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A NDD ZINE ON HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES



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PREFACE

THIS ZINE DOCUMENTS HOW THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WEATHERED THE QUARANTINE EXPERIENCE OVER THE SPAN OF THREE WEEKS, FROM LATE APRIL TO EARLY MAY, 2020 AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN NYC.

CONTENTS OF THIS ZINE WAS INITIALLY SHARED WITHIN THE NODUTDOL MEMBERSHIP IN THE FORM OF A DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. EACH NEWSLETTER FOCUSED ON ONE MEMBER'S SUBMISSION TO A PRE-CIRCULATED QUESTIONNAIRE ADDRESSING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF QUARANTINE.

THE PANDEMIC, ALONG WITH SO MANY THINGS IT HAS INTERRUPTED, EXACERBATED, AND TAKEN AWAY, ALSO ALTERED MY PLANS OF SAYING A PROPER GOODBYE TO NODUTDOL AS I PREPARE TO MOVE TO ANOTHER CITY AFTER FINISHING MY DISSERTATION. IN THAT SENSE, THIS PROJECT IS MY FAREWELL MESSAGE TO A COMMUNITY THAT HAS SUSTAINED AND INSPIRED ME.

AT THE SAME TIME AS IT IS A FORM OF DOCUMENTATION, THIS ZINE HAS ALSO OFFERED THE NDD MEMBERSHIP A VIRTUAL SPACE TO IMAGINE NEW FUTURES AND EXPLORE OUR UNWAVERING HOPE FOR CHANGE IN THE U.S. AND THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THESE ARE MESSAGES TO OURSELVES, OUR LOVED ONES AND COMMUNITY, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES OF STRUGGLE.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE ZINE WILL SERVE AS A REMINDER OF OUR RESILIENCY AND OF OUR ACTS OF CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND MOST IMPORTANT, OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THROUGH THE VISIONS WE HARBOR IN A TIME OF CRISIS.

I THANK CHRISTINE, A NDD MEMBER AND VISUAL ARTIST, WHO HAS PROVIDED SOME OF THE ILLUSTRATIONS IN THIS ZINE AND ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED TO THE PROJECT. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON NDD, VISIT NODUTDOL.ORG

SEE YOU AGAIN AT [THE POSTSCRIPT](#) AT THE END OF THIS ZINE!

Jeong Eun Annabel We



I LOOK FORWARD TO **HUGGING MY FRIENDS** - YUJIN

*1. ON
NDD*

COMING TO NDD

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO NDD?

It's a long and known story. So, I will just say, that some of the people in the late 1990s believed that to empower non-korean speaking Korean Americans in New York city, an organization is required. We together discussed and supported the idea, but I didn't join it, until I got kicked out of an organization. John Choe insisted that community organizers should belong to an organization, should not be a freelancing individual and demanded that I pay the membership due to NoDutDol. After 6 months, in 2000, I decided to try this organization out and went to their general meetings (which was really long and boring ha!) **JUYEON**.

풍물 (poongmul) brought me to 노뚫돌 (NoDutDol). I was introduced to Hyun over a video call to participate at an anti-박근혜 (Park Keun-Hye)rally in K-town with my drum. I kept showing up after that. **CHRISTINE**

A friend with whom I share political ideas leanings. We went to our first meeting together.

YUJIN

It was 2008 and I had recently moved back to the US from Korea and was looking for different types of organizing spaces, including organizing with Koreans. Imani Henry, good NDD friend, let me know about NDD. I participated in multiple spaces for a while, but eventually NDD came to consume all my attention. :) **Betsy**

It was a three try effort to join. I first met Juyeon in 2015 or 2016 when she presented “The Host” at my school. I distinctly remember when Juyeon almost fell off her chair, cross-legged. I thought, “whatever this person is up to, it must be fun!” I asked Juyeon to add me to NDD mailing list but never heard back. Our mutual friend, Hwa, told me about things that NDD does. A year later, Hwa brought me to an event where I met Juyeon again and she invited us to Kimchi Bowl but never heard back again. Another year later, I ran into Juyeon for the third time. This time, I insisted that I be added to the listserv. It was the most difficult to join, but I realized once I was a member that NDD is always looking for more members ;-D **JEONG EUN**



I attended the “Korean ‘Comfort Women’ For US Troops” event one year ago. I’ve never really had the opportunity to meet a lot of other Koreans who share the same vision for anti-oppression, anti-imperialism, and decolonization as me so the event was such an exciting first introduction to NoDutDol. I was (and continue to be) blown away by NoDutDol’s ability to mobilize Koreans across languages, generations, and geographies.

ELIZABETH

2017 KEEP trip! A friend of mine based in Chicago tagged me in Byul's Facebook status, and thank god I still had a Facebook account then, because the rest is history. **JAMIE**

Like some other members, Poongmul brought me to NDD. I was in a Poongmul group in 2018 with Haruki and Meejin, and they both separately told me about a "leftist Korean American group". I didn't know they were talking about the same group at the time!

I got invited to a social gathering to go bowling by Haruki, which I said yes to. I thought it would be a large social gathering where it wouldn't matter if I was late, as I had other plans earlier. I got there very late and it was only Haruki, Danny, Betsy, and Juyeon who hadn't started bowling, but had just been waiting for me the whole time! I felt really bad to be so late. We made our



way to the bowling alley, but it was very very pricey, and we decided not to go. Instead we went to get Thai "bowls" of food.

