

Understanding Korean Culture: A Brief Presentation for LAPD
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Objective: Quick overview of Korean and Korean American society and culture to help LAPD officers better understand the Korean American community, especially first-generation immigrants.

1. Introduction
2. Facts about Korea
 - a. South Korean population 52 million (area about the size of Indiana)
 - b. Seoul city population 10 million, metro population almost 26 million
 - c. 11th largest economy in the world
3. COVID-19 success
 - a. 97, 294 total cases, 1,688 deaths, 621,734 vaccines (WHO data)
 - b. US comparison (6.5x population): 29,260,772 total cases, 531,855 deaths, 98,081,045 vaccines given (WHO data)
 - c. Masks, contact tracing, electronic data, collective responsibility, 2-week quarantine, hospital capacity and equipment
4. Women in Korea
5. Education in Korea
6. Employment in Korea (52-hour work week)
7. Korean and Korean American cultural traits
8. Asian Americans
9. Violence against Asian Americans
 - a. Stop AAPI Hate: 3,795 incidents reported to them March 19, 2020 – February 28, 2021
 - b. Verbal harassment 68.11%, shunning 20.5%, physical assault 11.1%, civil rights violations 8.5%, online harassment 6.8%
 - c. Women reported incidents 2.3 times more than men
 - d. Youths reported 12.6%, senior (60+) reported 6.2%
 - e. Chinese 42.2%, Koreans 14.8%, Vietnamese 8.5%, Filipinos 7.9%
 - f. At businesses 35.4%, public streets 25.3%, public parks 9.8%, online 10.8%

10. Korean American immigration

- a. 1903-1924: plantation workers, picture brides
- b. 1924-1949: students, political refugees
- c. 1950-1964: war brides, war orphans, students/businessmen/intellectuals
- d. 1965-1990: large wave of Korean immigration

11. Korean Americans and the law

12. Key differences between the US and Korea

- a. Private gun ownership of weapons is minimal; guns for hunting must be stored at a local police station
- b. BAC limit 0.03%
- c. Korean National Police Agency covers 16 separate city or provincial-level agencies, with Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency as the largest
- d. Neighborhood-level police do not usually carry guns
- e. Police investigation is led by the prosecutor's office
- f. There hasn't been an execution in Korea since in over 20 years

13. Serving the Korean American community

- a. Greetings
 - i. Annyeong haseyo (Hello)
 - ii. Gamsa hamnida (Thank you)
 - iii. Annyeonghi geseyo (Good-bye, stay well)
 - iv. Annyeonghi gaseyo (Good-bye, go well)
- b. Respect for Korean customs
 - i. Calling elders "Mr." or "Ms." instead of by first name
 - ii. Acknowledging cultural differences
 - iii. Building bridges (Korean food, culture, friends)

14. Discussion/Q&A