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Personal and Policy Implications of the New Genetic Technology: The Politics of Women's Biology

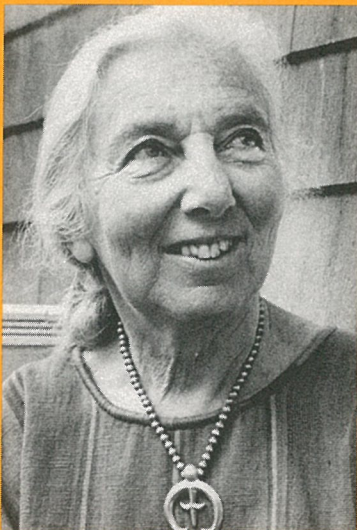
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Scientific education initiates students into a cultural enterprise, with its own history and system of beliefs. One of those beliefs is that the march of science is immune from political and societal pressures, that scientists can function in an ideological vacuum. This belief has been proved wrong time and again. Scientists, as a group, tend to provide results that support the basic values of their society. This is not surprising, since scientists live in that society and make their observations with that society's eyes.

Ruth Hubbard and Elijah Wald,
Exploding the Gene Myth
[Beacon Press, 1993] p. 7

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