Our first four Instagram photos are from this day. I think Betsy made our Instagram account while she was bored waiting for me. *Anonymous*

I had known NDD since like 2008 while I was in the Bay through Eclipse Rising (the first and only Zainichi social justice org in the US) and HO-BAK (Hella Organized Bay Area Koreans), and I got more closely connected when I participated in KEEP-D in 2011. I came to NJ in 2012 to go to Rutgers for grad school, knowing I would have a community in NYC. Then I gradually started attending events and meetings, which became easier after NDD office moved from Woodside to the current Manhattan location. I think I became a supporting member officially in 2015. NDD helped me grow so much as a person, and I'm honored and proud to be able to contribute to this community somehow. **HARUKI**

Around when the 2018 peace talks began, I realized I knew so little about Korean history, and started a long process of studying + learning. At a certain point, I felt a really strong desire to find a community of likeminded Koreans interested in building towards reunification. In late 2018, I got added to the listserv and attended a lot of NDD events for about a year before getting more involved. **ANON.**

A while back, I found an outdated flyer for an old Kimchi Bowl (archives! :)) and thought that it would be wonderful to connect with Koreans in New York around reunification/liberation politics.

I moved to Philly and forgot about that flyer for a while...

Until the 2017 kimchi bowl. I even emailed to ask if there would be veg kimchi. Stoked to go, I think I had planned to drive up from Philly... But it snowed that evening, and I had to miss it. Anyway, when I moved back to New York, I emailed a bunch and eventually, I was able to go to an event! I'm so glad to be in community with you all. Minju

FONDEST MEMORIES

WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST NDD MEMORY?

On July 27, 2013, coinciding with the End Korean War campaign Day (which was multi-organizational 3 day event in Washington DC), we did a project entitled “DMZ to DC: a Bojagi project” in Washington DC, enacting the runaway bojagi (quilting) during the Korean War, which contained a tape player of voices about people’s war experiences (mostly from our own parents). We also created the banner “60 years is enough” then. We also sent 52 quilt pieces to all our sister orgs and individuals that we knew way in advance and wanted to create a Korean peninsula



with those quilts. See

[these photos](#).

We got people from all over the states. But, before we ended our event that day, we

were attacked by a sudden tornado! All of us were scrambling to collect the rows of bojagi which were already flying around, and, of course,

Hyejung wanted us to take a photo with the quilted Korean peninsula as the background. Everyone was screaming, and I took a couple of photos, and with the multiple bojagi on hands, we all ran to a nearby the Native American Museum for a shelter. Trying to find out if everyone was safe, it almost felt like a war experience for me. The rest of the events were all good, I think, including a press conference with Joe Biden (Ha!). **JUYEON**

Orientation. JK! Many times, but my first Kimchi Bowl I experienced a sensation of belonging that was very rare for me. **YUJIN**

I think some of my fondest NDD memories involve norebang. The kimchi making we did in Nov also ranks as a fond memory! **Betsy**

Arriving to the KEEP group house after, like, 19 hours of traveling, to my fellow KEEPers singing happy birthday to me! The trip began on my birthday (November 8th) and they all surprised me with a cake. I really didn't have a clue. I was too delirious and jet-lagged to remember I was born that day. **JAMIE**

I have odd and scattered memories. One is when Yujin drove me to the 2019 retreat in rural Pennsylvania. We had a great talk, and then as we got closer to the house, it got darker and we were in a wooded area and had no idea if we were in the right place, if someone was going to come out with a shot gun, etc. We had to make jokes to not be scared.

The second is when some of us went to the Queer Liberation March in 2019. We ended up criticizing some aspects of it, and it was a hot day. We so desperately wanted bingsoo, so we went downtown from central park where the march ended, only to realize that K town was barricaded. We walked all the way east and checked out two Baskin Robins that were no longer there, and ended up in one that was sub-par (it was rated 3.8 stars on Google and we thought it was accurate).

JEONG EUN

I'm a prospective member and sadly haven't been to as many meetings/events as I would like to yet! I'd love to get to know more of you and build these memories :) ELIZABETH

I really enjoyed the retreat in 2019. It was a lot of workshops and sessions, but we also bonded.



We got to cook and eat together, to share our histories of politicization, to play games until late at night, and to learn a lot. I hope we can go away on a retreat together sometime again.

Making kimchi together! I would love to participate in making kimchi or Korean food together again.

ANON.

I have a lot! Among them is actually a remote experience. When Moon Jae In and Kim Jong Un was holding the Panmunjom meeting, I was alone in the campus library around 10pm doing work, but some of us were having a LINE group chat while watching the live update. It made me feel connected, and I was so grateful to have this community and live that moment together. **HAURKI**

I will never forget how amazing it felt to go to my first NDD event (I think it was the Nov 2018 So-seongri screening) and realize there was a whole world of people out there who have been fighting for Korean reunification for decades. It was a really touching and powerful moment for me, and the start of a really exciting new phase of my life.

ANON.

The retreat. Hanging out, eating food together, getting to know each other, and being silly, all while strategizing our year's agenda. MINJU



2018 KIMCHI BOWL

TO DO TOGETHER

WHAT DID YOU ALWAYS WANT TO DO WITH NDD MEMBERS BUT HAVEN'T YET?

