

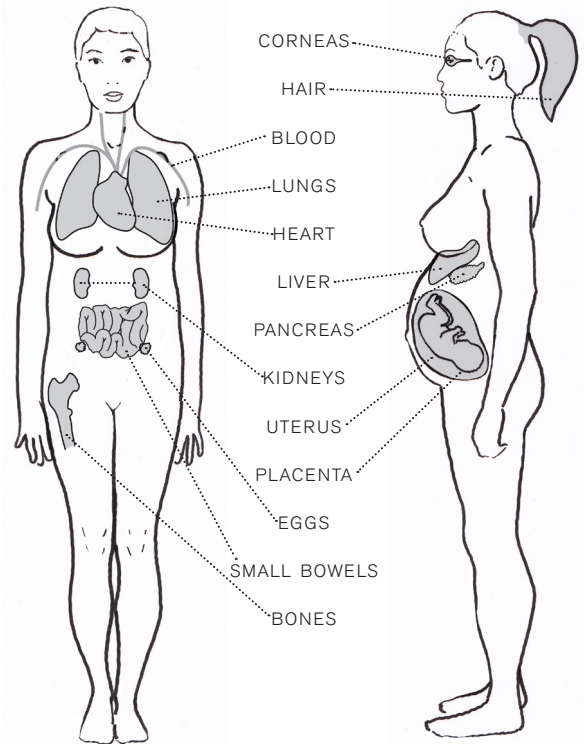
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DONOR

AGE:	38	
BLOOD TYPE:	B+	
SMOKING:	0 per day	
DRUGS:	Non User	
TEST CODE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
ANRUB:	Rubella IgG Antibodies	POSITIVE / IMMUNE
ANHBV:	HBsAg	NOT DETECTED
ANHIV:	Antibodies to HIV 1+2	NOT DETECTED
ANTP:	Treponemal Antibody Screen	NEGATIVE

PRODUCTS USED FOR TRANSPLANT

ITEMS	DECEASED DONOR	LIVING DONOR
BLOOD:		✓
BONE MARROW:		✓
CARTILAGE:	✓	
CORNEAS:	✓	✓
BONE:	✓	✓
HEART:	✓	✓
KIDNEYS:	✓	✓
LIGAMENTS:	✓	
LIVER:	✓	✓
LUNGS:	✓	✓
PANCREAS:	✓	
SMALL BOWEL:	✓	✓
TENDON:	✓	



PRODUCTS USED FOR FERTILITY AND ADOPTION

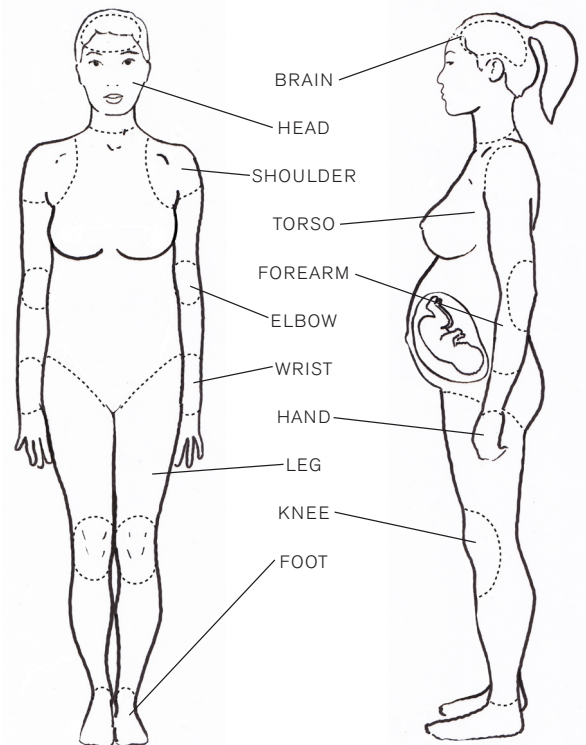
ITEMS	DECEASED DONOR	LIVING DONOR
EGGS:		✓
NEW BORN BABY:		✓

PRODUCTS FOR COSMETIC USE

ITEMS	DECEASED DONOR	LIVING DONOR
HAIR		✓
PLACENTA		✓

PRODUCTS USED FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

ITEMS	DECEASED DONOR	LIVING DONOR
HEAD:	✓	
BRAIN:	✓	
SHOULDER:	✓	
TORSO:	✓	
FOREARM:	✓	
ELBOW:	✓	
WRIST:	✓	
HAND:	✓	
LEG:	✓	
KNEE:	✓	
FOOT:	✓	



ORGANS AND TISSUES PRICE SOURCES: United States Prices: Milliman Research Report, April 2008. Black Market Prices vary and may be inaccurate. The figures are symbolic.



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BODYCASH

My work to date has been talking of the way I feel inescapably affected by what is induced in me by society. As an individual I seldom feel fully capable to assess and discern between real needs, desires and consequently values that I own and those promoted and activated by my entourage and society at large.

I focus on the material value that we attribute to the objects we accumulate, whether they are strictly related to fashion, art, music, literature or simply gadgets, we fix a hyper real worth upon these items. We measure ourselves by quantifying what we own in comparison with others. We gain popular status, earn high incomes and reshape our bodies: recklessly aiming at becoming a more desirable 'item' in the current market, namely society.

