



**A message that 'turns over' our perception of sexuality:
Maija Rhee Devine (이매자) at TEDxSinchon**

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Before watching

What is confucianism? _____

What are some examples of cultural practices or beliefs that come from confucianism?

What is social justice? _____

What are some examples of social justice issues that you know of?

What is a mistress? _____

What is polygamy/polyandry? _____

Why is polygamy/polyandry illegal in most countries around the world?

Comprehension

1. What is Maija proud of regarding the changes that happened in Korean society?

2. What does Maija say hasn't changed in Korean culture (unfortunately)?

3. Why was it necessary for Maija's father to bring a second wife (a mistress) into the family?

4. What was the effect of this situation on Maija as a five year old girl?

Pause at 5:55 & Discuss

5. What effects do you think confucian boy-preference might have had on Korean society?

6. Do you think confucian boy-preference culture still exists today?

7. Do you think in other countries, like America, there is a gender preference for babies?

Comprehension

8. Why does Maija say that it was fortunate for her that the Korean War broke out?

9. What is Maija's claim about the boy-preference for child birth in Korea? What evidence does she use to support her point?

Claim: _____

Evidence: _____

10. What counterclaim does she suggest about her statistics being outdated?

Counterclaim: _____

11. How does she use reasoning to rebut this claim? _____

Pause at 11:25 & Discuss

12. Do you have any family members who have memories of the Korean War? What stories have you heard from the older-generation about their experiences during the war?

13. What consequences can you imagine might result in a society where there are more men than women (for example 60% male to 40% female)?

Comprehension

14. What positive signs of women's rights improvements does Maija point out?

15. What evidence does she point out to show that Korea has more work to do?

Evidence: _____

16. Why did Maija host a 20th birthday party for the girls who didn't live because of boy-preference? _____

Pause at 11:25 & Discuss

17. What do you think can be done to solve the gender discrimination issues that Maija is bringing up in her presentation?

