

# ALL IN THE FAMILY: THE LEADERSHIP STYLES OF KIM IL-SUNG, KIM JONG-IL, AND KIM JONG-UN

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BLUMEN FÜR KIM IL SUNG

KUNST UND ARCHITEKTUR AUS DER DEMOKRATISCHEN VOLKEREPUBLIK KOREA

FLOWERS FOR KIM IL SUNG

ART AND ARCHITECTURE FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA





# OVERVIEW





# CHILDHOOD



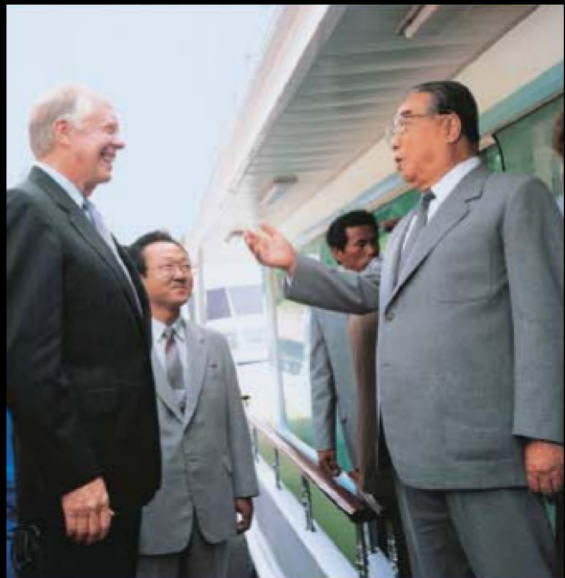


# ADULTHOOD





# Diplomacy





# CHINA AND NORTH KOREA



- Mao: “as close as lips and teeth”; Korean War 1950-1953
- 1992: China’s diplomatic relations with South Korea
- China’s role in the Six Party Talks during the mid-2000s
- Xi’s 2009 trip to the DPRK and meeting with Kim Jong-il
- 2017: China’s support of UN sanctions
- 2018: improved relations and Xi-Kim meetings in Beijing and Dalian; China’s diplomatic role surrounding the June 2018 and February 2019 Kim-Trump summits

# RUSSIA AND NORTH KOREA



- Kim Il-sung's relations with the USSR; Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev
- Kim Jong-il and Russia; Konstantin Pulikovsky, "The Orient Express," 2001
- 2017: Russian support for UN sanctions
- February 2019: Gleb Ivashentsev, Russia's former ambassador to South Korea: "the Hanoi summit represents a colossal achievement for Kim Jong Un, who surpassed his father and his grandfather by forcing the head of the largest imperialist nation to negotiate with him as an equal."
- 2019 Kim-Putin summit in Vladivostok; Putin: praise for Kim Jong-un as "an absolutely competent and mature politician"



# TRUMP AND KIM

DPRK and the US in 2018 ---  
"dawn of a new day"  
(Pompeo)

"The DPRK-US relationship has already shaken off the wrongful habits and prejudice of the past and entered a new historic track. Those who are like bubbles expelled by the powerful current of a great river will not make the people of the two countries of North Korea and the United States unable to do what they are to do."





# HEALTH CONCERNS



- Obesity
- Smoking
- HTN? Diabetes?
- Cardiovascular disease; stroke
- Long-term health risks: Kim Jong-un





# LEADERSHIP COMPARISONS

- Ruthlessness, purges
- Role of WPK, OGD as power centers
- *Juche, Songun*, independence, nuclear weapons, DPRK vs China, Russia, US; relations with Japan, South Korea
- Cyber; smuggling; bitcoin; counterfeiting; Office 39
- Style, on-site inspections, speeches, micromanagement; soft power
- KIS and KJU: extroverted, outgoing
- KJI: introverted, emotional, artistic
- KJU: bioterrorism (2017 murder of Kim Jong-nam)
- KJI and KIS: terrorism (1968, 1983, 1987); kidnappings of Japanese citizens
- Crises: Korean War; 'The Arduous March'; COVID-19

# FUTURE

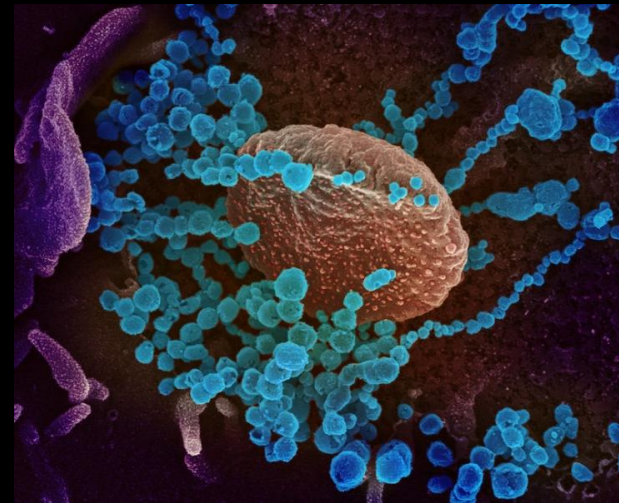
Challenges: sanctions relief?  
Economic development/reform?  
Shift towards the military

*Nuclear opacity --- but DPRK shifting  
towards increased testing of its  
missile capabilities*

**COVID-19:** health and IT  
infrastructure; multi-drug resistant  
TB epidemic; building of a new  
Pyongyang hospital

Relations with the US: a new  
opportunity?

Governance outcomes, leadership  
accountability/legitimacy following  
Kim's management of COVID-19





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# Questions?

