

## Underage Pregnancy

"Jenny and Junno," is written and directed by Kim Ho-jun. The film is basically about a 15-year-old couple, Jenny and Juno, who learned that Jenny is pregnant, after a night when things get a little out of control. So they decided to keep it a secret and have the baby.

Understandably, some parents and teachers are sharply criticizing the movie for its romantic depiction of teen pregnancy. Many believe that the message could mislead other curious and impressionable minors about getting pregnant at a young age and passing the buck to their parents.

Yet, the director says that this story is about two very innocent children that made a mistake and tried to handle it the best way they could. It also gives the message that "life is precious" and should be protected. He feels that the real issue should be how the parents refuse to accept their child's mistakes.

However, what irks me and many other critics is the happy ending of the story, and the underlying assumption about such conclusion. When in fact there is no such thing as a happy ending for underage pregnancy.

### **Topic Questions:**

1. What are your opinions about movies that portray children having sex?
2. What are some other movies that you believe are harmful to the society?
3. Do you believe the parents were wrong to get mad at Jenny and Junno? Why or why not?
4. Do you believe the writers view about no happy ending for underage pregnancy? Why or why not?

### **Vocabulary:**

1. **Criticize**
  - to find fault with
  - To judge the merits and faults of; analyze and evaluate
2. **Depiction**
  - a graphic or vivid verbal description
  - A representation by picture or portraiture
3. **Mislead**
  - to lead in a wrong direction or into a mistaken action or belief
  - To cause to have a false impression
4. **Curious**
  - arousing interest because of novelty or strangeness
5. **impressionable**
  - readily or easily influenced
6. **Assumption**
  - a statement that is assumed to be true and from which a conclusion can be Drawn
7. **Conclusion**
  - the close or last part, the end or finish
  - The result or outcome of an act or process