

The Suggestion of Reconciliation and Alliance Relationship in the future between North Korea and the United States

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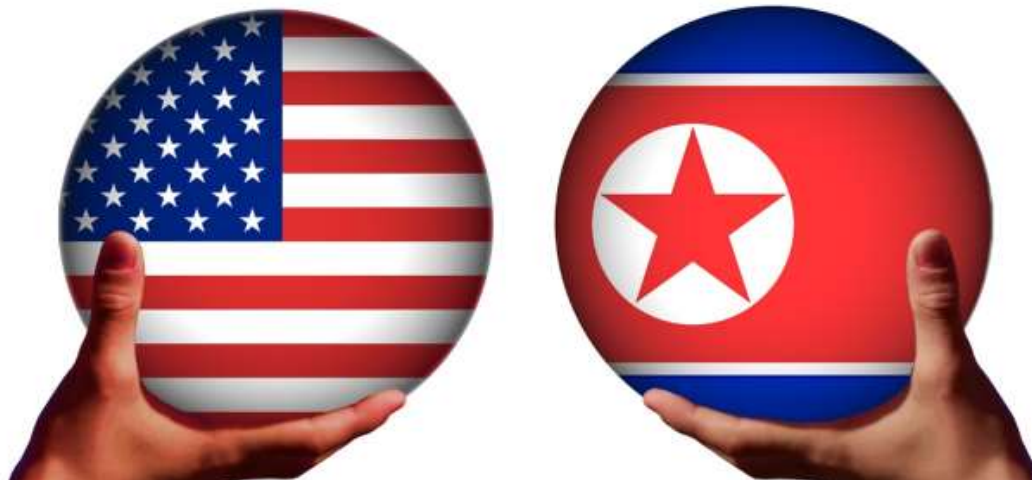


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The Greatest Leader of North Korea— *Kim Il-Sung*

- The fact— Kim Il Sung had a Christian background
- His parents were devout to Christianity
- The most significant question:

Why did Kim Il Sung become a cruel leader in North Korea later?



The Key is the History of Korean Peninsula

The Secret of Kim Il-Sung

- Kim Il-Sung's parents were well known to the Korean Christian Community in the 1940s (Li-sun, AsiaNews)
- Kim Il-Sung's grandfather was the minister of Presbyterian church
- Kim Hyong-jik and Kang Ban-sok (Kim Il-sung's father and mother) were both Christians as well as devout. Ban-sok is actually the Korean name for Peter, which was also given to baby girls (Li-sun, AsiaNews)



Reference: Li-sun, Joseph Yu. "The Family of Dictator Kim Il-Sung Were Devout Christians." Pime AsiaNews, 28 Apr. 2011, <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/The-family-of-Dictator-Kim-Il-sung-were-devout-Christians-21409.html>.

Image Reference: yeowatzup. File:Kim Il-Sung.jpg. Wikimedia Commons, 10 Oct. 2008, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Kim_Il-sung.jpg.

Kim Il-Sung's Young Age

- Kim Il Sung was born in 1912, two years after Japan annexed Korea
- “Kim Il-Sung's father Kim Hyung-Jik went to Soong-Shil Junior High School in Pyongyang, and an academy established by missionaries in 1987 to educate and raise Christian leaders in Korea. . . Kim Hyung-Jik became a nationalist fighting for Korean independence later (Hervormde Teologiese Studies). ”
- Kim Il-Sung's family migrated to China when Kim was 5 years old since the Japanese police threatened his father to charge the anti-Japanese movement

Reference: Widjaja, Fransiskus I., et al. "The Religious Phenomenon of Juche Ideology as a Political Tool." *Hervormde Teologiese Studies*, vol. 77, no. 4, 2021. ProQuest, <https://go.openathens.net/redirector/liberty.edu?url=https://www.proquest.com/scholarly-journals/religious-phenomenon-juche-ideology-as-political/docview/2528354102/se-2>, doi:<https://doi.org/10.4102/hts.v77i4.6324>.

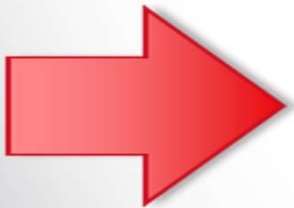
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Kim Il-sung witnessed how his father fought the Japanese to take back the independence in Korean Peninsula

The Japanese were despotic colonial rulers who tried to destroy Korean culture and turn us into second-class citizens in our own land. They outlawed the Korean language and took over our farms and industries. This behavior sparked a nationalist resistance to Japanese rule that was met with violent suppression (Park 22)

Reference: Park, Yeonmi, and Maryanne Vollers. In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom. Penguin Books, 2016.

