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Trump heads to Georgia for two Republican candidates while pressing vote fraud claims



PHOTO: U.S. President Donald Trump participates in a medal ceremony in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, U.S. December 3, 2020. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst/File Photo

(Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump campaigns on Saturday for two Republican senators in Georgia facing January runoffs, but some in his party worry he may do more harm than good if he focuses on personal grievances over his loss in the Nov. 3 election.

Trump has repeatedly and without evidence asserted widespread fraud in the November election, a claim rejected by state and federal officials, including in Georgia, which President-Elect Joe Biden became the first Democratic presidential candidate to carry in a generation.

The outgoing president has also attacked Republicans who have refused to endorse his claims, such as Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. Statewide recounts, including a painstaking review by hand of some 5 million ballots, turned up no significant irregularities.

Trump's penchant for making his political rallies all about him - and now, about his claims the U.S. electoral system is rigged - has raised

concerns among some Republicans that his appearance in southern Georgia could end up turning voters away.

Trump, who a source said has privately referred to Kemp as "a moron" over his handling of voting issues in Georgia, pressured the governor in a Twitter post and a phone call on Saturday to take steps to benefit his candidacy.

"I will easily & quickly win Georgia if Governor @BrianKempGA or the Secretary of State permit a simple signature verification. Has not been done and will show large scale discrepancies. Why are these two 'Republicans' saying no?" Trump wrote on Twitter.

Kemp responded on Twitter that he had spoken to Trump about the president's concerns. "As I told the President this morning, I've publicly called for a signature audit three times," he said

The Washington Post said Trump urged Kemp to call a special session of the state legislature to get lawmakers to override the vote results in Georgia and appoint electors who would back him. The White House declined to comment.

Matt Towery, a former Georgia Republican legislator who is now a political analyst and pollster, said Trump could help Republicans if he talks about the candidates, but warned:

"If he talks about them for 10 minutes and spends the rest of the time telling everyone how terrible Brian Kemp is, then it will only exacerbate things."

Kemp will not attend Trump's rally scheduled for 7 p.m. EST in the southern city of Valdosta, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, one day after the death in a car crash of Harrison Deal, a close family friend of the governor and staffer for Georgia Senator Kelly Loeffler.

The Jan. 5 runoffs pit two Republican senators, David Perdue and Loeffler, against well-funded Democratic challengers Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock seeking to capture a state that has not elected a Democratic senator in 20 years.

The races will determine which party controls the U.S. Senate. Democrats need to gain both seats to seize a majority. If Republicans win one seat, they will retain control and be able to block much

of Biden's legislative agenda.

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Trump urges Georgia governor to call special session of state legislature

Two pro-Trump lawyers, L. Lin Wood and Sidney Powell, have argued that Georgians should not vote in the runoff until issues from the 2020 election are resolved in the state, even after lawsuits they have filed to overturn the results have failed.

Raffensperger criticized that strategy in a Fox News interview, saying: "It's just total foolishness."

He added that he would be voting for the two Republican Senate candidates, although both had called on him to step down.

On Saturday, Wood wrote on Twitter that wins for Loeffler and Perdue would not be necessary for Republicans, as Trump reversing the presidential election results would mean Vice President Mike Pence could break ties in the Senate.

REPUBLICANS IN A BIND

How Trump will handle the situation in

his first post-election rally is unclear. One Trump adviser said the hope was he would argue Republicans should produce a huge turnout in the runoffs to erase any questions about voter fraud, but acknowledged that Trump would probably talk more about his grievances than about the candidates.

Trump's grip on the Republican Party remains tight.

The Washington Post contacted all 249 Republicans in the House and the Senate. Two of them told the Post they consider Trump the winner despite all evidence showing otherwise. And another 222 GOP members — nearly 90% of all Republicans serving in Congress — would simply not say who won the election.

In another Twitter post, Trump said he wanted the names of the 25 Republican members of Congress who conceded to the newspaper that Biden was president-elect.

Trump's refusal to concede has forced Loeffler and Perdue to walk a fine line. Even as they warn voters of the dangers of a Democratic Senate majority, they will not say Biden won the White House and echo Trump's attacks on Raffensperger.



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Kia recalls 295,000 U.S. vehicles for fire risks

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Kia Motors Corp said on Saturday it is recalling 295,000 U.S. vehicles for engine fire risks.

FILE PHOTO: The 2014 Kia Forte is presented at the 2012 Los Angeles Auto Show in Los Angeles, California November 28, 2012. REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni
The Korean automaker said the recall covers some 2012-2013 model year Sorento, 2012-2015 Forte and Forte Koup, 2011-2013 Optima Hybrid, 2014-2015 Soul, and 2012 Sportage vehicles because an engine compartment fire can occur while driving.

Dealers will inspect the engine compartment for fuel or oil leaks, perform an engine test and make any repairs including engine replacement, as necessary. Kia said it is currently developing a Knock Sensor Detection System software update.

Last week, Kia and affiliate Hyundai Motor Co agreed to a record \$210 million civil penalty after U.S. auto safety regulators said they failed to recall 1.6 million vehicles for engine issues in a timely fashion

The Korean automakers agreed to consent orders after the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said the automakers inaccurately reported some information to the agency regarding the recalls.

Kia's civil penalty totaled \$70 million, including an upfront payment of \$27 million, requirements to spend \$16 million on specified safety measures, and a potential \$27 million deferred penalty.

The settlement covers recalls in 2015 and 2017 for manufacturing issues that could lead to bearing wear and engine failure.

In the new Kia engine recall, NHTSA opened an investigation in 2019 into non-crash fires in Kia and Hyundai vehicles. The agency in July recommended Kia conduct recalls on certain models with a higher fire complaint rate, the automaker said.

Kia said “based on NHTSA’s recommendation” it had made the “decision to recall certain Kia vehicles as a preventative measure to mitigate any potential fire risk.”

Hyundai on Friday recalled 129,000 U.S. vehicles because connecting rod bearings may wear prematurely, which over time can result in engine damage and increase fire risks.



WILMINGTON, Del. (Reuters) - President-elect Joe Biden said Friday’s “grim” jobs report shows the economic recovery is stalling, and urged the U.S. Congress to pass a coronavirus relief bill immediately and follow up with “hundreds of billions of dollars” in more aid in January

“If we don’t act now, the future will be very bleak. Americans need help and they need it now. And they need more to come early next year,” said Biden, who takes office on Jan. 20.

A government report on Friday

showed the labor market slowing in November as the COVID-19 pandemic eclipsed its levels of the spring. Some 179,124 new infections are reported each day, a record, and more than 276,000 Americans have died of the disease.