I have done everything I wanted to do with NDD members.... Wait. Perhaps a NDD member trip to Cuba, Hawaii, Japan and Russia?? **JUYEON**

Go to CUBA. **CHRISTINE**

Any Keep trip! **YUJIN**

I have yet to go bowling with NDD, though there have been opportunities! Also, going on a KEEP trip with the current group would be awesome!

Betsy

I wanted to do an outdoors gathering. Maybe, drink beer with NDD members on my building's roof and picnic in central park in spring. I really was planning on doing them, before the pandemic began, that is. **JEONG EUN**

I really would like to get away from the city and our usual grind with members and do something fun. I would love to go camping with you all! **ANON.**

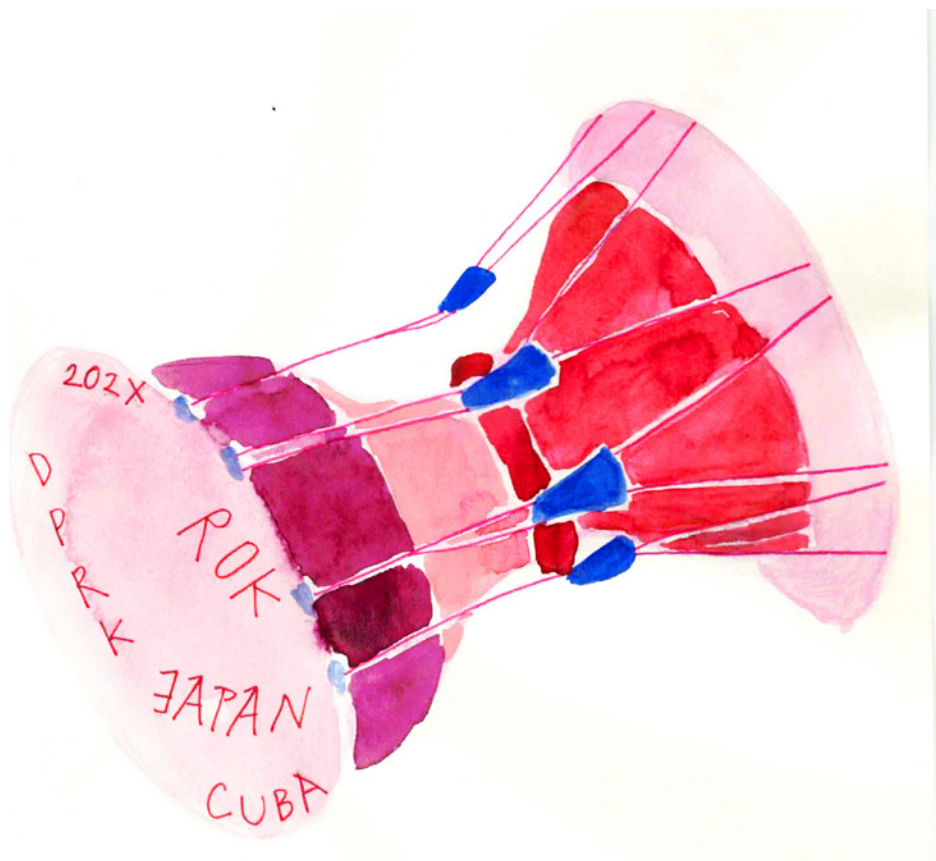
More than anything? Go to the DPRK with them.

JAMIE

I've been dreaming of a collaboration trip to Japan with NDD and Eclipse Rising, where we learn about social justice struggles in Japan and build solidarity with Zainichi Koreans, Okinawans, and Buraku (untouchable caste) folks. ER was going to organize a trip to Japan in November this year, but we probably need to push it back. Haruki

KEEP! ANON.

KEEP! MINJU



KEEP TRIPS IN THE MAKING

II. ON QUAR- ANTINE

FAVORITE TIME OF DAY

WHEN IS YOUR FAVORITE TIME OF DAY THESE DAYS?

Sunny mornings, before I start my work from home at 9 am sharp. **JUYEON**

I love the mornings. Always have. I'm an early riser and like to start the day for myself with a walk or other exercise, then setting my intentions over coffee. **CHRISTINE**

Morning before everyone at my house wakes up. I live with three other people. **YUJIN**

I am not a morning person, but I think I like the mornings most because that is the point at which the day has the most potential and has yet to be squandered :/ **BETSY**

It's between 6 to 7pm, when the evening light comes in at my desk. I feel comforted that another day went by okay, and I look forward to watching a movie and going to sleep. **JEONG EUN**

Weekend late mornings are really nice these days.
I usually have some tea and look out the window
to watch the birds and try to listen to some nice
music. **ANON.**

Morning is usually my favorite time of day, but
with quarantine rejecting any normalcy, I'm
starting to like nighttime, too. **JAMIE**

I like when I have my morning coffee on the
backyard deck looking at trees on my block and
soaking up the sunlight. Yes, I really love living in
Jersey. **HARUKI**

Early morning between 7-8am, especially if it's
sunny out. **ANON.**

I've always been a morning person. I love the si-
lence and coffee with my own thoughts... but liv-
ing with my parents through this pandemic has
really changed my rituals. They're early risers,
so the morning is full of activity. Maybe my new
favorite time of day is the afternoon? **MINJU**

QUARANTINE PLAYLIST

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING TO LATELY?

