

A comparative study of Sex Education in Japan and the U.K.

– WHAT SHOULD BE IMPROVED IN JAPANESE SEX
EDUCATION? –

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BACKGROUND

In Japan...

school's sex education is not enough

In the U.K...

sex education is taught in 4 subjects

related to relationships

MAIN SUBJECT · PURPOSE · METHOD

Main subject...sex education of Japan and the U.K.

Purpose...to clarify what should be improved in Japanese sex education

Method...comparison and analysis of sex education of Japan and the U.K.

- ① history
- ② curriculum
- ③ parents' involvement on sex education

CHAPTER1 SEX EDUCATION IN JAPAN

section1 history of sex education of Japan and the bashing for sex education

- 1980s...making syllabus, publishing books, demonstration lesson
 - 2002...bashing for sex education
 - abolition of textbooks, omission of specific information
- ⇒might make sex education passive

CHAPTER1 SEX EDUCATION IN JAPAN

section2 curriculum of sex education in Japan

- Information about sex and process of pregnancy are not available in schools
→restrictive clauses
- The accuracy rate on items that are taught in schools is high but items that are not taught in schools
⇒more knowledge needs to be taught, curriculum needs to be improved

CHAPTER1 SEX EDUCATION IN JAPAN

section3 parents' involvement on sex education and household sex education

- Most of the parents regard household sex education as important but, have trouble doing it because of having many obstacles
 - ⇒sex education program for parents
 - ⇒providing information about sex education in schools
- Parents want their children to mature as human through sex education

CHAPTER 2 SEX EDUCATION IN THE U.K.

SECTION 1 HISTORY OF SEX EDUCATION OF THE U.K.

- 1920s...syllabus of sex education was revised multiple times
- 1980s...a law of related to sex education was created
- 1990s...sex education in secondary school became mandatory

⇒ quick response of the government

⇒ sex education became useful in real life

ex) specific words were added in textbooks

CHAPTER2 SEX EDUCATION IN THE U.K.

SECTION2 CURRICULUM OF SEX EDUCATION IN THE U.K.

- 4subjects includes sex education
- Parents have right to let their children leave classes
- Learning relationships and respecting people in every classes ⇒ feel more familiar with topics related to sex

CHAPTER 2 SEX EDUCATION IN THE U.K.

SECTION 3 PARENTS' INVOLVEMENT ON ON SEX EDUCATION AND HOUSEHOLD SEX EDUCATION

- most of the parents are satisfied with a provision of curriculum from schools

⇒ even with a provision from schools is enough, parents are still not confident enough to do sex education in their home

⇒ opportunities to provide knowledge for parents

CHAPTER3 COMPARISON OF SEX EDUCATION OF JAPAN AND THE U.K.

SECTION1 COMPARISON OF HISTORY OF SEX EDUCATION OF JAPAN AND THE U.K.

- 1920~50s : a reason for introducing sex education
 - Japan : controlling sexual desire
 - the U.K. : prevent sexual disease from spreading
- ⇒Japan : sex education had been regressing because of bashing for sex education
- ⇒the U.K. : revising syllabus multiple times, active in sex education

CHAPTER 3 COMPARISON OF SEX EDUCATION OF JAPAN AND THE U.K.

SECTION 2 COMPARISON OF CURRICULUM OF SEX EDUCATION OF JAPAN AND THE

	Japan	The U.K.
Subjects including sex education	2	4
Whether sex is covered in school sex education	×	○
Whether topics that include relationships and life plan are covered in school sex education	×	○

⇒ Japanese students are 5 to 6 years behind from the perspective of knowledge about sex

⇒ the Japanese curriculum has less content to learn

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SECTION3 PARENTS' INVOLVEMENT ON ON SEX EDUCATION AND HOUSEHOLD SEX EDUCATION IN JAPAN AND THE U.K.

- Most of the parents in both countries think that sex education in household is important
 - Reluctant to do it because of not having enough knowledge or confidence
- ⇒ what Japanese parents want their children to learn is available in sex education in the U.K.
- ⇒ sex education with relationships, learning about sex and contraception are needed

WHAT SHOULD BE IMPROVED IN JAPANESE SEX EDUCATION?

① curriculum

Topics of sex and contraception have to be part of classes to eliminate the knowledge gap

② parents' involvement

Schools should provide parents information about sex education

③ both

Topics related to relationships and planning life should be taught with sex education