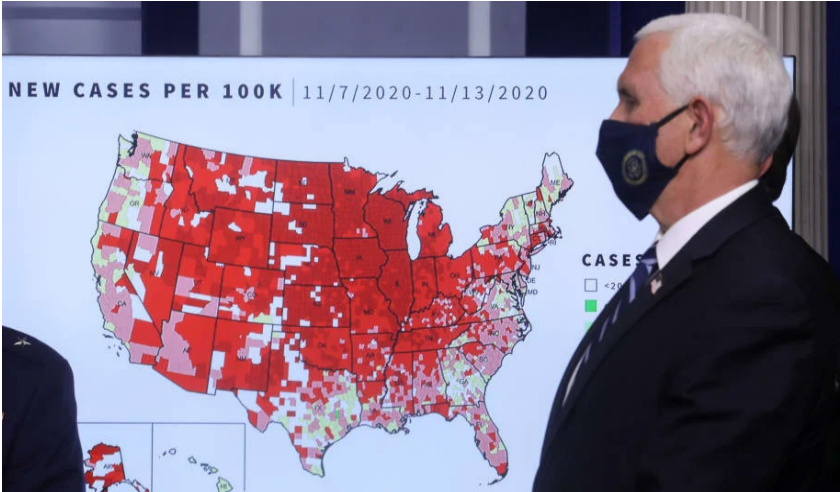
Biden, the Democratic former vice president who defeated Republican President Donald Trump in the November election, offered backing for an emerging bipartisan package of around \$908 billion in COVID-19 spending that has drawn tentative support from members of both parties in Congress.

Biden said he would press for more relief once he is in office. “Any package passed in the lame-duck session is not going to be enough overall. It’s critical but it’s just a start. Congress is going to need to act again in January,” Biden told reporters in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware.

“We’re looking at hundreds of billions of dollars,” he said.

Biden said he expected Republicans to join Democrats in delivering more coronavirus relief because “they are going to find there is an overwhelming need.” He sidestepped questions about whether he has spoken to Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell.

Coronavirus Hospitalizations Top 100,000 For The First Time

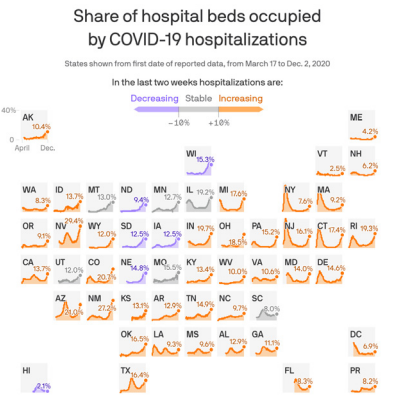


U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, Head of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, stands in front of a map showing new COVID-19 cases in the U.S.

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More than 100,000 Americans are now in the hospital with coronavirus infections — a new record, an indication that the pandemic is continuing to get worse and a reminder that the virus is still very dangerous, per the COVID Tracking Project. **Why it matters:** Hospitalizations are a way to measure severe illnesses — and severe illnesses are on the rise across the U.S. In some areas, health systems and health care workers are already overwhelmed, and outbreaks are only getting worse. **By the numbers:** For weeks, every available data point has said the same thing — that the pandemic is as bad as it’s ever been in the U.S. • Yesterday’s grim new milestone represents an 11% increase in hospitalizations over the past week, and a 26% jump over the past two weeks. • Hospitalizations are rising in 38 states, in some cases reaching unsustainable levels. **A staggering 29%** of all the hospital beds in Nevada are occupied by coronavirus patients, the highest rate in the country. • That represents an enormous influx of new patients, on top of all the other people who are in the hospital for other reasons

— which puts a serious strain on hospitals’ overall capacity, and on the doctors and nurses who staff them. • Fueled by that surge in coronavirus patients, 77% of Nevada’s inpatient beds and 80% of its intensive-care beds are now in use, according to federal data. And coronavirus infections are continuing to rise, so many more beds will soon be full.



Data: The COVID Tracking Project, Harvard Global Health Institute; **Cartogram:** Danielle Alberti and Andrew Witherspoon/Axios. **Between the lines:** Many rural areas already have more patients than they can

handle, prompting local hospitals to send their coronavirus patients to the nearest city with some capacity left to spare. But as cases keep rising, everyone’s capacity shrinks. • In New Mexico, for example, coronavirus patients are using 27% of hospital beds. To put that number in perspective: It’s a surge that has left the entire state with just 16 ICU beds left to spare. **Coronavirus patients** are also filling 20% of the hospital beds in Colorado and Arizona. And in 32 more states, at least 10% of all hospital beds have a coronavirus patient in them. **How it works:** Each week, Axios has been tracking the change in new coronavirus cases. But the Thanksgiving holiday disrupted states’ reporting of those numbers, and we’re afraid that could paint a distorted picture this week. • The holiday led to some significant reporting delays, which would make the number of new cases seem artificially low — and then when states report that backlog of data all at once, the spike in cases could be artificially high. • Hospitalization data is not subject to the same reporting issues, so we’re using that this week as a more reliable measure of where the pandemic stands.



People wait outside the Emergency room of the Garfield Medical Center in Monterey Park, California on Dec 1. Photo: Frederic J. Brown/Getty Images.

The Impact of the holiday is notable The milestone comes as health officials anticipated cases to surge due to holiday travel and gatherings. The impact of the holiday remains notable, as many states across the country are only reporting partial data. Meanwhile, more hospitals are running out of beds or turning away new patients, limiting the care available to both coronavirus patients and those with other health care emergencies. The daily rate of new coronavirus infections rose by about 10% in week leading up to Thanksgiving, continuing a dismal trend that may get even worse in the weeks to come. • **Before the Thanksgiving holiday**, the COVID Tracking Project warned of a “double-weekend pattern. • **“Far fewer people were tested** on Thanksgiving Day, and perhaps on the day after as well, and then the usual weekend pattern will begin,” it said. • **“Death reporting, too**, will slow down for an unknown

number of days.” What to watch: That backlog is expected to clear soon, resulting in a potentially confusing surge on all metrics in the meantime. By the numbers: The U.S. reported 13.7 million cases (confirmed and probable), 1.4 million tests, 196,000 cases and 2,733 deaths on Wednesday. • To date, 264,522 people in the country have died from the virus. • California confirmed more than 20,000 COVID-19 infections on Wednesday — the highest daily case count for any state so far during the pandemic. • Wednesday’s death count is the second highest on record since May 7, and marks the first time deaths have topped 5,000 over a two-day stretch.



