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# Graduates 2

What does love really mean to the female postgraduates of Fudan?

Shen reckoned that love is the important portion to make a women's life integrity. Love and marriage is essential for most of the female. Falling in love, getting marriage, giving a birth to a child, making a family ...that's the way life should be.

Jing holds the view that the couples should be like a parallel to each other, which keeps a long-term benign collaboration. You can share everything together and always find out the self - identity in each other. It shouldn't like the business which you can easily say goodbye after you earn the benefit you mean to get.

Kong deems that falling in love will cost the female lots of time and energy which should be all put on their study and career. What makes she get this thought is that her boyfriend is in America



*The Fudan female postgraduates' attitude towards the love relationship is a little bit dissimilar. Six of the eight girls in the focus group which we held think that love is important for women while two of them are considering that love is meaningless, which only waste time and money.*

right now. Considering the time difference, it's really hard for them to even make a call per day. "The study at now stage will determine my future study, so I didn't try my best in this relationship."

Xu , who is in her first year of graduate study and never had a boyfriend before thinks that it is really hard for the female postgraduates to find a boyfriend. She

Survey: What do Fudan female postgraduates want?

## Career or Family?



By ChenJing Xi

still believes that if a boy can bridge over all the difficulties with her in the campus life then he will be her true love that she is searching for. The most important thing is - true love, will never "waste" your time.

The attitude towards to love determines that how will they treat their family and career in the future. Some of the outstanding girls have their own career plans

for the future which will never be affected by their boyfriends even it might lead them to breaking up with their lovers. No one expressed that they prefer a happy family instead of a successful career.

"Family first " or "career first" ? Though our survey shows that 83.05% of the female agree that "a happy family" is more important than "a successful career", it

is not surprising that such a view has led to intensive argument in the focus group.

Jing thinks that the contemporary women should pay equal attention to career and family. No doubt is that she requests her boyfriend to be helpful to her in the study and to share the same hobbies with her.

Guo is rather confusing about her own life now because she has no nerve to change her unsatisfied major. She is paying more attention to find out what she really wants.

Kong , she puts her study at the first place, as the most important issue in this stage. "What I need to do is to keep our relationship, but not to make the tie stronger. I can't get it. I won't complain about myself even if I can't find a guy better than him in the future. What makes me worried is that I need someone to take care of me when I am terribly sick. What I am thinking is all about the reality.

## Material VS Spirit

By Zuo Yue

Compared with material condition, female postgraduates focus more on their partners' qualities and pursue higher spiritual agreements.

This is generally accepted by all members in the focus group, who assume that it is much more important to find someone who holds the similar valuation system with them.

"We postgraduates' value concept has almost been settled and is not easy to change. It is now hard for us to adjust it to other people's thought Which is totally different. Love is interactive, and people who don't have the same interest can't make it to the end no matter how much they love each other at present." Xia fei, one of the focus group members said.

When asked what they value most in their partners, 6 participants out of 7 focus more on their partner's qualities and pursue

higher spiritual agreements.

"We should share the same way of thinking." Xia Fei said.

"Our imagination about our future should have something in common." Chi Jianxing said.

"The same value system is the most important." Wu ting said.

"We can understand each other when given enough time." Xu Fengli said.

"I just want someone who can make me happy." Guo Renjie said.

"We can work hard together for better life, but how can I spend my life time with someone who doesn't and will never understand me at all! " Wu's opinion wins most agreement.

The problem is that this spirit-focus thought leads to higher partner-choosing criteria which makes the goal of finding an ideal partner even harder to reach, because it is related to many complicated problems, such as education level, enough time to get familiar with each other, and so on.

"It is not so hard to find some guys with comparatively bound wealth, but it's really difficult for me to find someone who can understand me and share similar thoughts with me." Xu Fengli, one of the focus group members said.

## “Just love for love itself ! You can get more than you give.”

ByStephanie

This is a story about one of our focus group member. Her experience may be a little inspiration to those female postgraduates who are still dreaming of her perfect Mr. Right.

Guo Renjie is a postgraduate student in Fudan University now, and she is envied by all her classmates for her sweet love with her boyfriend. But it is not a fall-in-love-at-first-sight fairy tale. She and her boyfriend were classmates since high school, and luckily they also got into the same university - Fudan University. They were just good friends () until the second year in this university, when her boyfriend finally showed his love and asked Guo to be his girlfriend.

Guo agreeded, but she broke

up with him only one week after he became her boyfriend. "I found that we didn't have many common interests. For instance, the kinds of books we like to read are totally different. My ideal boyfriend is someone who can share the same interests with me, so I thought he was not the right one," Guo said with a smile, "I was so na've a girl at that time."

As time passed, "I accepted him as my boyfriends again when I became a postgraduate student. Now I am a little bit mature and willing to take time to know him patiently, and we work on very well."

"Many of us are still expecting to meet our soul mate someday in the big, big world, but is the one really exist? Take time to love someone, to accompany someone, to try to understand someone,



and maybe one day you will find this someone becomes your soul mate. This is just my case."

"In many cases, it is not that you don't meet the one who can understand you, but that you don't give him enough time to know you well."

"Just love for love itself and don't consider too much, materially or spiritually, and you will get much more than you give." This is Guo's advice.

This opinion has been passed on from ancient time. " Says Biying Kong.

Jianxing Chi

"No one treats the female postgraduates as a special group abroad. They just treat them as women." Says Jianxing Chi.

Fengli Xu

"In current days, men prefer women who are effeminate because they can not display their capacity in front of excellent women." Fengli Xu says.

4 Renjie Guo.

## Voice:

### “Men should be more excellent ? ”

By Shen Xiaogen

The traditional idea that "Men should be more excellent than women" still influences people's decision when choosing a spouse. Females hope their husbands hold the same or even higher degrees as they do, while males prefer wives with lower degrees. This point of view directly increases female gradu-

ates' expectation on their spouses, leaving a limited scope while choosing a spouse.

Biying Kong

"Personally speaking, female with high degrees have the tendency to expect more outstanding spouses. However, from males' perspective, marrying a women who is better than himself could possibly lead to unsteady life.

