

Changing Human Face to a Dog Face: Medical Ethical Issue

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Ethical issues play an important role in medicine and medical practice. Ethics is a part of human life despite the religion and the culture. The basic principle of ethics is of doing no harm to patients. However in this case the patients will suffer from physical, social, psychological and of course mental problem.

I read the shocking news about Brazilian yong handsome man change his face to dog-like face. This gentleman may suffer from mental problem or social problem or self-image problem or all together; that is fine most of the people may have similar problems. The question is how these surgeons and cosmetic surgeons and all the surgical team agreed to do the plastic surgery changing his face to a dog face. In such case, patients should be investigated by a team of psychiatric to assess the mental health of this patient and instead of changing his face; they should change his thoughts (Figure 1).

Such surgery is not ethically approved by any ethical committee on the earth. Simple ethics practice in this case was not applied professionally. It is a very serious matter and should be discussed in the international levels; otherwise all the teenagers and others will change themselves into different characters or their favorite animals as what happened to the above case.

Human created in the best picture and our duties as a human to keep this perfect picture from damage or misused. I wonder what the opinion of this handsome boy is now after the surgery. He wants to change back to his previous face or still satisfied with the current face. I believe the psychological and psychiatric intervention for this case is important even at this moment of his life. The technology and media help us to improve our life further in a positive manner. A lot of new information we learn every moment all that to improve our life not to follow the trend. Values and principles are needed all the time with or without technology.

Other important issues the criminal people may change their faces to hide from the judgment. The world will be mess if we allow such things happened. Many scenarios can be imagined if we allow people changing their faces into animals.

Another point I want to emphasize on is culture, is this case accepted by any culture. I guess is not accepted by all cultures on this earth. If we look at the Red Indian and some trips in Africa and the original people of Malaysia we call them "Orang Asli", all of them they keep their human face with its beauty without any damage or misuse.



Figure 1: Changing human face to a dog face.

Some trips in Africa they put some lines in their faces to differentiate between which trip they come from, but still acceptable in African culture and they still practice it until now.

Religion also not accepting this case because it is changes the face from original, beautiful, acceptable, and careful into like-dog face. All religions including Islam, Christian and Jewish respect the human from born until after death. For instance, in Quran ALLAH mentioned that human created in best shape, sizes, and colors? Historically I never heard or read such case that's what is makes me write this editorial.

Educate the general populations about ethics issues and the human right is very important. Educate the physician and plastic surgeon about the importance of the ethic specially now the cosmetic surgery on high demand among women and men. Psychiatric evaluation is very important before undergo cosmetic surgery. Nationally, each country should forum a national ethical committee to address the complicated and contra version medical issue such as the above case. Similar goes internationally; international ethical committee under United Nation to address such issues should be established.

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