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Post-Thanksgiving cases could put hospitals “over the edge”, task force warns

WHITE HOUSE CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE: ‘WE ARE IN A VERY DANGEROUS PLACE’ The White House Coronavirus Task Force warned governors in private reports this week that “the COVID risk to all Americans is at a historic high” and said virus-mitigation efforts in many states are still not strong enough. “We are in a very dangerous place due to the current, extremely high COVID baseline and limited hospital capacity,” the new reports, dated Nov. 29, read. “A further post-Thanksgiving surge will compromise COVID patient care, as well as medical care overall.” The task force also issued some of its strongest warnings yet to individual Americans, even though the reports to governors are not made public. It said anyone over age 65 should not enter indoor public spaces with unmasked people and should have groceries and medications delivered. It also said that people under 40 who gathered with others outside their households for Thanksgiving should assume they became infected, isolate themselves and be tested immediately. “You are dangerous to others,” the task force said. (Courtesy axios.com and publicintegrity.org)

Editor's Choice



An Ethiopian woman who fled the ongoing fighting in Tigray region carries her child near the Setit river on the Sudan-Ethiopia border in Hamdayet village in eastern Kassala state, Sudan, November 22, 2020. REUTERS/Mohamed Nureldin Abdallah



Stephanie Anderson and her companion, Gypsy, of Los Angeles, wait to depart Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday during the coronavirus pandemic, in Atlanta, Georgia, November 23. REUTERS/Chris Aluka...



Mariachis play their instruments as they pay homage to Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians, during the annual pilgrimage as the coronavirus outbreak continues, in Mexico City, Mexico, November 22. REUTERS/Carlos Jasso



Rapper Snoop Dogg helps give out a frozen turkey at the City of Inglewood's annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway during the coronavirus outbreak in Inglewood, California, November 23. REUTERS/Mike Blake



A female soldier's goggles are covered with vapor after handling bodies of coronavirus victims in Kathmandu, Nepal, November 11, 2020. REUTERS/Navesh Chitrakar



Scott Fujii, 34, is given a 24-hour rapid coronavirus test by nurse Caren Williams at Tom Bradley international terminal at LAX airport so he can travel to Hawaii to see family in Los Angeles, California, November 23. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson



Physiotherapist Adrien adjusts his protective suit as he prepares to treat a patient suffering from the coronavirus in the ICU at the Robert Ballanger hospital in Aulnay-sous-Bois near Paris during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease in France,.



Refrigerated trailers store bodies of the deceased at a temporary morgue, during the COVID-19 pandemic in Brooklyn, New York City, November 23. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

A record 8,181 coronavirus patients were hospitalized Sunday in Texas, and officials in major cities warned that hospitals’ intensive care capabilities could be overwhelmed within weeks, the Texas Tribune reports. **The big picture:** New York hospitals never became so overwhelmed that patients were abandoned in hallways, but the situation became dire after lockdowns were in place, and it was mostly a matter of riding out the storm.

• In Texas and elsewhere, people remain free to move around and thus keep spreading the virus. **What they’re saying:** Austin Mayor Steve Adler told the Austin American-Statesman yesterday that the city’s hospitals could be overwhelmed in the “next 10 days to two weeks.”

• The San Antonio Express-News reported that San Antonio’s hospitals could be overrun in a week or two, with coronavirus hospitalizations rising by 55% in that area’s trauma service region over the last week.

• In the Rio Grande Valley, 10 of 12 hospitals had already reached capacity by Saturday.

The bottom line: “Like New York City in March, the Houston hospitals are experiencing a steep rise in caseloads that is filling their beds, stretching their staffing, creating a backlog in testing and limiting the availability of other medical services,” the New York Times reported over the weekend.

• Health care workers are falling sick, and hospitals are struggling to replace supplies.

• However, doctors have learned more about how to treat patients since March. And so far, Houston patients are younger, healthier and not as sick as New York’s.

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Texas reports more than 10,000 coronavirus cases



A person receives a coronavirus test on July 7 in Austin, Texas. (Photo/ Sergio Flores/Getty Images)

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Health care workers move a patient in the COVID-19 unit at United Memorial Medical Center in Houston. (Photo/Mark Felix/AFP via Getty Images)

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cases on Tuesday, according to Texas Health and Human Services.

Why it matters: This is the first time the state reported more than 10,000 new cases in a single day since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

• Texas was one of the first states to reopen after its initial coronavirus lockdown. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott allowed the state’s stay-at-home order to expire in late April.

By the numbers: Texas also reported more than 9,000 hospitalizations from the virus on Tuesday and set a daily record for deaths in a single day, hitting 60.

Of note: A lag in testing results from the Fourth of July weekend partially contributed to the increase in reported cases on Tuesday.

The big picture: The state renewed a public mask mandate last week because of the surge in new cases, while Abbott issued a proclamation allowing mayors and county judges to restrict outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people.

• Only New York and Florida have also recorded more than 10,000 cases in one day. New York exceeded that milestone in April, while Florida reported 10,109 new cases last week. (Courtesy Texas Tribune)

Several Texas cities worry hospitals may run out of beds in two weeks or sooner

As local officials express concerns that their hospitals could be overloaded with coronavirus patients, some are urging Gov.

Greg Abbott to empower local governments to issue stay-at-home orders.



As Texas hit another record high Sunday, reporting 8,181 people hospitalized for the new coronavirus, local officials predicted cities like Houston could soon run out of space to care for the sickest patients. (Photo/ May-Ying Lam/the Texas Tribune)

Local officials and experts in Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Fort Worth have expressed concerns in recent days that increasing coronavirus hospitalizations could overwhelm their intensive care capacities, with some saying it could happen in less than two weeks. As Texas hit another record high Sunday, reporting 8,181 people hospitalized for the new coronavirus, local officials predicted cities could soon run out of space to care for the sickest patients. The state reported that there still are 13,307 available staffed hospital beds, including 1,203 available staffed ICU beds statewide, but hospital capacity varies greatly by region.

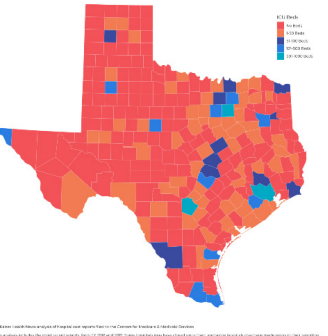
On Sunday, Austin Mayor Steve Adler told the Austin American-Statesman that hospitals there could be overwhelmed in the “next 10 days to two weeks” if

the amount of people admitted because of the coronavirus continues to increase, adding that 434 out of 1,500 Austin-area hospital beds for coronavirus patients are occupied.

The San Antonio Express-News also reported that the city’s hospitals could be overrun with patients in the next week or two, noting that the number of hospitalized coronavirus patients in that area’s trauma service region rose by 55% in the past week.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Tuesday that Rajesh Nandy, an associate professor of biostatistics and epidemiology in the UNT Health Science Center’s School of Public Health, warned that Tarrant County hospitals could reach capacity in about three weeks.

ICU Bed Count by County



As of Saturday, 10 of 12 hospitals in Texas’ Rio Grande Valley had already reached capacity as the number of people being hospitalized for the coronavirus more than doubled over the last two weeks. Ten of Texas’ trauma service regions have more than 70% of their beds filled, with six of those regions reporting their beds are at least 80% filled, according to data from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

On Thursday, Gov. Greg Abbott ordered Texans in most counties to

wear masks in public. The mandate warns people living in counties with more than 20 active coronavirus cases that first-time violators will face a warning while repeat offenders could face a \$250 fine.