ALILEO, DARTH VADAR, JEONGCHI1BONJI

DESI HITS

MARIAH CAREY

DON'T STOP OR WE'LL DIE

AMR DIAB, HYUKOH, DEAD PREZ, RAVEENA

JAURIM & KIMYUNA

SARAM12SARAM, 3HOSUN BUTTERFLY

YAEJI, RINA SAWAYAMA

JAY ELECTRONICA, BEETHOVEN

TRAVIS SCOTT, JENNIE

CHILLHOP

JANG PIL-SOON, LIM KIM, SUMIN

KIM SUK CHUL, HWANG BYUNGKI

KIM SO-HEE, OKKYUNG LEE, LUCY LIYOU

KANG TAE HWAN, DOTOLIN

BILL WITHERS

Some kinds of smooth jazz (internet radio)
I have been listening to a lot of podcasts (Korean:
알릴레오, 다스뵈이다, 정치1번지...) **Juhyeon**

Almost anything and everything. Depends on my
mood. I'm listening to a Desi Hits playlist right
now. **CHRISTINE**

None really, mostly public radio on my way to/
from work. But Mariah Carey singalongs when I
need help with deep breathing. **Yujin**

Ok, I've been listening to this comedy band (stay
with me) called Don't Stop or We'll Die. They're
on spotify...and their songs are both catchy and
funny, which always puts me in a good mood. If
you're curious, check out "I got a perm for my
camping trip." **Betsy**

My music is widely varied depending on my
mood. Lately, I've been listening to some Amr
Diab (Egyptian pop), I'm always really into 혁오
Hyukoh (S Korean indie rock), Dead prez (political
rap), and Raveena (~soft~ r&b). **ANON.**

With the down time, I was able to finally listen in one sitting to the “recent” albums from my favorite artists, Kim YunA and Jaurim, who defined my teenage years. I have been especially listening to “Over the Rainbow,” “있지,” “다 지나간다,” and “꿈” often, because they really get to this whole experience. I also have been drawn to songs that sound like heart beats, like “Red Sex (from “The Handmaiden”!)” “Lines Describing a Circle,” “Raindrop, Cloud, Typhoon, and the Sun,” and “Put Your Needle on the Groove.” **JEONG EUN**

The only music I’ve been listening to for the past two months have been Yaeji’s and Rina Sawayama’s new albums. Yaeji has been great for when I’m getting work done and cleaning the apartment - while Rina’s album has been great for boosting my mood. **ELIZABETH**

Jay Electronica, Beethoven, Travis Scott. Oh and Jennie. **JAMIE**

I listen to a lot of chillhop (lo-fi hip hop instrumentals) on YouTube while working. [This live channel](#) is super convenient for some relaxing background music. I've successfully got my boyfriend into this genre, and we've even gone to a chillhop live concert last year. If you know chillhop, you must also know the Chillhop Raccoon...

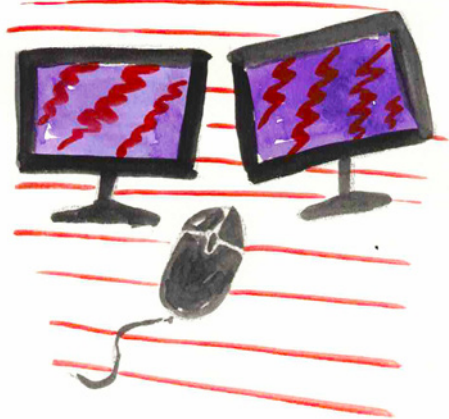
HARUKI

I listen to soo much different music that it's hard to be specific...but I figured this would be a good place to highlight some cool Korean music! I've been really into early K-pop (late 80s/early 90s) like Jang Pil-Soon, and also newer experimental pop artists Lim Kim and Sumin. For Korean traditional/folk music, I've been enjoying Kim Sukchul, Hwang Byungki and Kim So-hee. And for Korean experimental music, I've been into the new albums from Okkyung Lee and Lucy Liyou, Kang Tae Hwan and everything from dotolim in Seoul which is the main hub of experimental music in Korea. [Anon.](#)

I only listened to Bill Withers for about a week... but it made me more sad about his passing. More recently, I've been trying to find silence. [Minju](#)

WHEN THE QUARANTINE IS OVER

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THE MOST, POST-QUARANTINE?



Getting out of the house and go to work, staying away from my parents. Hahaha. I realize that I need a lot of things to be effective. Two monitors, a good mouse, working from home has been tough. **Juhyeon**

Eating all the foods and desserts that I'm unable to cook for myself! **CHRISTINE**

Hugging my friends. Seeing my family. **Yujin**

I most look forward to not having to fear invisible viruses lurking on every surface/on every person. I look forward to going outside and coming back in not being a whole production. I love working from home, though, and will be sad when I have to start commuting again. **Betsy**

I miss drinking coffee in the sun without a mask
and hugging friends. JEONG EUN

Singing, dancing, and laughing with friends; go-
ing to the movie theater; feeling the sun on my
skin for extended periods of time. ELIZABETH

Exercising outside in the sun! I really miss biking
and running outside and hanging out at parks in
the sun. I know that we can go running now, but
my neighborhood is crowded and I haven't been
just to be extra careful. ANON.

Not returning to the way it used to be and build-
ing anew. JAMIE

I've actually been enjoying the quarantine be-
cause I'm working so much less and I get to spend
more time with my housemates. I do look forward
to reconnecting with NDD folks the most! Haruki
Spending time with NDD, friends and family in
person again. ANON.

Eating out with friends. Going to Korea. MINJU

FUNNY THINGS

WHAT IS THE FUNNIEST THING THAT HAPPENED OR THAT YOU HEARD RECENTLY?

