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## A Woman's Worth

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This Article examines three traditionally "taboo trades": (1) sex work, (2) compensated egg donation, and (3) surrogacy. The article purposely invokes examples in which the compensated provision of goods or services (primarily or exclusively by women) is legal, but in which commodification is only partially achieved or is constrained in some way. I argue that incomplete commodification may disadvantage women as a class in these instances, constraining female agency and earning power. Moreover, anticommodification and/or coercion rhetoric is sometimes invoked in these settings by interest groups who, at best, have little interest in female empowerment and, at worst, have economic or political interests at odds with it.