Adler and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo urged Abbott in television appearances Sunday to give cities the power to issue stay-at-home orders in order to fight the spread of the virus.

“What I’m being told is that there’s not the staffing to go along with the surge, and if this is happening in Austin, Dallas and Houston and San Antonio all at the same time, we’re in trouble,” Adler told CNN’s “State of the Union” Sunday. Adler added that while he appreciates Abbott mandating the use of face masks, he believes the lack of a united messaging has put the state in danger and hopes the message “hasn’t come too late.”

Hidalgo expressed similar concerns on ABC’s “This Week.” “As long as we’re doing as little as possible and hoping for the best, we’re always going to be chasing this thing. We’re always going to be behind, and the virus will always outrun us,” she said. (Courtesy the Texas Tribune)



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中美性教育大对比：成长中绕不开的话题

(来源美国留学那些事)美国留学那些事讯，中国人由于几千年来 的礼仪之教，感情上比较含蓄保守；而西方人相对来说比较奔放和直接。在对待青少年性教育方面，尤其是这样。

那么，中国家长和西方家长在对待青少年性教育方面具体有哪些不同呢？

1、妳長大了就懂啦——來，我來給妳說說

在中国，如果孩子问到与性有关的话题，大人说的最多的一句话是“你长大了就懂啦”。这是由于中国家长比较害羞，觉得有关性的话题，不太好意思跟孩子交流。一般来说，孩子在十一二岁，随著自己身体的生长发育和心理的变化，会有一些困惑。学校在性教育方面没有一个系统的教育体系，遇到问题，性格开朗的孩子就会向家长求助。

用“你长大了就懂啦”这一句话就打发了孩子，并不能孩子的问题。在互联网如此发达的今天，孩子势必会借助网络，了解相关问题。这就等于把孩子推开，让他自己去冒险——网上的内容鱼龙混杂。

西方的家长，一般会在孩子问到这个问题的时候说：来，坐下，我来给你说说。我曾看过荷兰一档青少年节目：13岁的女儿，在餐桌前突然问父母“怎么样才会怀孕”？父亲给女儿解释了以后，女儿接著又问“怎样才会有性高潮”？母亲告诉她，需要提前爱抚，放松心情等等。女儿竟然接著问父亲“你是怎么爱抚妈妈的？”父亲楞了一下，拍拍女儿的头，怜爱地说：“这个就是我们的隐私喽。不过别担心，你以后在实践中会知道该怎么做的。”

2、十八歲才可以有性生活——身體發育成熟+真心喜歡就可以

经常听到中国家长说，中学阶段要安心读书，等你上大学了，18岁以后，就可以谈恋爱了。言外之意，18岁成年，成年之后，你谈恋爱也好，发生性关系也好，作为家长我们能接受了，在这之前，你要压抑自己的欲望。

如果你问西方的家长，对于孩子多大可以发生性关系，他们的回答一般是：14/15岁以后，只要孩子身体发育成熟了，他们之间是真心喜欢，有什么不可以？性生活也是需要经验的，他们早一点接触，就会早一些成熟。当然，西方家长说的性是在年龄相当的恋爱伴侣之间。他们对成年人和未成年之间的性是相当鄙视的。

3、妳還付不起責任——妳要為雙方負起責任

在中国，中学阶段“早恋”过的同学，除了畅饮过淳美爱情的琼浆以外，应该也遭受过一些折磨。老师责备的眼光、父母苦口婆心地开导都曾让你们苦恼。在西方，中学阶段有男女朋友，却是一件值得骄傲的事情，那说明你是一个有魅力的人。孩子可以光明正大地把对象带到家里，也可以一起参加夏令营，或是结伴去旅行。

如果知道孩子和对象“在一起”了，中国家长有的谈虎色变，有的忧心忡忡。理由是：孩子还小，还付不起责任，万一怀孕了怎么办？西方孩子比较愿意与家长交流，当家长知道孩子有对象以后，就会找机会渗透性生活安全知识。他们一般第一句话就是：如果你打算跟TA发生性行为，首先你要能为对方负责，也为你自己负责。避孕是必须要做好的工作，但比避孕更重要的，是防止性疾病的传播。

4、男孩比女孩安全——男孩女孩責任均等

我曾听中国家长说：幸亏我家是男孩子，要是女孩，这青春期可要愁死我了。女孩子多操心，担心夜不归宿，担心怀孕。

西方家长觉得，男孩在性生活方面完全不比女孩安全。首先，感染性疾病的机会是均等的；其次，若是女孩意外怀孕，孩子生下来，男孩一样要承担责任。

造成这一点不同的原因是，在中国，青少年怀孕以后，基本都采取流产的方式解决问题。而在西方，一般是鼓励把孩子生下来（这一点我个人觉得实在不妥：相对流产对身体的伤害，早孕早育对年轻父母精神上的伤害难道不是更大？）一来是考虑流产对身体造成的伤害，二来也是他们所谓的人权说：即使是刚刚受孕的胚胎，也是一个生命，也有活下来的权力。

5、安全套是高危物品——安全套是個好東西

中国的年轻夫妇，若是使用避孕套，一般会把避孕套妥爱地收藏起来，千万不能让孩子看到，好像孩子接触到避孕套，就会与异性发生性关系，然后就会不思进取，沈迷其中。

相对来说，外国家长对待避孕套很轻松随便。他们会给孩子讲避孕套的用处，告诉他们，这东西卫生又安全，实在是个伟大的发明。然后顺便告诉他们应该怎样选择，使用这个伟大的发明。

