



THE VIRGIN OBSESSION

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SYNOPSIS

In Islam, as in many other religions, sex is forbidden outside of marriage. What does this mean for young Muslims who live in modern, western societies? How significant is virginity for young people from immigrant families? For young Muslims, sexual autonomy is a constant battle against the values handed down by their parents' generation. This film focuses on psychologist Ahmad Mansour, lawyer and women's rights activist Seyran Ateş, Femen activist Zana Ramadani and the young student Arife Yalniz. They have all struggled to achieve independence, and had to break with their families and friends – simply because they did not accept attitudes to morality which make sexuality punishable and are still preached in many mosques today, as they were 900 years ago. The film also shows that men are equally affected by these constraints. They are raised to uphold a perception of maleness that declares the man to be the guardian of the female members of his family and obliges him to...

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Güner Yasemin Balci · PRODUCER Andrea Ufer

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90 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

Der Jungfrauenwahn

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Coming of Age, Human Rights

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

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