Personal Reflection

Based on our class discussions and readings during the last few weeks, reflect on how scientific discourses about human beings affect you and/or your community. You should make connections between the readings and broader social issues such as the Covid19 pandemic, abortion rights, and medical maltreatment.

Your reflection is NOT a summary of the readings, but instead is an opportunity to make connections to your experiences, including what you have heard witnessed, or seen in the media.

Requirements:

A general suggestion is that your reflection should be around 200-350 words and formatted as Times New Roman, 12pt, double spaced.

Alternatively, your reflection can be multimodal, such as a series of (fake) tweets, a poem, diary entry, a diagram, a map of your experience, a YouTube/TikTok script, a word and artwork collage, memes, etc. These should be of a similar word count.

Guiding Questions

Below are some guiding questions to help you brainstorm. You do not have to answer all of these questions in your reflection: they are here to help you get started.

- In what ways have scientific discourses impacted you or people you know?
- How has learning about these issues changed your understanding of those experiences?
- How did what you learn changed your view about science?
- Was there anything you found surprising or interesting?
- What do you agree with or disagree with?
- What ideas were confusing, difficult, or needed clarification?
- How does the media depict this issue in a movie, tv show, novel, or the news?
- What questions about science and its role in society are emerging for you?

We will discuss this further in class and one-on-one.