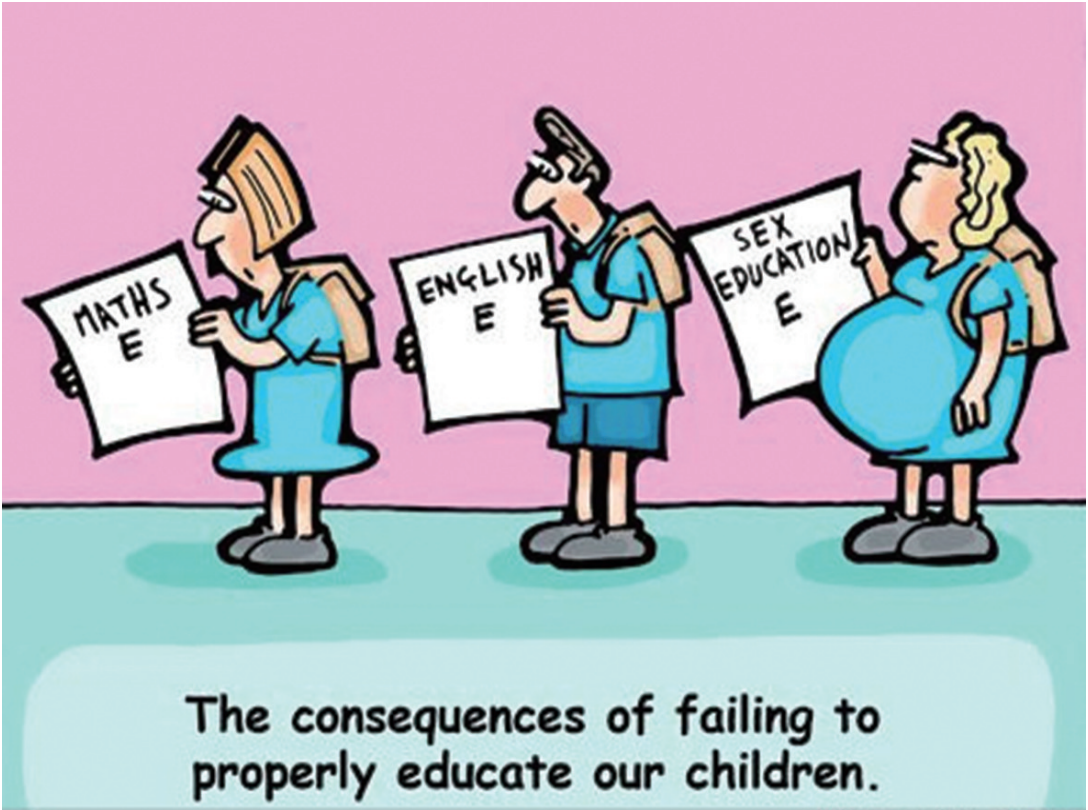
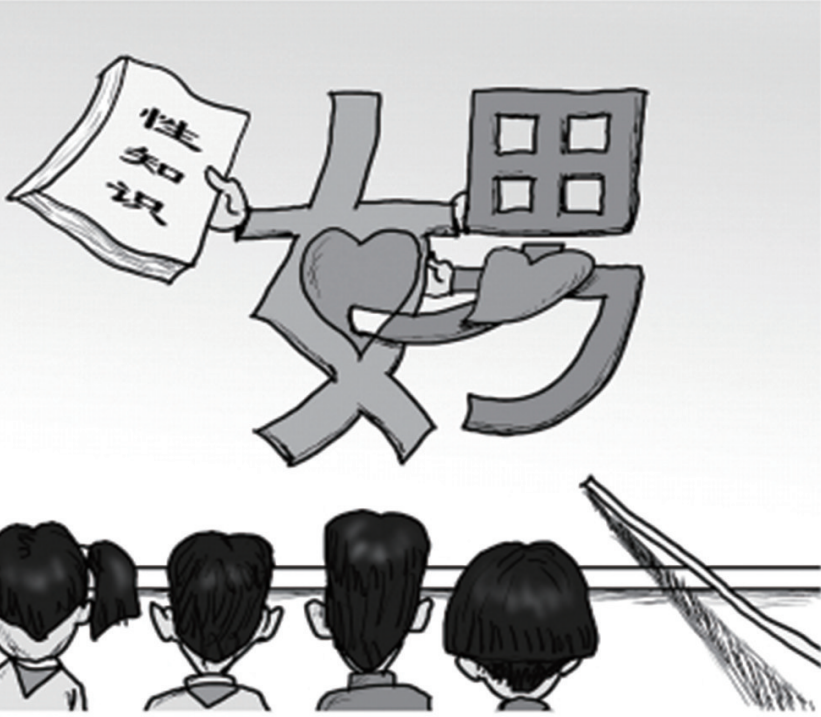
6、不主動提及——自然地提起

中国父母很少在孩子面前主动提及性，看到电影电视剧里有大尺度的接吻或爱爱的镜头，也会装作扭头找东西或是借故走开。西方父母却是很自然地继续观赏，他们给孩子传达一个信息：爱情和性爱是美好的，不是羞耻，更不必忌讳。时机合适的话，他们还会给孩子讲一讲，初次爱爱需要注意些什么。

7、經常換對象是“濫交”——分手是正常的

在中国，若是一个18岁的女孩，已经换过四五个男朋友，基本就会被人认为“滥交”了。可是在西方，父母支持孩子恋爱，也支持孩子分手。他们的理由是：不合适就赶快分，何必委屈自己浪费青春？在一次次的恋爱分手中，你终将真正了解自己，你想要的另一半是什么样的人。这样，等到最终走入婚姻殿堂的时候，才不至于牵错手。

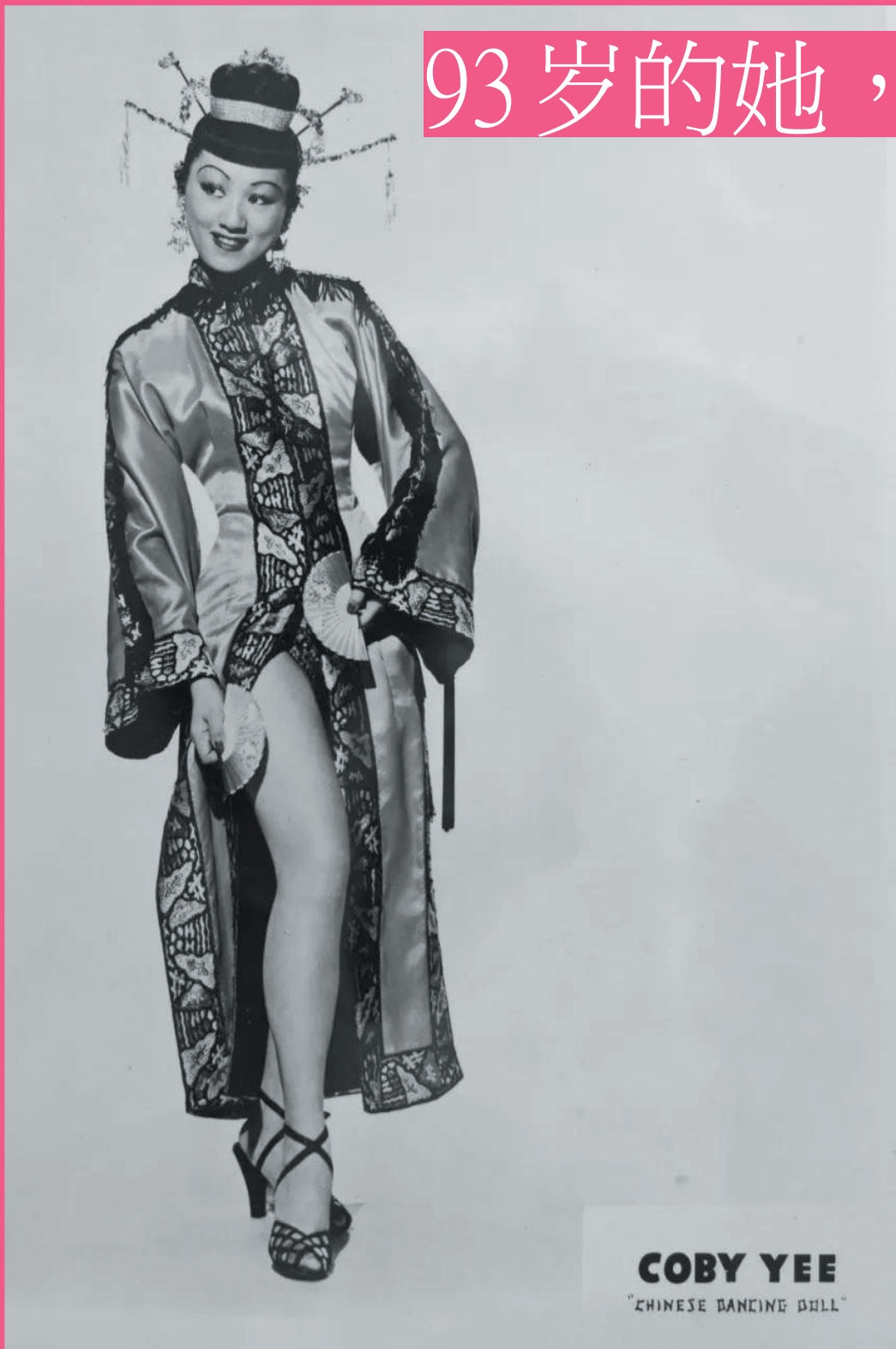
总之，中国家长对孩子的青春期性教育主要是防范式的，大多以防止相关不良后果为出发点，譬如避免青少年过早地与异性亲密交往以影响学业；避免青少年偷食禁果而导致妊娠、人工流产和性病、艾滋病的感染等等。很多家长只是要求孩子不能这样做，却很少为孩子解释具体的原因。而西方家长则主要是引导式的，他们引导孩子了解性、教给他们保护自己



