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Human justice: the developed and developing worlds

Questions to stimulate reflection

Do you think that too much emphasis is placed on ethical review of research involving human subjects?

Is it even possible, do you think, to secure genuine consent from someone in the developing world?

How, if at all, is it possible to avoid offering inducements for participation in clinical trials to a poor person in a country that lacks free healthcare?

If we do not have double standards in respect of the duty of care we owe to control groups, then many clinical trials that will be of benefit to those in the third world will not take place. Is this true?

What was it that revolutionised healthcare in the developed world during the 2000s? Why is it unlikely the same solution will pertain to the current healthcare crisis?

Why should a drug company spend \$802 million developing a drug if it isn't allowed to patent that drug and make a profit?

Is it morally permissible to legalise an international trade in human organs? If not how else are we to increase the supply of such organs for transplant?