brigitte Boisselier, sitting side by side with Italian clonist Severino Antinori and American clonist Panayiotis