

Wanted: Guests

In a sharing economy, people rent out goods, services, and expertise, and the trend has exploded in recent years. However, perhaps one of the more unusual examples of the sharing economy comes from South Korea, where weddings can hire fake friends to attend the ceremony.

Weddings are a big deal in South Korea. There is a lot of pomp and pretense in the ceremony, complete with several hundred guests, musical numbers, and skits. In accordance with tradition, family and family friends must be in attendance. It can be problematic if, for example, the groom has two hundred guests and the bride has but fifty. As a result, the bride will hire actors without informing her soon-to-be husband so as to save face. Fake guests get reimbursed roughly \$20 per ceremony, and these actors might attend several weddings in one day during the busy season.

The service that offers wedding guests contains a database of 20,000 actors who can be hired as fake bosses, office employees, family members, spouses, and even mistresses.

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Vocabulary

* trend: a general direction in which a situation is changing or developing

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