Cannot remember it. **JuYeon**

I can't recall because there are many small moments shared with some people in my life that make me laugh. Some might say that I laugh AT said folks, but that is far from the truth! **CHRISTINE**

Can't remember :(**Yujin**

While not particularly original, my cats and dog make me laugh every day. Whether it's eating a sack of plain flour and then looking at us mournfully, or acting like they will never get food if they don't sufficiently demonstrate their desperation, or persistently shoving their face in front of whatever I'm doing until I scratch them, they consistently make me laugh. **Betsy**

Sorry, I can't remember right now. But don't worry I'm still laughing these days. **ANON.**

Few weeks ago, I had a dream in which I visited JT in her garden (I don't know if JT has a garden, but in my dream she had a sizable garden where she stacks her equipments between plants, lol). As soon as I got there, she said, "there's a spider in the corner there, watch out." I went to check it out, and it was a really big, leggy orange spider



on a red(?) web. I walked back to JT, but then realized the spider was now dashing at us really fast. I freaked out and half-hoped that JT can just catch it because I am scared of bugs.

But to my surprise, JT started flapping her hands around and panicked more than I did. So I had to kill the spider with my bare hands, and that's how my dream ended. You're welcome, JT! **JEONG EUN**

My (long distance) partner and I virtually watched "the Half of It" on Netflix, and we just made fun of it the whole time. It was the most fun either of us have had in a while. **JAMIE**



One of my housemates was strongly encouraging me to FaceTime my mom because I only email her once every month or two. I may or may not give my parents a phone call on New Year's—it's both my family's emotional style and Japanese culture that I talk to them so rarely. So I reluctantly set up an appointment with her one

weekend, and we ended up unsuccessful because she couldn't figure out her account info. (This means that my sister who's in Kazakhstan doesn't video call her either.) Then I reached out the following week to follow through what I had started. I messaged, "Should we try again this weekend?" -- but then she was like, "Are you bored?" ...Damn!! It must have been so out of the ordinary that I tried talking to her two weekends in a row. This is what I get for trying to be nice to my mother. Or, what's nice to one mother isn't necessarily interpreted as nice by another... HARUKI



I WANT TO DRINK BEER WITH NDD MEMBERS ON MY ROOF
- JEONG EUN

PEOPLE WE WORRY ABOUT

*WHO IN YOUR LIFE DO YOU WORRY
ABOUT THE MOST AT THE MOMENT?*

(ALL ARE ANONYMOUS FOR PRIVACY, MIXED-ORDER)

I've been sheltering a friend who had to leave his toxic home environment in NJ after his grad school in Boston closed the campus. He's graduating this month with a job waiting in DC, but things are tricky since he's immunocompromised. He won't be able to go outside without fearing the virus until the vaccine becomes available.

My 할아버지 (grandfather).

People inside prisons and without homes. People stuck inside with their abusers. Luckily all of my friends are fine, and my family is in Korea. So I worry about people I don't know.

I worry about my mom. She is immunocompromised and has to leave the house every week for chemo. I was supposed to visit her in April and May, and I hope I do get to visit her soon.

My parents like a lot of people. I worry specifically about my dad because he has hypertension, I worry about my mom because my dad relies on her for all of his meals and doesn't really help her. Their labor is very divided and now that his store is closed, I worry about their relationship and the unfair burden it puts on my mom. She does all the groceries, too.

I have a friend who is a paramedic who I worry about a lot lately. She is young and healthy, but is still very exposed on a daily basis, so I just think that all I can do is hope for the best.

A friend who is now in the nursing home recently being divorced from his wife after he had a series of strokes. I heard he was feverish last Friday and was finally allowed to take COVID 19 test...waiting for a result. In the meantime, no visits are allowed, and he is in the hands of the nursing home staff. I deliver his meals on Mondays...Hope he will be alright.

CARE

WHAT IS A FORM OF CARE YOU WOULD WELCOME?

I am already being loved and cared so much by texts and calls, I feel. Thank you! **JUYEON**

This zine! **YUJIN**

I would love members sharing things they're into at the moment. Whenever we do it during check ins, I always discover something new to look into. I'm always curious to know what others are reading or otherwise taking in. Also the sharing of cute animal gifs/pics or vids is always welcome!

BETSY

I love receiving and reading personal texts and emails these days, which have been really nice to check throughout the day. **JEONG EUN**

I'd love to be able to hold space for listening to other members' stories - whether that be your family's diaspora history or your own politicization journey. **ELIZABETH**



Receiving gifts scores the lowest on my love languages, but I would really welcome some homemade kimbap right now as a form of care.

JAMIE

Reading this zine and hearing how others are doing has been really heartwarming lately. ANON.



I've been enjoying the photos of animals! Here's sleepy-camping-dog Bow. MINJU

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR COMFORT FOOD? HOW DO YOU MAKE IT?



Soy-sauced Egg Rice

1. Fry an egg or two as you like it (I do sunnyside up).
2. Make your own soy-sauce
I put 1 spoonful of soy sauce
1 spoonful of water
2 spoonful of chopped green onions
1/2 spoon of sesame oil
1/2 half spoonful brown sugar
and if you have it, 1/4 spoonful of onion
and garlic powders (but not the raw onion
or garlic, that's no-no).
Get a bit of gim flakes (make it from the
seaweed paper).
3. On top of your big cooked rice bowl, place the
fried egg, add your soy-sauce, and gim flakes, and
mix them well.
4. Eat joyfully (no banchan required, but kimchi
would be a plus).