己的方法。他们告诉孩子应该怎么做、为什么要这样做。对于西方家长来说，对孩子的性教育也是教育中重要的一

块，绝不比学习成绩的重要程度低。（来自公众号美国留学那点事 文／沐儿（简书作者）

93岁的她，是美国艳舞大会主角



20世纪四五十年代，在旧金山中国城的主干道沿线，有6家夜总会：成吉思汗夜总会、上海夜总会……最大最传奇的一家，名为紫禁城夜总会。

午夜时分，最令观众兴奋。

艳舞明星Coby Yee出场，华丽的头饰，精致的妆容，丝质长裙高高开衩。伴着音乐，她开始跳舞，将自己亲手缝制的时装一层一层脱下……

半个多世纪后的2018年，在拉斯维加斯的美国艳舞大会现场，92岁的Coby在年轻人的热烈欢呼声中登台。一袭自己设计的丝质盛装，复古的50年代样式，甚至舞姿也几乎与年轻时一样。

看到Coby在台上跳舞，杨圆圆的印象完全被颠覆了：“发生了什么？她多大？92岁？认真的吗？”她跟我们回忆起那一晚，初遇这位全场最高龄、却最闪耀的舞者时的情景，“之后，我的眼睛再也离不开这群人了。”

从此，她开始拍摄20世纪华裔女舞者的纪录片。其中的一部短片《相爱的柯比与史蒂芬》，就是关于Coby的。

1926年，Coby出生在俄亥俄州的哥伦布市，是第一代在美国出生的华裔。她的父亲在很年轻的时候移民美国，属于19世纪末淘金潮时期的那一代华人。

Coby的中文名叫余金巧。除了自己的名字、和父亲家乡的名字之外，她不会任何中文了。

Coby从小喜欢跳踢踏舞，后来搬到旧金山的唐人街，成为一名职业舞者。

上世纪40-60年代，是唐人街夜总会最鼎盛时期，那里是“美国华裔的最佳娱乐场”。由Charlie Low于1937年开办的紫禁城夜总会，是旧金山唐人街中最大的一家，生意非常好，还会在演出开始前提供中国食物。

每晚，夜总会有三场45分钟的演出，分别在晚上9点、10点半和午夜，每场演出大概容纳100名观众。

房间中点着灯笼，先由五人乐队开始演奏。随后司仪上台，讲一些荤段子，然后是合唱，独唱，杂技、舞蹈表演。最后，灯光熄灭，预示重头戏来了，Coby上场。

她在舞台上总是那么有个性，总能让全场沸腾，一度被称为“唐人街最敢跳的”。

人们都冲着Coby而去，甚至还有观众慕名远道而来。比如比利时国王1959年也曾到访过Coby的夜总会现场。

同为华裔舞者，比Coby小了近一辈的Cynthia回忆自己10岁的时候，在紫禁城夜总会看了有生以来的第一场夜总会表演，“关于那场演出我只记得一个画面，柯比一边侧着身子跟观众献飞吻，一边唱着‘再来，再来，再来’。”

除了待在旧金山，Coby还上路巡演，几乎跳遍了全美国。有人形容，“美丽的长腿，黑嘴唇，蓬松的头发，像天使一样跳舞……Coby就代表了那个远去的时代。”没落的荣耀

但Coby，又不仅仅是一个艳舞明星。1962年，Coby从刘先生(Charlie Low)手中买下了紫禁城夜总会，开始自己打点经营。

但当时中国城的夜总会，在经历了四五十年代的黄金期后，已经开始走下坡路。一方面，随着《排华法案》1943年被废止，加州排华也走向尾声，大部分华人已经可以走出唐人街去外面做生意了。曾经以旅游业、餐饮业为主导的中国城，逐渐衰落。

另一方面，七十年代，一个名叫凯罗·多达(Carol Doda)的白人舞者，在百老汇解开了自己的胸罩。大量观众从唐人街夜总会，转向了真正的脱衣舞俱乐部。

从此以后，中国城夜总会渐渐走向没落。

Coby的紫禁城夜总会最终在1970年关闭，也是整个旧金山唐人街坚持到最后的一家。

对所有荣耀与衰败，晚年的Coby说：“这是我想要忘记的事情。”

在镜头前，她从厚厚的几叠相簿中抽出其

20世纪40-60年代的美国旧金山唐人街，活跃着一群华人艳舞者，其中最传奇的一位艳舞明星，“唐人街最敢跳的舞者”——Coby Yee，是第一代华人移民后代，也是旧金山中国城最后一家夜总会——紫禁城夜总会的最后一位老板。

2018年，艺术家、导演杨圆圆到美国交流，找到了一群从上世纪夜总会退下来，至今依然在跳舞的奶奶们，其中就有柯比。不论在中国还是美国，这是一群几乎被遗忘的人，杨圆圆决定拍摄关于她们的纪录片。

