



# Just stereotype , not real!

By Zhouhao bo

the feeling between us will be most important.” Wang Xun, who graduated from university with a Bachelor’s Degree. In 2006, is now working in a real-estate company, said “female postgraduates are a little conceited. In my opinion, if I marry to a female postgraduate, I will be very tired.” Sharon Yang, who is in the second year of postgraduate study, has a boyfriend and she thinks it is very important to find such a person. “What a pity if a female postgraduate hasn’t found a man to marry when she enters the society.” said Sharon.

Why do people have this kind of preconceived ideas about the female postgraduates? The origin of the stereotype comes from the misunderstanding of higher education. Pursuing the chance to obtain higher education is just for an ideal life. However, in nowadays China, the population of people with well-educated is not very large. Though the number of well educated female is gradually increasing, it is still very limited. Standing on the top of the academic pyramid is a life which very few people have experienced, so it comes false views.

In our focus group, seven female postgraduates all think there is a misunderstanding in the society, and the media should be responsible for it. When we uphold newspaper, turn on the TV, browse the information on the Internet, most reports related to the female postgraduates are negative. When we type the “female postgraduates” into the Baidu search engine, the results are shocking. In the 1.17 million lists, most of them are about sexual repression, the third gender, committing suicide, mental diseases and so on. But in fact, these kinds of bad things could happen in every population group, why do female postgraduates deserve this treatment? Because female postgraduates are not fit the ideal image in the traditional mind, (they spend too much time studying) people need stories to support their own previous ideas, and in order to please the masses, the media provide the stories which appeal to the common taste.

Apart from the stereotype of the female postgraduates, the stereotype of the female image is very deep-rooted. A research shows that1.06% of the ads referring to profession make women the image of housewives, and zero for men

Women should take more responsibility on the housework than men, which means education is not very important for a woman to find a good husband. A female postgraduate will embrace the stereotypes of femininity despite her true self identity and her ideal. A depiction of womanhood pre-determined and frozen in time, even as the social characterizations of women bend, change, and break.

In our public forum, there’s the much-discussed biological imperative: that a woman’s fertility drops dramatically after she turns 35 (a fact we’re reminded of almost daily in sensationalist newspaper reports), which places enormous pressure on the search to find a partner. And female postgraduates are on the embarrassing age, if they don’t hurry to find a boyfriend, they will seem to be left-women, which means in other’s view, they have difficulty in finding good men. On the opposite, men can afford to “play the field” for longer because their fertility doesn’t decline at quite the same rate (although several studies have shown the quality of sperm deteriorates significantly post-40).

And as to the process of association, people know each other mainly by communication, and talk is very essential in a relationship. No matter which side gets nervous or uncomfortable, the relationship can’t continue. None would like to be considered to be ignorant. When you choose a talk partner, you must have the same sharing. Men like to be gentle, humorous and learned. However, when he faces a well educated woman, he may have pressure, protecting himself by silence. Sharon Yang said when she talked to some guys, they praised her by saying” Your view is really special, the female postgraduate is really different.” But she thinks she just expresses her own opinion, and people don’t need to highlight her degree.

The conception in your mind has decided your choice no matter what the female postgraduates actually are. And the stereotype will be an obstacle for female postgraduates to find their true love.

## What are Fudan Female Graduates thinking?

Our Reareach is base on 80 female postgraduates in journalism school

By Feng Cheng

The contradiction in the value system of female postgraduates. While choosing a spouse, a female postgraduate is facing all kinds of mental conflicts: family vs. career, spiritual pursuit vs. material conditions, self-condition vs. outside pressure, which all become obstacles for female postgraduates choosing spouses. They are willing to accept the traditional ideas that women should pay more attention to family, but still hoping to have their own careers. Furthermore, they emphasize a lot on

the spiritual agreement of the two. On the whole, female postgraduates build up their self-conciseness in the process of studying, which consequently results in a relatively high standard of choosing future husband.

