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Elementary abelian subgroup induction plays a crucial role in cohomology and representation theory of finite groups. Roughly speaking, the results say that important cohomological properties hold for a group ring  $RG$ ,  $G$  a finite group and  $R$  an arbitrary ring, if and only if they hold for  $RE$  where  $E$  runs over all elementary abelian subgroups of  $G$ . In general, similar statements are false if one replaces the family of elementary abelian subgroups by cyclics. For instance, a theorem due to Chouinard (1976) says that if  $G$  is a finite group and  $M$  is a  $RG$ -module then it is projective if and only if it is projective as an  $RE$ -module where  $E$  runs over all elementary abelian subgroups of  $G$ . In 1976, J. Moore posed a conjecture which generalizes Chouinard's theorem to arbitrary (not necessarily finite) groups. The following is a special (but important) case of the conjecture. Let  $G$  be a torsion free group and  $H$  a subgroup of finite index. Then an  $RG$ -module  $M$  is projective iff it is projective as an  $RH$ -module. Note that this implies Serre's theorem on cohomological dimension. In the lecture I will present some old results (joint work with Cornick, Ginosar and Kropholler) and some recent results (joint work with Ehud Meir). (Received September 14, 2009)