Many private US clinics advertise in US college newspapers, offering egg 'donors' amounts from averaging \$4500.

'Desirability' of genetic traits primarily determines the price: blonde, tall, athletic and musical donors command the higher rates.

I'm questioning the value of our life within the materialistic capitalist set up.

'Body Cash' is a continuation of this discourse, since it is deeply rooted in the idea of value as a result of the opinion of others. The organ and tissue market is a different facet of the same phenomena: where man establishes monetary amounts for every single sellable item in existence, starting from his own body parts.

Thanks to the cry of the wealthy needy of the world a huge, bewildering multi million dollar business thrives within (and more often outside) legal boundaries.

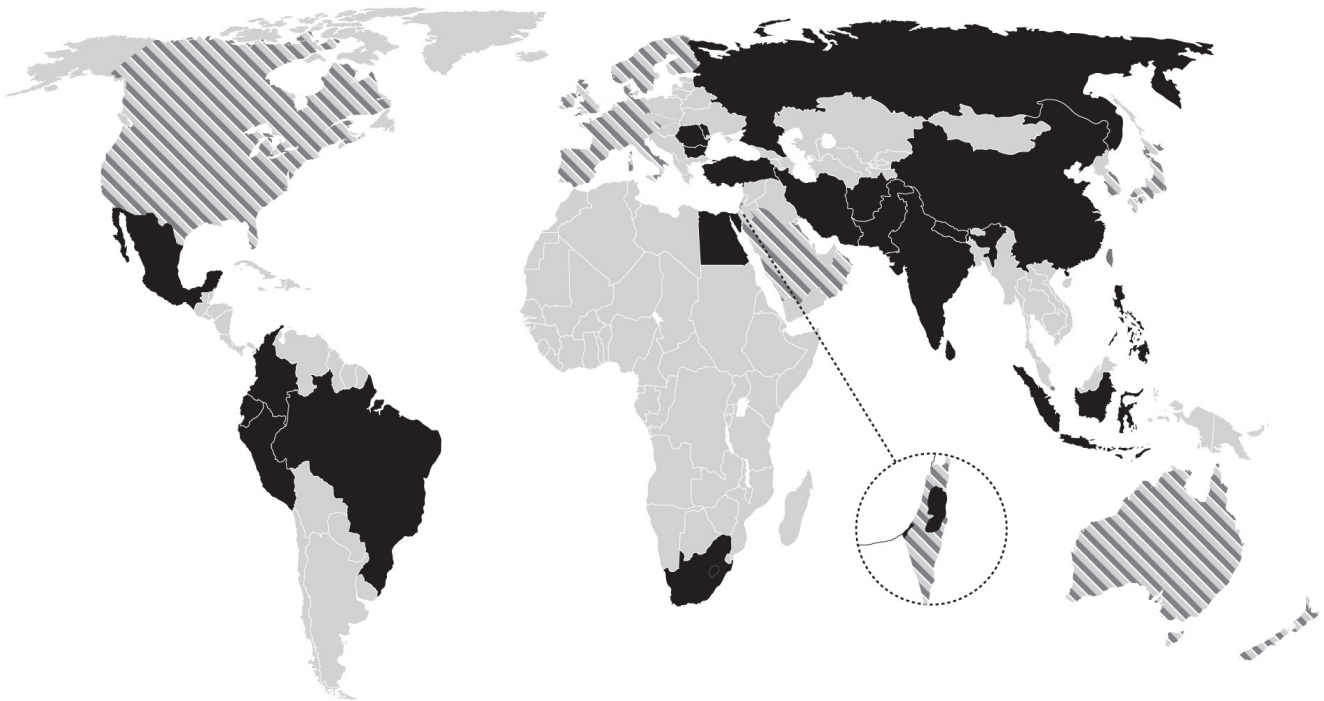
This is the transformation of the very flesh of the poor in the fortune of the dealers and traffickers solely pivoting on the hope for survival of the wealthy, a 'fine' example of social conditioning. The metamorphosis of the body into a 'material', like any other profitable goods, is revealing the value we accredit to life within this system.

And if the body trade seems an absurdity to the ears of the morally aware it has to be noted that there are satellite phenomena like the booming cosmetic surgery market where the alteration of our body aesthetic is becoming an ever increasingly accepted commodity. The hyper real value of the transformation quietly pushes us to cross a line we had always regarded as a non trespass boundary. I picture an evolution of this phenomena a few years on: the body trade as any other trade, hiding guilt and prejudice under a hyper real cape, preventing from doubting any of its aspects, much like the unquestioned value of present lifestyle commodities.

In 'BodyCash' I breakdown myself to sellable body parts, consumer goods up for grabs on the existing market. Some of my parts are available in the organ trafficking and official markets. Some other parts are available in the cadaver business. Tissue banks sell most of our body parts as a product, from egg to tendon: this business is able to breakdown a body into 200 products.

BODY TRADE MAP

KEY:  IMPORTING COUNTRIES  EXPORTING COUNTRIES



MAP DATA FROM: 'The State of the International Organ Trade: A Provisional Picture Based on Integration of Available Information', by *Yosuke Shimazono*, Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Volume 85, Number 12, December 2007. 901-908



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