* Controversy started when Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved children for cochlear implants.
* FDA didn’t ask for input from the deaf culture.
* Deaf thought that since children were not able to give their own consent it was unethical.
* Thought it was a form of cultural genocide.
* Targeted children because deaf adults who were well informed ignored implants.
* Ninety percent of deaf are born to hearing parents and that puts the decision into hands of those who are not fully informed because they are not deaf themselves.
* Doctors insisted children who were implanted have an oralistic education, and deaf interpreted this as saying sign language is inferior, and being deaf is intolerable.
* Implant doesn’t cure deafness.
* The surgery is invasive.
* The implant destroys whatever residual hearing the person may have.
* The implant is permanent, unlike a hearing aid.

 