



HOW MUCH IS A PUSH WORTH?

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“Pushing” is a concept known to all of us! A “push present” is a phenomenon I only recently came across. I didn't know it was so well-known (apparently more so in America than here in Europe), but ‘push present’ is now a term you can find on [Wikipedia](#). And as we all know, if it's on Wikipedia, it *must* be true... See also the following article in the [New York Times](#).

This has got me thinking.... how exactly does one calculate the value of the pushes? The higher the number of pushes, the higher the value of the present? Take the case of Esther and Courtney: Esther was in labour for 9 hours - does she only get a silver chain? While Courtney with her 149 hours of contractions gets a big fat diamond necklace with a bracelet and some earrings thrown in??? Is this a case of more pain more gain?

I think it is a bit hard to give birth a material value. It is quite likely that I will get a bunch of flowers for all my pushing efforts. But as long as my husband stays up all night with a screaming baby and still gets up in the morning to make me a cup of coffee, then that is a good compromise for me...

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