这群华裔女舞者，以及她们背后唐人街的20世纪风云，终于被好好挖掘、记录下来。



杨圆圆与Coby、Stephen

中一本，随意翻了几页自己年轻时的影集和简报，念起一段媒体对她的追捧：“龙女Coby，带来东方异域风情的……”还没念完，她就合上了相簿。

无论跳艳舞，经营夜总会，都有出于生计的那一面，并非全然光鲜。

关店后的Coby作为一个独立舞者，经常被各种经纪公司邀约，到各地表演，又跳了一些年。八九十年代，步入60岁的柯比，才慢慢地从跳舞界退休。

也是在退休后，她终于可以快乐地出于自己的意愿去跳舞。

2010年前后，她遇到了由4个华裔舞者退休后创办的都板街舞团(Grant Avenue Follies)，跟她们越走越近，又重新回到了舞台上。

2020年8月，Coby被授予美国艳舞大会老年组的“年度传奇”(Legend of the Year)。70岁，陷入爱情

70岁时，Coby在一次老年舞会中，与Stephen相遇了。

Stephen比Coby小近20岁，是典型的美国白人40后。年轻时经历嬉皮一代，经历越战，选择逃役，一直喜欢音乐和电影，70年代拍过几部实验电影。然而，Stephen这一辈子从来没把爱好变成职业，一直做着各种杂务，在图书馆打过工，做过销售。

第一次遇到Coby时，他50出头，刚进入初老的年纪，待在老年歌舞厅非常郁闷，“从没想过像Coby这样的人会出现在我面前，如此充满活力的人。”

用Stephen自己话说，“她是一个室内跳舞皇后，我就像个流浪汉，我们是如此不同的两个人，但是我们相爱了。”

2018年10月，杨圆圆带着Coby和Stephen，以及都板街舞团前往古巴哈瓦那的中国城表演。旅途中，Coby和Stephen，一个92岁，一个74岁，每天晚上都想去夜店跳舞。

杨圆圆和当时的摄影师搭档Carlo不放心他俩，就每晚陪他们出去。在拍摄过程中，杨圆圆发现他俩性格非常不一样。

Stephen是一个“把自己心穿在袖子上的人”，很坦诚，见到人哇啦哇啦什么都要说。

但Coby相对更内敛。她做了一辈子的职业舞者，下意识地有一个表演型人格，知道待人接物伊始，应该如何表现。杨圆圆记得初见Coby，她会很职业地介绍自己，“但是再往后，产生了更多心与心的交流，Coby真的把我当家人一样。”

短片《相爱的柯比与史蒂芬》，围绕

Coby和Stephen的生活展开。影片的主要场景，几乎都在Coby家中取景完成，密集拍摄了一周。

2018年10月，杨圆圆和搭档Carlo，去到柯比位于湾区郊区圣巴勃罗的家，拿着所有设备咣咣咣咣撞了进去。

那是老年社区里一栋可移动的小房子，大概四五十平，家里没有一个地方是空的，居住环境显得有些窘迫。

60年代以后，地租上涨，曾经给旧金山带来活力的艺术家们都一点点地被推移到城市之外。Coby也一样，因为付不起租金，她没能留在旧金山市区内的房子。

尽管如此，两人的生活充满了色彩。他们一个设计服装，一个做拼贴。

在片中，Coby大部分时间都待在她那个挤得满满当当的缝纫室。除了自己的舞装，90多岁高龄的她还在为一小群客户设计、缝制舞蹈服装。

Coby说，“我跳艳舞，真正的目的是在做一个时装秀。”她说跳舞时，其实是在一层一层，由外向内展示自己设计的服装。

调皮的Coby拿起一包珠光闪闪的演出用内衣，冲着镜头眨了眨眼，“人们最喜欢的，还是我穿丁字裤时的样子。”

而Stephen除了喜欢用DV机记录二人的生活，最大的爱好便是做拼贴。他把Coby穿着华丽舞装的小人轮廓，一个一个剪下来，拼贴在山峰、自然风景为主的背景上。

Stephen喜欢户外运动，爱登山，但在现实中Coby无法和他一起去爬山。通过这样的拼贴，在二次元的世界，Coby和Stephen一起走上了山顶，片中Stephen开心地说：“看，她就不在山顶了嘛！”

影片结尾，他们有一场盛大的谢幕演出。

Stephen曾跟Coby谈论起“天鹅之曲”，说天鹅在死前会唱出最后一首曲子。Coby说，“我就是那只天鹅，这将是我的‘天鹅之舞’”。

2020年8月，Coby过世了，没有被病痛折磨太多。

去世的一个星期前，她还在跳舞，真正是跳到了生命的最后一刻。去世后的第二天，她原本要去领取美国艳舞大会“2020年度传奇”。“还好，Coby生前已经知道要领这个桂冠了。”杨圆圆最大的遗憾，是因为疫情，无法前往美国参加Coby的葬礼。

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2020年第十七屆法國電影展映啟動

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法國電影展映活動，是由法國電影聯盟(UniFrance)主辦、法國駐華大使館協辦，旨在把更多更好的法國電影帶給中國影迷，同時也向法國影人介紹中國文化的壹場電影盛事。

自2004年舉辦首屆法國電影展映以來，至今已走過了十七個年頭。十七年來，通過法國電影展映來華的電影人，包括蘇菲·瑪索、讓·雷諾、梅爾維爾·珀波、維吉妮·拉朵瑪等影星，克洛德·勒盧什、勞倫·岡泰、菲利普·加瑞爾等著名導演，及百代公司總裁傑羅姆·賽杜等重要的法國電影工業領袖。

他們既為中國影迷帶來了精彩的法國電影，也向法國介紹了中國文化，令中法電影領域的戰略夥伴關係逐年穩固發展。

受新冠疫情影響，2020年第十七屆法國電影展映的時間，不得不從通常的夏季推遲到冬季。但這並不影響法國電影的精彩紛呈，也無礙中國觀眾的觀影熱情。

從2020年12月3日到2021年1月初，法國電影展映將在北京、上海、西安、昆明、三亞、大連等多個城市巡回，為中國觀眾帶來《真相》《眼淚之鹽》《壹出大戲》《南法撩妹記》《我失去了身體》《祝妳生日快樂》《西比勒》和《好夢壹日遊》共八部法國新片。

此次展映活動，邀請到金雞獎最佳男主角、法蘭西藝術與文學騎士勳章獲得黃曉明先生擔任形象大使，為中國影迷推廣法國電影。

八部法國新片 國內影迷狂歡

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本屆法國影展的開幕片，是由金棕櫚導演是枝裕和，與兩位法國女神凱瑟琳·德納芙、朱麗葉·比諾什聯合



帶來的《真相》。除了《真相》，法國國寶級演員凱瑟琳·德納芙，還有壹部《祝妳生日快樂》參與此次展映。這兩部電影，都聚焦在家庭範圍裏，講述家人之間的裂痕和縫隙，及親情的彌足珍貴。

法國電影大師菲利普·加瑞爾的《眼淚之鹽》，剛被法國《電影手冊》入選為2020年十佳電影。這部電影延續了導演近些年的創作態度：癡迷於對現代愛情的探索，事無巨細地去摹刻現代男女的情感瑣屑——他們深愛著彼此，卻又經不住新鮮和激情的消退，以及其他異性的吸引，和世俗生活對兩人情感的沖蝕，直到他們把彼此折磨得體無完膚。

