

“Wombs for rent”: Birth is latest job to be outsourced in India.
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Cherubic children are so attractive, so desirable, so much a reflection of our longing for innocence and naiveté—while still allowing us the pursuit of sensual indulgence and materialism—that they’ve become essential components of “the good life.” Never mind gourmet cooking, orchid cultivation or macramé, “parenting” has become the ultimate hobby, allowing us to indulge our values and tastes in shaping a real live human being. And, as our talented cherubs gather public acclaim for their good looks, cleverness and many accomplishments, we contentedly bask in their reflected glory.

Modern Americans and Europeans often want children even when they don’t want to go through the pain and/or hassle of pregnancy. Now Americans, Europeans (and beyond) can outsource the burden of pregnancy and childbirth and “rent a womb” form young mothers in Anand, India (currently there are 50 such young mothers). The women are paid the equivalent to what they might earn in 15 years and a team of maids, cooks, and doctors attend to their every need.