The bias of social attitudes. Despite their own reasons, some objective reasons also should be taken into consideration. According to Chinese tradition, men have been and should be superior to women, no matter in family or society. Thus, the seemingly “superior”

on campus, well, how to find them and how to get to know them? I can’t just ask his cell number when I bump into a seemingly good guy, right? I even don’t know if he’s still single.” Xia added, and most members seemed agree with her.

“Every day I stay in the lab with my supervisor and classmates, doing experiments. No time for parties, even no time for

fun. God knows how to find a boyfriend. Maybe create one in the lab?” What Wu said may be funny, but we know it is a real problem for her.

As the discussion goes on, we find it is not that easy for a girl to meet her “prince charming”, especially when she has a tight schedule.



By Shen Xiao gen

We were high school classmates. We had been attracted by each other since the first time we met. However, both of us kept in mind that we should concentrate on our studies. After graduation, we entered the same university and fell in love.

In our college life, we went to class together, studied together and travelled together. We almost shared everything with each other. People around us said that our relation was unbreakable. At the end of my college study, I took my parents’ advice to attend the graduate admission examination. while I was admitted by a top university in Shanghai. And he started his career, striving for our brilliant future.

He entered a fine foreign company in another city. He came to see me once a month, I didn’t feel anything wrong with our love in the first two years of my graduate study. The only problem afflicting us is that we linger on the thought with each other. In the third year, I successfully passed the interview conducted by a well-known foreign company through my persistent effort, and I signed the contract with this company even before graduation. Not long after I started my internship in this company, my boyfriend began to ask me

or” women who hold higher degree are not favored. Besides, mass media often expose the negative aspect of female postgraduates, gradually making a twisted image of them. It is also a source of pressure that women should marry in a certain age range, say, 25-30.

Female postgraduates have relatively limited choices. They (especially the science students) have little time to make new friends because of busy school life, say, doing experiment, reading reference books. Most of female postgraduates’ high school classmates or college students have been married, who obviously shift their attention to their own family life. It makes female postgraduates’ life even more isolated. What’s more, they prefer or insist in finding the Mr. Right by themselves, and refuse to participate in the “marriage interview”. Few choices left.

many questions about my job, from the salary, welfare etc. to the information of my colleagues and boss. I sensitively realized his depression and dissatisfaction, but when I advised him to hop to another job in shanghai, he always complained that it was extremely hard for him to foot in Shanghai since he only held the bachelor’s degree. In that case, I considered seeking for a job in our hometown so

## Love has its flight in my life, leaving no trace of wings

that we could be together. He was very happy when the first time I told him my plan. Somehow, only after a short time he told me that my plan was unwise since no good job in that small city deserved my Master’s Degree from the top university. I was totally confused—what’s his plan for our future? It was during our disputing that the year flew away.

After I got my master’s degree, he broke up with me. Ironically, the only reason he gave me was that “You are excellent so that you need a better man.” Half a year later, I heard that he



## Oh, This is my day!

ATYPICAL DAY OF A FEMALE SCIENCE STUDENT

Items	
6:30-8:00	Getting up&Breakfast
8:00-8:45	Morning Reading
9:00-10:00	Meeting Supervisor
10:15-12:00	Doing Experiments
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-13:00	Doing Laundry
13:00-13:30	Nap
13:15-15:00	Library
15:15-17:30	Doing Experiments
17:30-18:00	Supper
18:15-20:00	Library
20:30-22:00	Paper Writing
22:10-23:00	Novel Time (Relaxation)
23:15-7:30	Sleeping

married a girl. She was one of his colleagues.

I have no idea what if I had not pursued the higher degree after college, but what I know that it is the diploma that makes him far away from me.



## Find me a nice guy!

easy to start a relationship on campus?

“As a matter of fact, I just find it too hard to get to know a nice guy.” Xu told us. Actually she has never started a relationship.

“I’m not denying that there are nice boys