

# *To Explore the Youth Aged People in Shanghai ——Views on and Attention to "Zhang GuiMei"*

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**Abstract:** The "Zhang Guimei" incident has had a significant social impact in recent years. In 2008, the country's first free girls' school was established to guarantee education for female students. Later, when the first female high school graduates returned to the female high school, mainstream media reported on this, and the controversy of "housewife" occurred, which made Zhang Guimei into a controversy of public opinion, and was also labeled as a "rural feminist". At the same time, the author analyzed the survey and questionnaire methods, which raised questions about why only female students were admitted to female schools and formed the concept of red education. There have been two extreme reactions to the controversy. Some people are able to understand Zhang Guimei and support her, while others are against her position. Most famously, students from Tsinghua University, China's top university, raised objections. What kind of reasons are hidden behind a controversial point, which we should analyze and explore? Finally, what is gender equality and whether it can be improved to increase gender awareness in education? For example, we can add a course and carry out related activities or speeches to promote children's cognition and understanding and help them establish correct awareness and understanding. Changing the feudal ideology of son preference, with the international transition, the opening of the mind, should end the mistakes of these old ideas.

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## 1. Introduction

The topic of women has been hotly debated around the world. For example, the Rowe v. Wade case, which has been maintained for nearly half a century, was overturned by the US Supreme Court, and trafficking and prostitution in the documentary "The Price of Sex" are all facing the danger of women's rights. The Miami Herald website reported on September 21, 2016, a 16-year-old high school girl in Georgia high school classroom was sexually assaulted, but due to a complaint by the school classes many times, the school even forced her into the process of investigation and the infringer, head of the inquiry process and demonstrate suffer in the same room, to suffer secondary psychological damage. Also in China in recent years, the Chinese People's Daily praised "Zhang Guimei" for setting up the first "free girls' school" to educate girls in mountainous areas and help them take the college entrance exam. To change their lives through the power of education. In underdeveloped cities, the proportion of educated girls will still be lower relative to the proportion of

educated boys[1]. The thought is still deeply rooted in the feudal, there is no sense of education for children to provide more opportunities to help them improve the trajectory of life. The author hopes this article will give them the strength and courage to take the first step. Now there is a successful representative who has achieved this daunting challenge and changed a completely different life path. With practical actions, it has proved that education can change people's lives, make them have the courage to believe and overcome, and let more children see light and hope. At the same time, it can also help them provide more opportunities and platforms. No longer will backward regions be treated unfairly because of ideological errors.

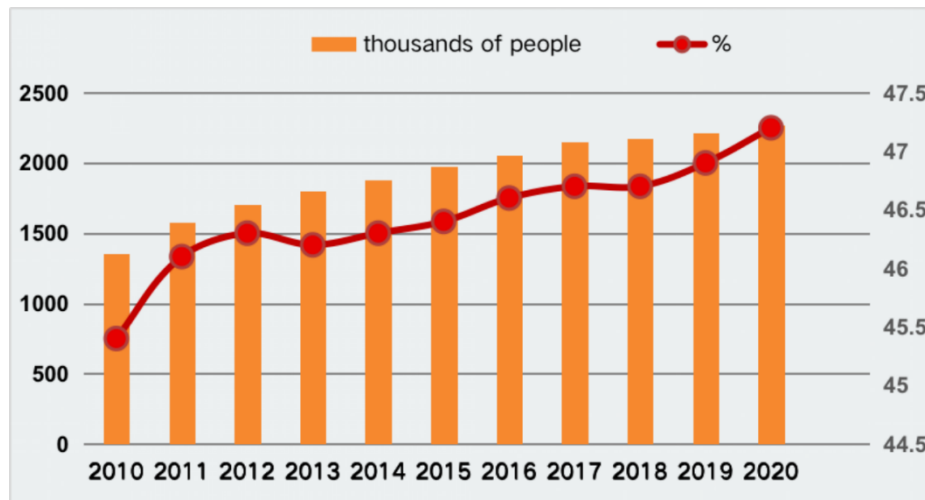


Figure 1: Number and proportion of kindergarten girls in national school education from 2010 to 2020. (Edited by the author)