Point: Kim attended a school run by a famous independence activist of South Korea, but Kim may be unsatisfied with capitalism because he had a strong grudge against Japan



Kim was more influenced by Marxism-Leninism in China when he was a teenager while pledging rebellion to Japan, and he became the greatest dictator in North Korea later

Spotlights the current of North Korea

Songbun Classes in North Korea

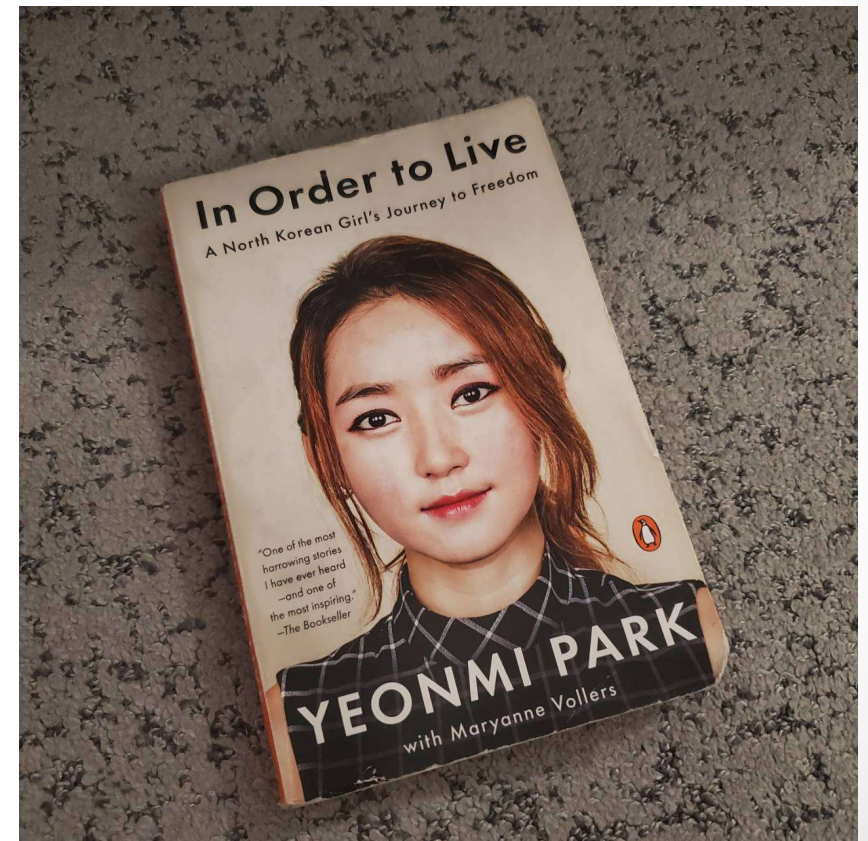
- **Core class** ex) honorary soldiers, Communist Party member, bereaved families whose ancestors participated in the Korean War
- **Basic class** ex) small merchants, small factory owners, people from the core class who are deemed lazy and corrupt
- **Hostile class** ex) capitalists, religious people including Christian and Buddhists, philosophers

The North Korean government educates the citizens with propaganda to maintain its domestic dictatorship. North Korean people have no human rights. Especially, if you are nominated for the hostile class in North Korea, only a painful life awaits. There is no freedom to do business freely. You are not free to believe in any particular religion. Your life is decided by the government