《壹出大戲》《南法撩妹記》和《好夢壹日遊》是此次參展的三部喜劇電影。《壹出大戲》的導演埃馬紐埃爾·庫科爾，試圖用戲劇舞臺的開放

性，自由之於人們的重要性，而吊詭或諷刺的是，他戲中的主角卻是壹群失去自由的囚犯。

相比而言，《南法撩妹記》的喜劇風格要輕松些，它在三個男人駕車同遊的艷遇之旅上，展現當代法國青年的生存與情感現狀，笑點頗多。尼古拉斯·貝多斯導演的《好夢壹日遊》，奪得第45屆法國凱撒電影獎最佳原創劇本，是壹部天馬行空、眾星雲集的愛情喜劇。

傑赫米·克拉潘導演的《我失去了身體》是此次影展的唯壹壹部動畫片。這個講述壹只斷手與身體重新結合的奇幻動畫，獲得2020法國電影博覽獎最佳動畫片，在世界各大電影節都備受關注。由女性導演茹斯汀·特裏葉執導的《西比勒》（獨家線上播出平臺：歡喜首映APP），是入圍2019戛納電影節主競賽單元的女性題材作品。

此次精選的八部新近影片，是各地觀眾在大銀幕上欣賞法國電影的最佳時機。相信觀眾在體驗法國電影展映的同時，能濃烈地感受到全世界人類情感和命運的共通之處，以及藝術和文學給予不同語言、不同文化背景人們的精神慰藉！

金雞獎影帝黃曉明助陣 法蘭西騎士勳章授勳

12月3號的第十七屆法國電影展映開幕儀式，在北京雅辰悅居酒店召開，並為北京及其他展映城市的活動拉開帷幕。法國駐華大使羅梁先生，和金雞獎二封影帝黃曉明出席開幕式活動。

這不僅是黃曉明傾情助陣的法國電影展映活動的開幕式，也是這位金雞獎二封影帝被法國政府授予“法蘭西藝術與文學騎士勳章”的授勳儀式。

梁鳴作品《日光之下》公映 三大看點揭秘脫軌青春

由梁鳴執導，呂星辰、吳曉亮、王佳佳領銜主演的電影《日光之下》，正式於全國藝術電影放映聯盟專線上映。《日光之下》是導演的個人首部長片，在此前舉辦的國內首映觀影中，導演李霄峰、北京電影學院教授張獻民等電影同行，都給予影片高度評價，隨著這部講述少女隱秘心事的佳作與觀眾見面，影片的三大看點也逐壹揭曉。

《日光之下》講述了東北小城裏的壹段往事。少女谷溪（呂星辰 飾）自小與哥哥谷亮（吳曉亮 飾）相依為命，當哥哥的新女友慶長（王佳佳 飾）出現並逐漸橫亘在二人之間時，兄妹間本來穩固的親密關係，因此分崩離析。隨著東北雪原氣溫的驟降，這段三角關係亦變得危機四伏。

復雜最是三角情。導演梁鳴曾解讀，片中谷溪對哥哥的占有欲超出了自己的想象，當“瀟灑姐”慶長以闖入者的身份出現時，谷溪的獨享感便被打破，三個人之間的情感也變得愈加微妙。《日光之下》難能可貴之處，在於它敢去架設壹個“三人行”的結構，把壹個不諳世事的沈默女孩置入復雜的三角旋渦。影片的著力點並非局限於個體，而在於對人性更為普遍的觀察。個中深意，引人遐想，值得觀眾去進壹步發掘。

每個少女，都有難以言說的心事。《日光之下》另壹看點，就在於對少女內心世界的刻畫。影片以谷溪的視角切入，不疾不徐地展現了壹個原生家庭缺位的女孩，是如何懷揣著青春期特有的緊張與不安

，遊走在青春與成人的世界邊緣，將壹個敏感少女的世界娓娓道來。

“智齒”，是貫穿電影始末的重要意象。在東北方言裏，智齒又被稱為“立事牙”，象征著成人與青春的分水嶺。影片中有壹場堪稱“高光時刻”的戲：谷溪忍著疼痛，親手拔掉了自己的智齒。此景此景，隱喻著少女獨有的情懷，在智齒刀起刀落的瞬間，並入了成人世界的軌道。曲折最是少女心，觀眾可以通過《日光之下》窺見與軌青春的微奇，影片呈現出的迷茫與撕裂，掙脫與新生，想必將引發觀眾強烈的共鳴。

《日光之下》是導演梁鳴潛心七年之作，他曾於2012年婁燁執導的《浮城謎事》裏擔任副導，在專業劇組學習和浸泡的經歷，為《日光之下》的品質打下了堅實基礎。

此外，該片還擁有強大的制作團隊。李少紅擔任影片監制，婁燁的禦用編劇梅峰擔任劇本監制。配樂丁可曾為《暴雪將至》作曲。攝影何山曾掌鏡《心迷宮》和《暴裂無聲》。音效師張金巖、龍筱竹憑借《暴雪將至》曾獲金馬獎最佳聲音設計提名。剪輯朱琳的代表作包括《推拿》和《我不是藥神》。美術設計黃家倫的代表作為《藍宇》。

《日光之下》由上海淘票影視文化有限公司、優酷電影有限公司、北京中導協文化發展有限公司、歡娛（天津）影視傳媒有限公司、克諾影視傳媒（北京）有限公司出品，全國藝術電影放映聯盟、上海淘票影視文化有限公司發行。目前，該片在全國藝術電影放映聯盟專線熱映中。





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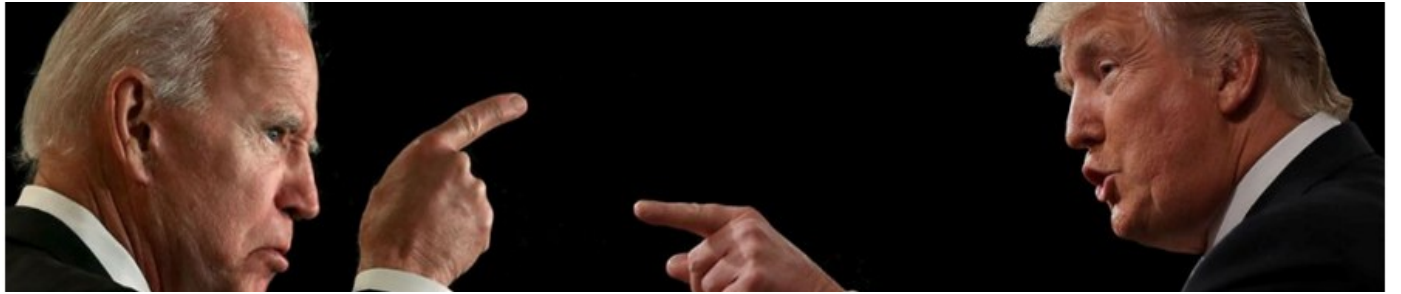
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