## 2. "Zhang Guimei" Grew up in the Environment

First of all, we can look at Zhang Guimei's growing environment. She was born in Mudanjiang City, Longjiang Province, Since childhood, the author has experienced a lot of separation. My father and mother died one after another. From then on, the author left my hometown and started my new life journey. To the death of her husband. She did not dwell too much on her grief. From her life experience, she knew exactly what it was like to be poor and backward. While still struggling with her thoughts, she came up with the seemingly far-fetched goal of building a free girls' school that would prevent these things, or tragedies, from happening. She didn't want something that happened to her to happen to another child. There is a lot of determination and courage behind these decisions. Therefore, a person in rather backward environmental conditions and measures of the place silently struggles to adhere to more than ten years. She helped 1,600 female students from poor families to get out of the mountainous areas and enter universities to experience a better life, making contributions to society and the country. It seems that it is something that is not above Zhang Guimei's ability, and she did it! It is also the only free school for girls in China. She serves not only as the principal but also as the mother of 172 orphans. As such a woman with a disease, she contributed all her energy and time[2].

She is a role model for our time, an icon for women. Through the background of Zhang Guimei, let us better see that the power of women is very strong. Also, when faced with a fork in the road, the author hopes to choose the right side more often, rather than give up the more suitable path due to setbacks or other pressures. We can learn from Zhang Guimei's spirit of perseverance and never say die. We can inspire more friends who are struggling with darkness through real cases. To believe that

justice will never be late, there are efforts to pay and adhere to always seeing the rainbow after the rain. Even if the environment we grew up in is bad or not so good, we should make changes believe in our own power, don't give in to them easily.

## 2.1. The Story of a Girls' School

There were some serious feudal ideas in the region, such as a preference for sons over daughters. Some families even let their children become child brides. In order to lighten the burden on the family and get a fortune or food for it. Whether girls get good grades or not, their lives seem to be set. In their minds, their son is the pillar of the family, the hope of the family, who can lead them to a better life. From then on, Zhang Guimei began to "steal people" with the mountain, and after countless times over the mountains, walking the 110,000 kilometers of home textile road. She once said, "Saving one girl is equal to saving three generations. The students in the mountains are too poor and bitter, and so kind and sensible. The author wants to help them." After a long time in August 2008, Huaping girls High School was finally built. She believes a girl's life can be changed through education[3].

In the summer of 2011, in the first college entrance examination of Huaping Girls' High School, the comprehensive online rate was 100%, and the online rate of one book was 4.26%. The result exceeded expectations. Among the first batch of girls to graduate, many went on to work as doctors, teachers, traffic police, trainee lawyers, and so on. Many girls are grateful to Zhang Guimei, teaching them self-reliance and self-respect can change the course of their lives. But Zhang Guimei does not want them to come back to visit her. She wants them to remember how poor and difficult they came from living in and does not want them to look back.

After that, a lot of people see that free tuition has been quite good. More and more children are signing up. Also, therefore, attracted a lot of mainstream media to report, causing a lot of waves on the Internet. Zhang Guimei and Huaping Girls' School were also frequently searched. More people know about her story and the existence of an unprecedented school for girls. Many people were worried about Zhang Guimei's health and the school's facilities when they found out. Also attracted many people to Huaping Girls' School.

Through media dissemination, Zhang Guimei is at the center of public opinion, in a report, she also became a controversial female figure. In one report, she made it clear that she was disgusted at not having a job and being a housewife after graduation. In her concept, children who have left the mountains and come back to the family to take care of their children are likely to lose some ability and rely on their husbands for their economy. It's easy to get swept away by this era. It was the exposure of the "housewife" remark that made many people question her. One of them is Li Xinye of Tsinghua University, who is encouraged to disagree with these words, believing that Zhang Guimei's own experience leads to such prejudice and opposition. He thought that Zhang Guimei had no children of her own and did not know how to take care of them. Hence the heated discussion.

