

To Our Readers

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As of late, crimes of sexual violence against girls have been noticeably increasing. The male-dominated media explains this as young people maturing physically and psychologically faster than ever before, thus becoming more sexually active. The media has also created a false image of girls as aggressive sexual actors, and they are taking on a crucial role as recruiters to send unprotected girls into the violent sex market. At the same time, neo-liberal reformists, who do not respect human rights and equality, criticize young people's irresponsibility and feminism for promoting equality and freedom for all. They insist that we should return to the pre-war traditional family values, which is a model of the Emperor system, and that we should value education in sexual morality.

What we need most is sex education and anti-violence education for both adult and adolescent men. We should secure educational opportunities for all and teach condemnation, rather than acceptance, for violence as a conflict resolution tool; to respect others as a basis of human relationships; to cease exonerating any and all violence with monetary exchange; to respect other's sexual rights.

Further, we need to halt the flourishing sex market. It is necessary to provide education for children to teach them to respect other people and diverse sexualities, which is beyond simply teaching them how to protect themselves from violence.

Society as a whole is going in a direction that does not respect Article 9 of the Constitution, which renounces war and the use of violence as a means of resolving conflict. We need to carefully examine how this society's swing to conservative values is connected to violence against girls and also the backlash against feminism. The time to reconstruct our movement for peace and justice is now.

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