《“我从哪里来？”——中国性教育道阻且长》

导读:中国性教育缺失一直以来都是为人所诟病的一个问题，如何妥善讲解性知识也是一个令人苦恼的问题。

Showing up for his interview with the Global Times in a white shirt and a very neat haircut, Wang Longxi looked like he had just graduated from college. He sat with his back straight and hands folded and answered all questions in a very formal way. Born in Lanzhou, capital of Northwest China’s Gansu Province, in 1988, he majored in environmental engineering in college.

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Hu Jiawei, on the other hand, looked much more mature with his beard and felt far more open with his baseball cap and casual T-shirt. The 23-year-old came across as humorous, often mocking himself throughout the interview. Currently living in Wuxi, East China’s Jiangsu Province, he majored in food quality and safety at college.

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Born in Guangzhou, capital of South China’s Guangdong Province, Su Yanwen is about to enter her 30s. She majored in social work.

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The three seem to have nothing in common, yet they all share one common thread: They are working hard to promote child and youth sex education in China.

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According to the statistics collected by The China Foundation of Culture and Arts for Children and its branch The Girls' Protection Foundation, between 2013 to 2016 Chinese mainland media reported on 1,401 sex assault cases involving children under 14 in which more than 2,568 children were victims.

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According to a 2015 report from China Youth Daily, the National Health and Family Planning Commission released data in 2013 showing that 13 million abortions were performed in the mainland, not including medical abortions or operations undergone in unregistered clinics. Among these, more than half of the cases involved women under the age of 25.

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Facing such a severe situation, Hu, Wang and Su, as well as an ever increasing number of other young Chinese, have decided to help their peers and minors get a better understanding of their own biology.

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"Where do I come from?"

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This is a question that almost every child asks eventually.

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"I once asked my father how I was born, and he told me that they picked me out of a rubbish pile. I was very upset and turned to my mother, who gave me the same answer," Hu said.

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He explained that he later asked his grandparents the same question.

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"As expected, they gave me a different answer. 'We didn't find you in the rubbish,' they said. 'You were given to us by the Buddha after we prayed for a long time.'"

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Behind the humor of such answers is the fact that children in China lack proper sex education because their parents and teachers are reluctant to teach them for fear that the word "sex" will be the key to opening Pandora's Box.

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Hu's dedication to sex education, to certain degree, is also due to a traumatizing incident from when he was a child.

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Like many children, Hu said he often played with a group of older boys. However, when he was 6, one day a sixth-grade boy pressured Hu and a girl about Hu's age to remove their clothes and then offered to give them an ear of corn if Hu would lie on top of the girl.

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"I still clearly remember how the girl cried while I giggled myself silly," Hu recalled, adding that he forgot about the incident until one day in primary school he watched a porn video with some other boys.

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"This was at a time when the school would often invite local police to come and give classes on the law. I was extremely scared because I thought I had raped that girl."

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Though only in his early 20s, Hu is already the founder and president of Wuxi Soy&Pea Technology Co Ltd, a company that provides sex education classes for children under 14.

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"But we now find ourselves providing more classes for parents," Hu said. "only when parents understand what sex education is will they go teach their children."

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