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# Genes on Trial



Nadine Strossen, president of the ACLU, points out one of the greatest fears of genetic research: that certain disenfranchised groups may be targeted by policies intended to weed them out of the gene pool.

**NADINE STROSSEN:**

I have to tell you folks, you know, there's a history in this country of looking at people's genes to weed out the supposedly social undesirables.

And if you look at the history, unfortunately, it has targeted disproportionately people who lack political power and who came to this country. Unfortunately, there's a long history of racism and forced sterilization en masse of African Americans.

So, I think the fact that there's an attempt to find some genetic marker, compounded with the immigration status is gonna make you kind of targets.