Vegetarian Spicy Radish Soup

(You can use anchovy stock, chicken stock, or beef stock or ready-made can or packaged

stocks too)

WHAT YOU NEED any frying oil.

3 spoonful of thinly sliced garlic

red pepper flakes

water

cut radish (sliced not too thinly. Any size is okay. However you like it, but a bite-size is good).

A bit of salt.

HOW TO COOK

1. you put oil into the pot generously. You put garlic and red pepper flakes in and fry them into red-peppered oil until the oil becomes red.

2. Put raddish in and pan-fry them about 3-4 minutes until it is well coated with the oil.

3. Pour water about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pot and bring to boil.

4. Lower the heat, add some salt a little, and simmer for 30 more minutes.

5. Add more salt at the end, if needed. And this tasty soup is done!

CAUTION the oil stains pot, bowl, and hard to remove if on a cotton shirt. Be careful. **JUNEON**



„PEEP THIS CURRY PASTA!“

Thin Spaghetti with Curry Sauce

You cook the thin spaghetti al dente, and pour the microwaved packet of curry all over it. Eat with plenty of healthful 반찬 (Banchan) to balance the carb-load. Add a boiled, or fried, egg for extra protein!

Also, Vietnamese-style coffee with coconut milk, using a phin (a stainless-steel, Vietnamese coffee filter). **CHRISTINE**

Cookies!

Just the first hit for chocolate chip and walnut. These are fatties and chewies not thin and crispy at all. **YUJIN**



PIZZA

It was Korean food for the first few weeks. Dwen-jangjigae and rice and kimchi....spam and eggs and rice and kimchi ... but I participated in several zoom calls in which I saw other ppl eating pizza and since then I have made pizza 5 times. I use **this recipe** but I double the salt, b/c it's really bland otherwise. **Betsy**



I have been snacking a ridiculous amount:

Olive oil + Vanilla Ice Cream

It sounds weird, but it's the perfect 단짠 조합 (sweet-savory combo).

Pita Chips + Tzatziki

This is more of a soft+crunchy, tart+bland combo.

JEONG EUN

My mom used to make this for me all the time



growing up. It's a Korean Classic runny eggs, rice, soy sauce, sesame oil. As to how

I make it, IYKYK. **JAMIE**



OKONOMI-YAKI

I've been making okonomi-yaki, which is a type of cabbage pancake popular in western Japan. In the Kansai region where I'm from, we take great pride in our rich and super cheap street food culture. I've considered running a food truck selling okonomi-yaki and other Kansai food.

1. Mix flour, an egg, and water to make the batter to a consistency similar to pajeon batter;
2. Throw in some minced ginger and “hondashi” powder (similar to dashida) for the flavor, along with a pinch of salt;
3. Thinly slice cabbage, a little more than you think you need, or a little more than you can grab in one hand;
4. Heat some oil in a pan, and stir the cabbage into the batter quickly right before pouring it onto the pan into a pancake shape—it should be twice the thickness of pajeon;
5. Put a few strips of thin-slice pork belly or bacon on top while the bottom part gets cooked, and flip it over once the bottom has browned;
6. Once it's thoroughly cooked, plate it with

okonomi-yaki sauce (I've been using Sweet Baby Ray's barbecue sauce instead) and mayo. Top with bonito flakes if you have some.

*Okonomi literally means "what you like," so you can mix in anything you like -- shrimp, squid, cheese, rice cakes, green onions, mushroom, or why not kimchi? **HARUKI**

SPAM FRIED RICE

Beyond making the usual staple Korean stews/soups

(kimchi jjigae, doenjang jjigae, soondubu jjigae etc.) I've been getting really into spam. Barebones spam fried rice (with the spam diced super small and crisped up) with garlic, scallion, a runny or scrambled egg and kimchi is tasting so good lately. **ANON.**



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비빔국수! (Mixed noodles) is spicy, sweet, tart and quick to make!



You will need:

소면 Thin white noodles 김치 kimchi

고춧가루 gochugaru 고추장 gochujang

참기름 sesame oil 간장 soy sauce

마늘 garlic 파 scallion

깨소금 roasted sesame seeds

Hard boiled egg (optional)

Vegetables: 오이 cucumber / 상추 lettuce /

당근 carrot (optional)

1. Boil water and hard boil the eggs.
 2. After the eggs are done, take them out and boil the noodles.
 3. Meanwhile, chop the kimchi, mince garlic, scallions, and vegetables if you have them
 4. Mix the sauce together (gochujang, gochugaru, sesame oil, soy sauce, garlic) - sorry i don't have measurements, do it to taste!
 5. Rinse the noodles in cold water and mix in the sauce
 6. Top with sesame seeds, scallions, veggies, and hard boiled egg
- Tada! **ANON.**



HOBANG & WANGMANDU

I love foods like 떡 (dduk) and 빵 (bbang). Recently, we've been making 호빵 (ho-bbang, steamed red bean buns). I use whatever dough recipe... like [this one](#).

1. I leave out the instant yeast but add baking powder (1.5 tsp).
2. Instead of shaping a sandwich bread, I divide the dough into balls.
3. Then, I fill them with red bean paste.
4. When the water is boiling, place the balls in a steamer and (depending on the size) steam for about 15 minutes.
5. Enjoy! For 왕만두 (wong mandu, BIG dumplings!), sub red bean for savory fillings! **MINJU**



PICTURES SHARED

SHARE A PICTURE AND DESCRIBE IT!



