

Gay Families



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A few months ago millionaire couple Tony Barlow and Barrie Drewitt shocked many people when they became the first gay couple to father children. The couple had twin girls, Aspen and Saffron, using eggs donated by a woman who wished to help the men have their own family. Adoption agencies in Britain had decided the couple were unsuitable parents, but the men went to the United States where they had more success. They had no problem finding a surrogate mother and the girls were born in Los Angeles the following year. After complex legal arguments, the US Supreme Court ruled that the men could be named as the parents on the twins' birth certificates. When the children were brought back to Britain, the men faced further legal difficulties as the British authorities refused to grant automatic entry rights to the twins. Despite all these problems, the men have now provoked further outrage from those who claim to defend traditional family values as they have announced that they intend to have a third child. The men currently have 24 embryos which were frozen before the birth of their twin daughters, and although they have fallen out with the surrogate mother who carried the twins, they have now found another woman who has agreed to carry a child for them. "We adore having children," Mr. Drewitt said yesterday, "and if it turns out to be twins again it will be even more wonderful. The new baby will be a biological brother or sister to Aspen and Saffron. The only difference will be the surrogate mother." In contrast, an official church spokesman said, "We would still argue that the best place for children to grow up would be within a traditional family context."

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