



Your American Teen

Charles Taylor Gould's documentary about the sexual exploitation of teenage girls would have been much more effective if it weren't so determined to make points that aren't in dispute. "**Your American Teen**" describes the lives of three girls who got into trouble early and were further enslaved by drugs, pimps and prostitution, pregnancy and having to deal, as well, with the problems of family members. Unfortunately, the girls' stories are overwhelmed by statistics we've all read before and the testimony of sociologists, psychologists, activists, a politician and, briefly, actress Daryl Hannah, whose name adds marquee value to the DVD. While I agree that the entertainment and pop-culture media deserve a lot of the blame for promoting sexual activity in teens and pre-teens, other key factors are explored only anecdotally. Interviews appear to have been conducted separately, but in the same office or backyard, and the passage of time is noted only in the closing interviews, which merely update the girls' situations. The information transmitted in "Your American Teen," but Gould's scope feels far too limited. – *Gary Dretzka*

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