

《洋女婿不好当！婚前婚后被中国家长挑挑拣拣》

导读:在中国父母眼中，儿女的婚姻大事是重中之重，谁都恨不得上来掺和一下。一谈到外国女婿，家长普遍觉得靠不住。那洋女婿们，在国内的生存现状如何呢？



Bruno Dubois, a 29-year-old Frenchman, was not surprised when news broke on October 9 that Chinese pop singer Zhang Liangying's mother strongly opposed her marriage.

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Some Chinese parents tend to interfere in their kid's relationships and marriage, he said. "I experienced it myself."

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He still remembers the pain he felt when his Chinese ex-girlfriend broke up with him a year ago. Her parents did not want a foreigner for their son-in-law.

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He met his Chinese ex-girlfriend, Sophie Li, in 2013 when he was reading for his bachelor's degree at a university in Beijing. From the beginning, Li had always hesitated about whether to tell her parents about him because she was afraid her parents would not be okay with the relationship.

Li told him that in her parents' mind, most foreigners do not take marriage seriously and thus could not be relied on.

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They believed I would dump their daughter and want a divorce once I fall in love with another woman, which, according to them, is something I will certainly do, he said. "I admit that there are some foreigners who just want to have fun and do not take their relationships seriously, but not me, yet they tagged me from the very beginning."

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Not trusting foreigners also makes some Chinese parents, especially those whose daughters are aged 23 or above, very reluctant to approve foreign suitors. Some even block their kid's cross-cultural relationships because they consider foreigners unreliable and disloyal and thus not husband material. Many Chinese parents expect their daughter to get married or at least meet a prospective husband in their early 20s, said Adam Peter Woodward, a 27-year-old Briton and English teacher in Beijing. He met his Chinese girlfriend three months ago and her parents around three weeks ago.

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The major concern they have is that their daughter is 23, so they constantly ask about marriage plans, he said. "Although my girlfriend's parents haven't really interfered with my relationship with my girlfriend, I'm sure they are incredibly worried, and they will pester her more and more the longer we are together."

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Chinese parents also interfere after the couple gets married. Many of them live with their kids and tend to step in to help raise their grandchildren.

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For most expats, having their in-laws live with them can make them feel uncomfortable. But for others like Joe Walsh, a 31-year-old American and English teacher in Beijing, living with one's in-laws has its perks.

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Walsh married his wife three years ago and has been living with his in-laws since then. He conceded that living together has its drawbacks, like limited personal space and a lot to get accustomed to in daily life. But having survived the initial phase of adaptation, he started to find many benefits to living with his in-laws.

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For example, noticing that Walsh talked in a very direct manner and sometimes offended the other person when he

