

*Reflections of the Project Participants from 'Citta X in Toscana', Italy  
on the HapMap Project*

In order to participate in this research by donating blood, it was indicated as necessary to live in 'Citta X in Toscana' and to have Tuscan descent. To be Tuscan for purposes of this project is to have individuals self-report that at least 3 out of 4 grandparents were born in Tuscany. For us who live here, it is something different: beyond having Tuscan grandparents, it is important to live in the area, to share objectives and social projects and to work together to realize them. Our definition of identity implies then the biological, but above all, the social sphere. It is for this reason that as a group involved in this project, we expressly request that the research that will be carried out with and on our blood not be utilized for social or political discrimination against which we have fought so hard-- nor for military purposes, nor for reproductive cloning. We also request to be informed through the Community Advisory Group (CAG) as privileged recipients of the scientific communications regarding the possible developments of this project.

n.b. This is a deliberately italianized translation of a piece jointly written by participants in the working groups and the HapMap project staff. For purposes of confidentiality, the specific name of the town has been replaced by 'Citta' X in Toscana.'