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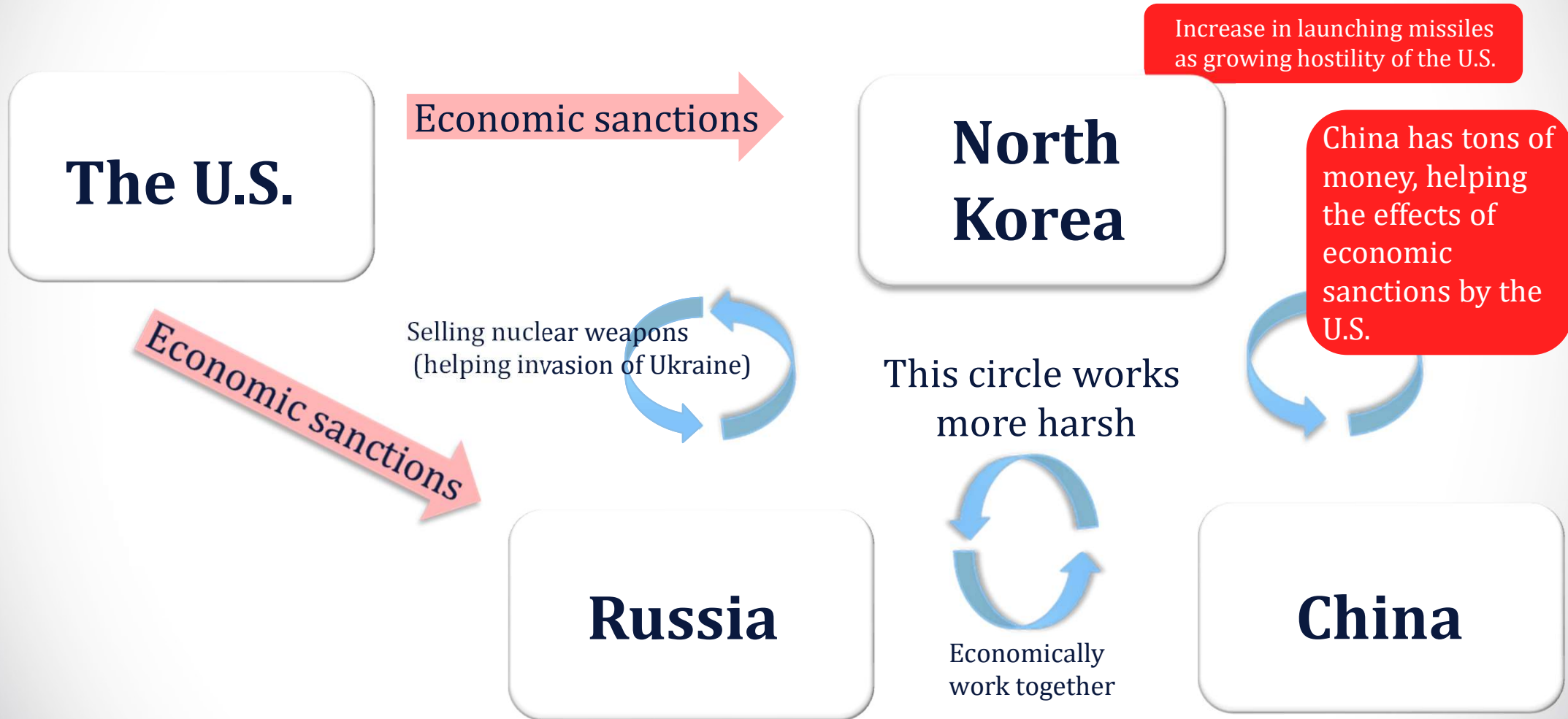
Testimony of Yeonmi Park

I discovered that the hospital used the court-yard to store the dead. The whole time I was staying there, several bodies were stacked like wood between my room and the outhouse. Even more horrible were the rats that feasted on them day and night. It was the most horrible sight I have ever seen. The first thing the rats eat are the eyes, because that is the softest part of a body. I can still see those hollow red eyes. They come to me in my nightmares and I wake up screaming. My mother had fought to hold on to her belief that she lived in a good country. She was shocked and saddened to realize how corrupt and pitiless North Korea had become. (Park 112-113)



Reference: Park, Yeonmi, and Maryanne Vollers. *In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom*. Penguin Books, 2016.

Economic Sanctions create the worse result



We need a new policy instead of economic sanctions

- “Although elements of the current strategy — such as alliance relationships, defense and deterrence, containment, and economic sanctions — should be retained, the new strategy must reflect a structural shift in the narrative of the past 30 years. . . While diplomacy to achieve denuclearization will be encouraged, the central feature of the new strategy should not be negotiations with the North over its nuclear program but the promotion of the rights and freedoms of the North Korean people (Joseph, National Review).”
- “While insisting on complete and verifiable denuclearization, the foundation of U.S. strategy should be a human-rights-upfront approach, a comprehensive information and influence campaign, and the advancement of a free and unified Korea (Joseph, National Review).”

The alternative idea: Establishment of “5th UN Office” on DMZ

5th UN Office Project

- The project to transform the DMZ zone on 38th parallel into a peace zone
- The United Nations troops (under the U.S. authority) joined the Korean War to block North Korea's aggression against South Korea. The authority of the United Nations as the UN Command still protects the South Korean side of the DMZ under the authority of the United States to secure stability and security.
- If the project realize, it will become one of the major features of the UN Peace Zone in Korea
- Successive South Korean presidents showed interests in the project for resolving the Korean issue



Image reference: Trump White House Archive . “President Trump Tours the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea.” Flickr, Yahoo!, 1 July 2019, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/whitehouse45/48170581907>.

