Enhancing Our Public Conversation About Human Enhancement

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2 Classes of Ethical Concern

1. “Physical” harms
   - to health of bodies

2. “Non-physical harms”
   - to well-being/flourishing of persons
     - e.g., exacerbating inequality
ENTHUSIASTS
FOR enhancement
Humans as CREATORS
Bodies as MACHINES
Technology as TOOL

CRITICS
AGAINST enhancement
Humans as CREATURES
Bodies as SYSTEMS
Technology as FRAME
“Binocularity”

(not binoculars!)
Monocularity
“Pure Intellectual Binocularity”
NOT Possible
Seeing Enhancement in Depth

Creators
- Machine
- Tool

Creatures
- System
- Frame
Flourishing

- translation of *eudaimonia*

- also translated, happiness and well-being

- WEF uses “well-being”

- don’t want it for sake of something else
Among “Non-physical” Concerns:

- inequality
- objectification
- inauthenticity
- complicity with suspect norms
A National Institute On Human Flourishing?

- natural and behavioral sciences
- humanities and world wisdom traditions
- social sciences

- See Ismail Serageldin’s comments, December Summit
Thank you