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North Koreans and their Fight in Contemporary Society



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BACKGROUND

The fall of the USSR taught North Koreans that they must act for themselves—relying on the government after the USSR fell resulted in a famine that killed an estimated one million people. In a society where you are forced to be complacent, the word “protest” holds a different meaning than it does elsewhere. How do we benefit from analyzing North Korea’s general population and their counteractions to the disinformation around them?

METHODS

1. Interviews with refugees
2. Speeches from defectors
3. North Korean history books

With these sources, I have analyzed the average North Korean’s struggle and their fight against the regime in the name of survival.

RESULTS

The efforts being made against the government are growing by the day. More and more North Koreans are engaging in the country’s illegal black market and are bribing government officials. If they don’t, they starve and/or don’t lead as close to a fulfilling life as possible.

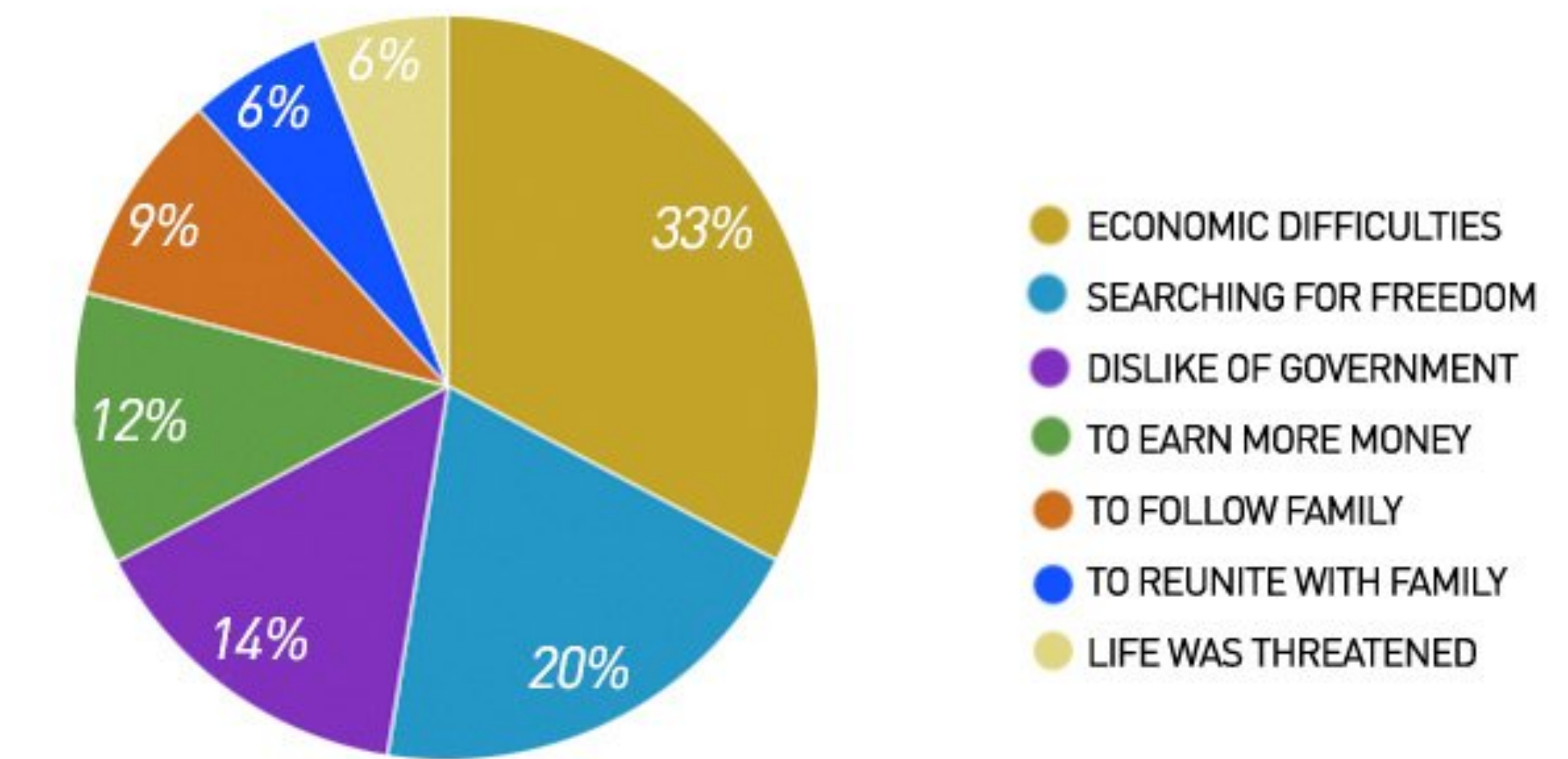


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North Koreans are not brainwashed.

How can we prove it?

REASONS FOR DEFECTING



SOURCE: SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT DATA

There is a clear drive for self-improvement, but it is unclear how many people have attempted to defect and were caught, or people who are not financially or physically able to escape.



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- **70 percent of North Korean households in the city live off trade, handicrafts, and transportation businesses related to trade. (Park)**
- **The most cited offense announced at public executions is watching or distributing South Korean videos (“Mapping Killings under Kim Jong Un: North Korea’s Response to International Pressure” 10)**

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