This is the roof of my building. It's painted silver so you can burn your eyes if you're up here too long. We have access again after a few years of it being locked because someone had pooped up there. **Yujin**

I shared this in the slack channel but since not everyone uses it, I would like to reshare it here. Apologies to those who've already seen it. This is Little Dude with a face full of flour. He likes to roam around for food when we're not looking, but we never thought he'd bite into a



sack of flour. It took forever to get the flour out b/c it got stuck to his fur in clumps. **Betsy**



I made this fiber paper (hanji) that says 온새미로* two years ago at a Korean festival hosted by one of the Smithsonian museums in DC. I just remember it being a really beautiful, happy, adventurous, sunny day. As the sun was setting I noticed the way the sunlight interacted with the material and I took this photo. I'm looking forward to more days like this after quarantine.

*온새미로 (Onsemi-ro) is an old traditional phrase that I'm still wrapping my head around but it roughly translates to "complete and unbroken just as it is." **ELIZABETH**



Here are two photos of one of my plants. The first photo is from April 5. The largest leaf was dying really slowly for a long time, and once a new leaf formed, it fully died. I don't know if this is how plants work, but it felt like the large leaf was holding on until there was new life. Then it let go!

This second photo is the same plant today! The small baby leaf is pretty big now and there's yet another leaf growing. Seeing my plants grow or survive through a rough patch gives me joy. **ANON.**



Attaching one of my favorite photos of all time...
me standing next to the legendary grandma from
Soseongri who, on international television, said
she hates all American presidents. **JAMIE**



In February, we were in LA
to visit my grandfather.
On one of the days, we
saw this beautiful double
rainbow. **MINJU**



This is a photo of young radical students and activists of Japanese descent, taken at the 2nd anniversary of the San Francisco “Comfort Women” memorial in September 2019. Some of them flew in from Japan or LA to give speeches or volunteered to perform Okinawan lion dance at the event. Many of them belong to Nikkei Resisters, a progressive Japanese American/diasporic organization in the Bay Area, which Eclipse Rising co-hosted on a grassroots solidarity tour to Japan last year. I wanted to show you how solidarity work among Korean and Japanese diasporic folks is gaining momentum in the Bay! **HARUKI**

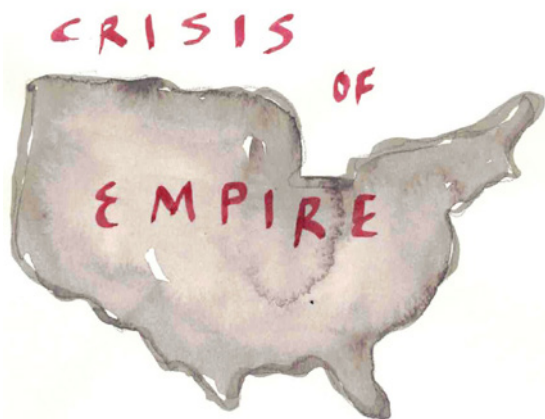


I WOULD LOVE TO GO **CAMPING** WITH YOU ALL - ANON.

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PEACE AND REUNIFICATION

CAN YOU THINK OF WAYS TO CONNECT THIS MOMENT TO REUNIFICATION AND PEACE BUILDING? WHAT EXISTING OR NEW CONCERNS DO YOU THINK THE PANDEMIC AMPLIFIED, AND HOW DOES THAT FACTOR INTO THE WAY YOU VISUALIZE REUNIFICATION EFFORTS?



I see it as a new opportunity. In this pandemic era, I realize again, how the inside of the empire is so vulnerable to any kinds of crises. I hope this pandemic will awaken people re

irony and problems of U.S. healthcare, and the America First policy itself in this globally connected world. We need to challenge how this US imperialist concept is hard to maintain. And the weakened U.S. global dominance will have freer Korean people from it. (Although their attempts may get stronger militarily and economically). I also felt that this pandemic hastened the information era to be normalized for more people in the world, and we will have suitable infrastruc-

ture soon. **JUYEON**

The undue influence and importance of the US's policies on the wellbeing of other countries... the sanctions and also larger health orgs. I guess I am wondering more about humanitarian aide orgs /world health org and their connection to im-



perialism but open to the complicated picture. This doesn't really answer the question but I guess I don't know that much about the humanitarian groups that have access to the DPRK.

Yujin

I hope this moment allows us to establish new ways of looking at things, and enable people to envision possibilities that they hadn't even considered before. I find it hard to envision any kind of genuine and just reunification happening without having enacted fundamental change here, and so I hope that this moment really catalyzes and strengthens liberation movements here that can work in tandem with movements abroad, including the Korean reunification movement. Betsy

The pandemic revealed so many holes in the system and infrastructure, and just how vulnerable some segments of the population are. I hope that there would be a bigger push for societal change across the board as a result, but I wonder how much of it would be manifested towards international peace and not domestic/economic recovery lens. It created both a broad wish for things to “return to normal” (how things were) and also an openness to change at the same time. I think concerns of infrastructure, care, and accessibility (of resources, tools, remote technology, etc) that I hadn’t thought about concretely before regarding reunification have now more strongly entered how I think about it. **JEONG EUN**

I’m glad we expanded to include peace building work to include sanctions in the time of covid, to give voice to the various labor, prison, and rent strikes happening, and to join groups thinking about anti-asian racism at this time.

