The discussion of the article “Contracting for Sex in the Pacific War,” published in the *International Review of Law and Economics*, has centered on the accuracy of the historical account and quality of scholarship. But there is a far more serious problem. The passage about 10-year old Osaki is a blatant endorsement of child sex trafficking. Imagine how a case might play out in court if one bought the author’s argument: “I am sorry your Honor, but despite being 10-year old, she knew exactly what this entailed. She consented. With the proceeds, she bought white rice and fish every day, and even cosmetics and clothing...”

Of course academic journals should not shy away from controversial topics. But the issue here is not just about fact versus fiction or academic freedom. It is about justifying acts (i.e., child rape and human trafficking) that are not only morally repugnant, but also strictly illegal in civilized society.