Why does this project have potentiality?

Point

- North Korea's communism is consist of historical grudge
- Western countries especially the U.S. poor understanding of North Korea makes them growing hostility but if the U.S. gets close to their background and tries to overcome it together, North Korea possibly responds to the U.S.

This project aims to establish a war memorial for all soldiers and civilians who died during the Korean War, and the history of the Korean Peninsula

→ It can be opportunity the U.S. and North Korea work together

Why does this project have potentiality?

“Amazingly, the DMZ clearly demonstrates how nature can restore itself after the destructive effects of war. The area’s biodiversity has thrived, creating a place that is both ecologically and culturally significant for the two Koreas and for Northeast Asia(Lee, The Asia-Pacific Journal)”

Reference: Lee, Seung-ho. “A New Paradigm for Trust-Building on the Korean Peninsula: Turning Korea's DMZ into a UNESCO World Heritage Site.” The Asia-Pacific Journal, Japan Focus, 30 Aug. 2010, https://apjjf.org/-Seung_ho-Lee/3404/article.pdf.

Demerits

- The withdrawal of U.S. troops from DMZ
- → Needs a idea promoting the project with maintaining the U.S. troops on DMZ
- Intervention of China and Russia
- Political aspects makes it difficult to realize



The project is not yet a high possibility to realize, but the result of economic sanction gives worse consequences as this situation shows us; ***it needs an alternative solution***

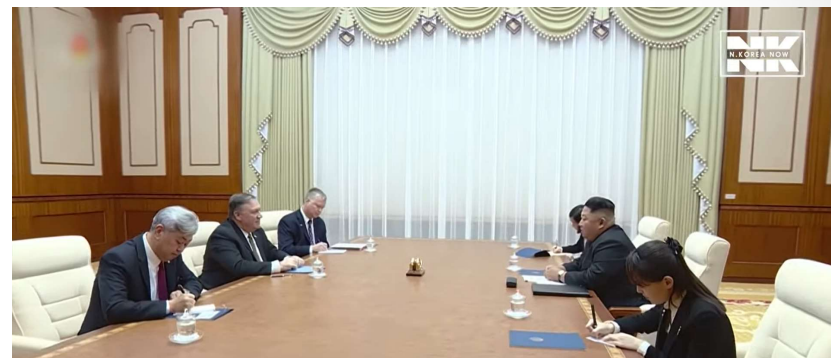
North Korea is not in trust relationship with China

Conversation between Mike Pompeo and Kim Jong-Un

Mike Pompeo: “CCP consistently told the United States that American forces leaving South Korea would make Chairman Kim happy.”

Kim Jong-Un: “The Chinese were liars”
(laughed and pounded on the table in sheer joy)

Kim Jong Un: “The Americans in South Korea to protect him from the CCP, and that the CCP needs the Americans out so they can treat the peninsula like Tibet and Xinjiang”



Reference/image reference: Byun, Duk-kun. “U.S. Military Presence in S. Korea Does Not Bother N. Korea at All: Pompeo.” Yonhap News Agency, 25 Jan. 2023, <https://m-en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20230125000200325>.

My Christian View to liberate North Korea

Communism of North Korea

The difference between the communism of North Korea and China and the Soviet Union

- North Korea became a communist country as a grudge of history of Korean Peninsula
- North Korea was used as a tool by the Soviet Union
- The beginning of the Korean War was caused by Soviet Union, brainwashing North Korea

Kim Il Sung's Choice

- Is his choice creating happiness for new generations in North Korea?
- Is his choice bringing about glory in the Korean Peninsula as Kim Il Sung dreamed of independence from Japan?



The answer is absolutely **“No”**

Matthew 5:44

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you

Christian Movement in Korea



◆ Gwan-sun Ryu

A famous Korean independence activist. As she was a Christian, she dreamed the Kingdom of God in Korean Peninsula

- ◆ **That time the Korean independence movement was happened with Gwan-sun Ryu, Christian movement was highly occurred and there was an incredible spiritual movement in Korean Peninsula (Especially North Korea more than South Korea)**
- ◆ **Korea was under God's strong hands. Pyongyang was called the Jerusalem of the East and Wonsan was compared to Rome where Apostle Paul was active. So North Korea can be called as “Israel of the East”**



Photo of Jesus' image caught in the air of North Korea by a US flight pilot

Reference: Mikkelsen, David. "Jesus in the Clouds." Snopes, Snopes.com, 2 Sept. 2008, <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/jesus-in-the-clouds/>.

Thank you for listening

GOD BLESS NORTH KOREA



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