Like a lot of people, I think the pandemic has exposed the way the US capitalist and imperialist power does not work for so many of us, particularly the workers and those in non US-aligned countries being sanctioned despite this global pandemic.

I think the US global position is weakened in result of it’s response to the pandemic. I really feel that

in S Korea, even people who previously idolized the US are realizing that it is inept for its people. I hope that will result in greater strength for the non-align movement that Youkyoung was commenting on in our last meeting, and hope for more strength in the anti-sanctions movement. I do worry, however, that as the US feels it's soft power wane, it will expand it's military force. I wonder what reunification will look like in this case.

ANON.

Every moment, for me, has to connect to reunification and peace building. That's the whole point of staying alive for me. This was the case before the pandemic, and it is the case now. The one thing the pandemic has changed is create a massive, unprecedented opportunity for us, in every direction and angle. What we do with it is up to us. And I like to think that we have done a pretty good job of seizing it so far. The next step is to keep going. **JAMIE**

I think about work and labor a lot, and this pandemic really exposes the harms of a consumer-based world. What if we thought about producers and a worker-centered future? What would that look like for reunification and peace building? How can we acknowledge the work of



reunification and
support this la-
bor? More to think
about... **MINJU**

I think there's a lot of connections to make between geopolitics and ecology, to integrate demilitarization, global health, climate change, immigration justice, and economic sustainability. Trump is transposing the domestic financial crisis, health care system breakdown, and quarantine frustrations onto the geopolitical realm by blaming China and further restricting immigration altogether—all the while the stock market is generating even more wealth. The fact that US government (not just Trump) gets away with whatever the fuck they wanna do is also at the root of the Korean division in the first place, but how do we get Americans to care about other countries when they don't even care about their own citizens in a state of emergency and exception? All these things point to the limit of sovereignty as it has been defined under the colonial logic of international law and Western modernity. Capitalism cannot be dismantled one nation-state at a time in the era of neoliberalism. I think a lot about these stuff. **HARUKI**

The pandemic has absolutely exposed the hypocrisies of capitalism, in a way that I hope is irreversible in the public consciousness. At the same time, I'm also very afraid of the lengths the US will go to maintain its power—the empire will not just collapse on its own without taking people down with it. I think the main takeaway in terms of reunification is to recognize that all global struggles for liberation are linked, and to chip away at the capitalist monstrosity here is to chip away at it on the peninsula, and vice versa. At the same time, lately I've found myself struggling with feeling like reunification work is happening at a remove - that ultimately reunification is in the hands of Koreans on the peninsula, not Koreans abroad. Of course that's not really true, and we're all critical parts of the global movement. But the issues of immediate survival that the pandemic has brought up here have me thinking very hard about proximity, about local vs. peninsula—and how and where to direct energy. My anxious rambling aside, I'm really grateful that NDD exists, and am excited to continue learning and building the future and world we want together. **ANON.**

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SHARE?

No more! I feel bare and naked. Hahaha. **JUNYUN**

“I knew early on that finding truth is not the same as finding happiness. You aspire to see the truth. But once you have seen it, you cannot avoid suffering. Otherwise, you have seen nothing at all.”

— Thích Nhất Hạnh

CHRISTINE

So much rage these days... **YUJIN**

I’ve mentioned my reemergent love of logic puzzles as a way to disconnect from my phone, and was going to share a puzzle with people, but don’t want to put people off with extreme dorkiness. **BETSY**

I’m really appreciative of all our work and members during this time! **ANON.**

One of the few things I purchased during quarantine is [this keffiyeh mask](#); each mask supports a meal in Jerash Palestinian Refugee camp. I bought five of them for my entire household here, and they arrived today—it’s super comfortable and breathable! Highly recommended. :) **HARUKI**

POSTSCRIPT

THE QUARANTINE STARTED FOR MANY OF US IN MID MARCH, MAKING THE TIME OF THIS ZINE'S E-PUBLICATION A TWO MONTHS' MARK OF SOCIAL DISTANCING, INTENSE HYGENE PRACTICES, AND DEEP ISOLATION. AS WE WERE INUNDATED BY DEVASTATING NEWS AND AS SOME OF US SAW FIRST HAND HOW THE PANDEMIC AFFECTED US, OUR LOVED ONES, AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WE ALSO FOUND WAYS OF KEEPING IN TOUCH VIRTUALLY, SHARING RESOURCES WITH COMMUNITY AIDS, CHECKING-IN WITH FRIENDS WHO ARE ALONE OR LOST HOMES, AND SHARED OUR ANGER OVER THE SYSTEMATIC PROBLEMS EXACERBATED BY THIS CRISIS.

THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE.

STILL, WE HAVE SHOWED UP FOR ONE ANOTHER, WEEK AFTER WEEK. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW UP, EVEN WHEN THE QUARANTINE IS OVER AND EVEN WHEN THE APPARENT CRISIS IS ALSO OVER.

THIS ZINE IS A TESTAMENT TO THE STRENGTH OF A COMMUNITY THAT BECOMES MOST VISIBLE IN TIMES OF NEED. WORKING ON NATIONAL DIVISION AND THE CHALLENGES OF DIASPORIC EXPERIENCE, AS NDD, WE KNOW ONE THING FOR SURE:

**WE MUST MEET AGAIN
FOR, IN DREAMS, WE ARE ONE.**

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