

Young Bride

I just rented a Korean movie, "My Little Bride," it is about a 24 year-old boy and a 15 year-old girl going on 16 and they are tricked into marrying each other by their manipulative parents despite the fact that they consider each other to be like brother and sister. However, after they exchange vows she falls in love with a boy her own age from school, and he realizes he does in fact love her and must try to win her heart.

I was later surprised when I found out this is something that is perfectly legal in Korea as long as the parents permits the child to get married, no matter how old the man is.

This movie, no matter how funny, is promoting sex with a minor and what is strange is that just recently there was a large outcry of protesting when a teacher wrote on the internet about having sex with a 16 year old student.

For me one is just bad as the other and both should have been condemned for being in bad taste. However, "My Little Bride" was praised and the other has caused the teaching community, even the innocent, to be persecuted.

Questions for discussion:

1. Do you think movies are pushing the line on what is right or wrong?
2. What is a good age differences between husband and wife and why?
3. How has the world changed for young people?
4. Has there been any case of teachers molesting students in the news? What happened?