

The new Teenage – Europe

Manuscript **My Opinion about... Sex** **CYBC, Cyprus**

Presenter: Are the differences between the young people in the present and the future member states as big as somebody thinks? We let our colleagues around Europe ask young people on the street on various subjects. In this item, our colleagues in Slovakia ask some youngsters about their opinion of sex

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Annie Sophocleous, 15 years old.
Maria Charalambous, 16 years old.
Marcos Iereides, 17 years old.
Marinos Phaidonos, 19 years old.
Yiorges Tsoures, 17 years old.
Christiana Ellina, 13 years old.
Constantinos Constantinou, 19 years old.
Andrea Michael, 16 years old.

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Music: T.C.: 1:00-1:05, 4:57-5: 04 "That's Amore" of Warren/Brooks by Dean Martin

(Album: Dean Martin Greatest Hits)

3:41-3:54 "When love goes wrong" of Adamson/Carmichael

Leo Fest Inc

by Marilyn Monroe (with Jane Russell)

(Album: Marilyn Monroe – "The essential Recordings")

Duration: 4' 04

Translation

My opinion about sex

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0:00 Annie:
Gosh, where do we start!

0:05 Maria:
Sex nowadays is a much-misunderstood term, because I don't believe sex is the start of a relationship, but the climax of the love between two people.

0:18 Marcos:
It doesn't count as a measure of maturity...

0:20 Marinos:
You have sex with a girl when you're a teenager and surely you'll tell some friends, either boys or girls; and this will stigmatize both you and the girl you had sex with.

0:32 Yiorgis:
It's something completely normal, it is part of life now...

0:35 Yiorgis: -
...and this gives the freedom, particularly to young people, to act more freely, not more dangerously.

0:42 Annie:
Sex isn't something you should rush into just because...your friends do it let's say and you feel peer pressure...and feel, Holy mother of God...I am an outsider, everybody's done it, but I haven't done it, I don't know, I am not "cool".

1:03 Marinos:
Having sex is not a spur of the moment decision, but someone has to decide long before he has sex with a particular woman, he won't do it, simply for pleasure...

1:14 Christiana:
In order to do it, I have to know whether my partner really...loves me and is...we're having a serious relationship, because I don't want it to be...a one-night stand!!

1:33 Constantinos:

When you have sex once with the woman you plan to spend the rest of your life with, then it will be unique.

1:38 Annie:

I think they're turning it into a big issue...

1:40 Annie:

...friends of mine tell me about it and I wonder....it's nothing, that was it?

1:49 Maria: -

You have to be sure about the person who's lying next to you, once you've had sex.

1:55 Christiana:

I expect...that the person that I am going to do, whatever I am going to do, will be...the one I marry.

2:02 Annie:

What? I don't get it. Are you going to wait until you're twenty or twenty-five and that's if you find the one you love and want to marry and also what if you decide to marry when you're thirty?

2:12 Yiorgis:

It's not wrong to have a number of sexual experiences, as long as it doesn't become an end in itself. There has to be...there has to be the right choice of your partners, and the right moment for everything, the right timing.

2:25 Constantinos:

The way we look at it today, when there are many premarital relations, then the man and the woman, consider it boring, they get bored of their partner and seek for solutions elsewhere and then we start having a lot of divorces or...

2:54 Christiana: -

Sometimes, I am curious why...they like it..., but I don't want to do it, because I might regret it later on.

3:04 Andrea:

Magazines, television, everywhere, they are all putting out an image of sex that makes us ashamed, instead of considering it as something normal...

3:13 Yiorgis:

I believe that sex doesn't work in quantity, but quality...that is...in order to do the act it takes a...a cycle to be completed in a relationship. When there's pure love between a couple, we're talking about...communication and other levels, not just of the flesh, so the culmination of the relationship is much more substantial than simply...the union of two bodies.

3:38 Andrea:

It doesn't take sex to complete a relationship, either physically or spiritually. There are other ways to...it's not just enough to complete the relationship sexually in order to complete human relationships; they can find out about each other's body and soul, without completing the sexual act.

3:54 Yiorgis:

And of course they will have a problem of a low birth rate for the next ten years!