The Conflict of Collective Vanity and Individual Autonomy

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Claim One: Cosmetic Surgery is at odds with the “internal morality of medicine”

Support:

- Hastings Report
  - CS does not prevent disease or injury, does not promote health, relieve pain or suffering; cure or care for those who have maladies; help people avoid a premature death or have a peaceful death

Claim Two: Cosmetic Surgery is morally worrisome and there is evidence that it may harm members of the collective. (Harm here is understood broadly)

- Advertisements
  - Advertisements for CS often seek to make use of individual’s insecurities.
  - Nearly all CS reinforces the (aesthetic and moral) valuing of images that have racist, sexist, classist, ageist undertones.

- Support of such images breeds discontent, vanity, perfectionism on the level of the individual and the collective (not to mention other –isms)
  - Study of the affects of television viewing for those in a media-naïve culture. (Fiji)

- Consequentialist argument regarding medical resources