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## **MSSNY Responds to Dr. Watson's Racist Remarks**

The Medical Society of the State of New York and its nearly 25,000 physician members are appalled by comments made by James Watson, PhD, Nobel Prize winner. The 79-year-old geneticist stated at a newspaper interview earlier in October that he was “inherently gloomy about the prospect of Africa” because “all our social policies are based on the fact that their intelligence is the same as ours – whereas all the testing says not really.”

In a book just published, he expressed similar views.

The membership of the Medical Society of the State of New York is deeply offended that Dr. Watson would make remarks of such a racist nature and shares the offense felt by the overwhelming majority of Americans of all races and colors.

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