Is it really a prejudice against housewives? The answer is obvious: no. When the author understands Zhang Guimei's original intention to establish a girls' school, the author will not think like this. She is facing the children in the mountainous area, in the process of education and far more than the children in the city, and popularization, and access to things are backward. Therefore, the concept of "housewife" proposed by Zhang Guimei is not the same as having a very good education level in a big city. Moreover, she is strongly opposed to the idea that mountain children should lead a backward and humble life and is not willing to change their lives through education. In her eyes and responsibility, it is to call for more female students to study and take the college entrance examination.

To get more people's attention, many people will generate whether she can keep her original intention, which will not change because of any wealth and honor. Obviously, Zhang Guimei's action can be completed without worrying about this question. Every year, the author personally escorted students to attend the college entrance examination, accompanying them to important moments and

twists in their lives. She used her life to stick to the initial aspiration of the Lide tree people, practice the mission of educating people for the party, educating people for the country, the model of The Times.

### 3. Method

Through literature collection, content comparison to find out the corresponding common ground and analysis points. And the CCTV interview we can learn about Zhang Guimei dribs and drabs. Mainly from the equality of men and women, "housewife" disagreement, regional education, and cultural level. From Zhang Guimei's personal experience and the founding of the girls' school. It is less about Zhang's title and her seemingly glamorous side, but more about the power of women and helping the poor.

### 4. Teenagers' Views

In the face of mainstream media reports, many teenagers have different views and attitudes towards this issue. They have their own unique views on Zhang Guimei's case. It fits in with the new age of teenagers who are independent, autonomous, and aggressive. The pursuit of individuality, and freedom. Of course, there are also a lot of doubts and confusion about the adherence to this all-female school. Why only female students and no male students, is it biased against male students and so on. There are good and bad voices on the Internet, as well as arguments. In the heated discussion, the term "stay-at-home wife" brought a strong reaction, and the proposal of Tsinghua students also triggered a huge heated debate, which lasted for some time in the social hot event. Maybe we will be confused and opposed by the words at the beginning. Maybe we will change our perspective and start to look at Zhang Guimei's words with different meanings. For the cognition of things, we need more holistic cognition and self-subjective judgment. Instead of blindly following the trend, join in the fun[4].

So in the process of controversy, is it the mainstream media intentionally, or is everyone's ego? It can be seen that media is a double-edged sword, which can produce events in two extremes and different directions[5].

Therefore, in this kind of environment, we need more self-awareness and a certain amount of knowledge. To have the ability to judge and analyze. For a weak educational background, most of the choices will be to go with the flow, there is no free opinion, and will only choose the majority of the party. On the contrary, some have an educational background, on the basis of the development of facts, and analysis combined with their own views. It can be seen that in this era, knowledge is extremely important, and occupies a very important position and influence in society for everyone.

### 5. Conclusion

Nowadays, in the age of advanced science and technology, open-mindedness, and internationalization, there are still some feudal ideas about the equality of men and women. Think the man is to be able to compare the woman, have the prospect of development more. Girls, on the other hand, do more for their families. No matter where we are, we should use the power of education to change some minds and teach them what gender equality is and how to achieve it. Not only on a biological level but also in the way we think about gender equality. It's about achieving gender equality in more ways than one. On many levels, because of some gender discrimination, women suffer unfair treatment and situations. We should all go lower. At the same time, through Zhang Guimei's personal experience and her spirit, we should learn and carry forward.

Therefore, we can increase courses and related lectures or activities through schools to promote the development of ideas in this area. Especially in Asia, the ideology is relatively feudal, because

some religious beliefs and long cultural history have been left behind. We should take the initiative to change this injustice, so that the next generation of children, because of gender inequality, do not have to suffer all the blame. Let more women have more opportunities and platforms[6].

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