**TAKING SIDES ANALYSIS REPORT (SHORT FORM)**

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Article: Gene Therapy Is Inevitable Next Frontier for Sports Doping

Author and Citation: Jeremy Hsu

Major thesis and position of author: Jeremy Hsu believes that gene therapy will inevitably be introduced into sports as a way to keep players competitive.

Answer the following as completely as you can from the material presented by the author:

1. Briefly state in your own words three facts presented.

-A German coach has already been flagged for trying to obtain gene delivery treatments.

-Gene therapy treatments in monkeys has improved colorblind sight.

-A Chinese lab has also been flagged for trying to obtain these treatments.

2. Briefly state in your own words three opinions given.

-Steroids are becoming out of the loop and are more from the last decade in sports.

-Gene therapy has caught the eye of many athletes looking to stay competitive.

-Gene therapy in sports would make for an unfair advantage to the athletes who use it.

3. Identify in your own words the propaganda techniques used, if any.

-I don’t believe there are any propaganda techniques used in this article, Jeremy Hsu just stated facts about the issue and tried to prove his points.

4. What cause/effect relationships were stated or implied by the author?

-He predicts the the unfair competitiveness of sports will be too much if gene therapy is introduced to them.

5. Were any of these cause/effect statements faulty? Why?

-I don’t believe they were faulty. However, they are not 100 percent true. It is definitely something that could happen, but no one really knows for sure until it actually happens.

6. Did you find evidence of other logical errors on the part of the author? Explain where and how for each of the topics listed below.

a. Distortion of Information

b. Faulty Analogy

c. Oversimplification

d. Stereotyping

-I believe he stereotypes by classifying all athletes in the category of being too competitive and wanting any way to get an edge over the competition.

e. Faulty Generalization

7. How credible is the author? What are the author’s credentials for writing this presentation?

-Hsu is very credible, he graduated from Harvard with a degree in science.

8. How does this material fit in with material in your text or material presented in class? Be specific.

-This material fits very well with the material taught in my Human Biology class. We discussed and tested on more than one full chapter concerning genes and how they are developed.