




SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL MOVEMENTS: AN ANALYSIS OF THE JUNE STRUGGLE OF 1987



Social Movement: a loosely organized effort by a large group of people to achieve a particular goal, typically a social or political one (Wikipedia).

WHAT SOCIAL
MOVEMENTS HAVE
YOU HEARD OF? THINK
OF EXAMPLES FROM
CANADIAN HISTORY



WHAT DO YOU
THINK IT TAKES TO
MAKE A SOCIAL
MOVEMENT
SUCCESSFUL?



CASE STUDY: THE 1987 JUNE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT

Korean democracy evolved out of a military dictatorship

Between 1987 to 1988 there was a peaceful transformation of power from the military dictatorship of General Chun Doo Hwan to a democratic state that allowed citizens to choose their president and political leaders through free elections

SOUTH KOREA BEFORE DEMOCRACY

Between 1961 to 1987 the military ruled South Korea with the rationale that this was needed to promote economic development and ward off threats from North Korea

During this time the President had powers to dissolve the National Assembly and take any emergency powers he saw fit

SOUTH KOREA BEFORE DEMOCRACY

Under military rule freedom of expression and association were suppressed as were opposition parties

The news was censored and labor unions and educational institutions were kept under surveillance



Image: "Feature on the 70th Anniversary of National Liberation: Let's Break Away from the Seven Major Vices] The Wall of Regionalism Containing South Korea Should Be Torn down with Electoral System Reforms an."

http://english.khan.co.kr/khan_art_view.html?artid=201508101856437&code=710100.

HOWEVER, KOREA VALUED EDUCATION

A new plan to educate Korean children began in 1951, but was fully implemented in 1954. Students in Korean schools were instilled with democratic values and taught to value democratic institutions. Growth at the post-secondary level followed; according to the Korean Herald, the number of colleges grew from 19 in 1956 to 42 in 1959. (Yoon)

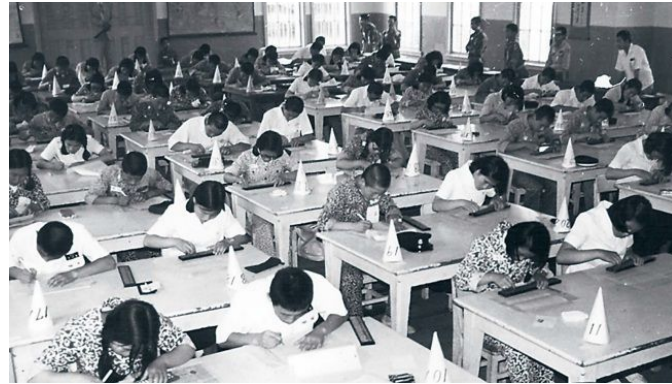


Image "Students participate in an abacus class in the 1950s." Korean Herald. August 16, 2015. (Photo courtesy of Gyeongsangbuk-do Education Institute).

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SOUTH KOREAN DEMOCRACY

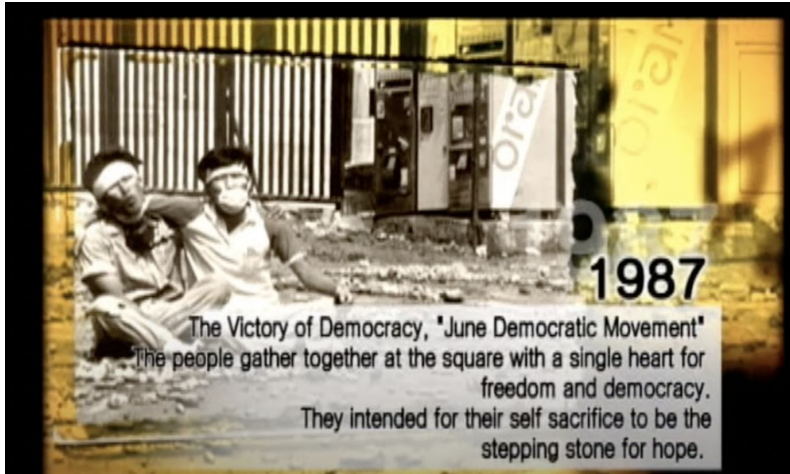
Following a National Referendum in 1987, Korea became a representative democracy with a president that is directly elected every five years

With the new democratic constitution, the powers of the president were reduced, more power was given to executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, civil liberties were extended and the military was required to be politically neutral



HOW DID THIS
CHANGE HAPPEN?

LET'S LOOK AT THE JUNE STRUGGLE OF 1987



Watch from 30 to 39:50

As you watch this documentary clip jot down some factors that you think made the June Democratic Movement Successful



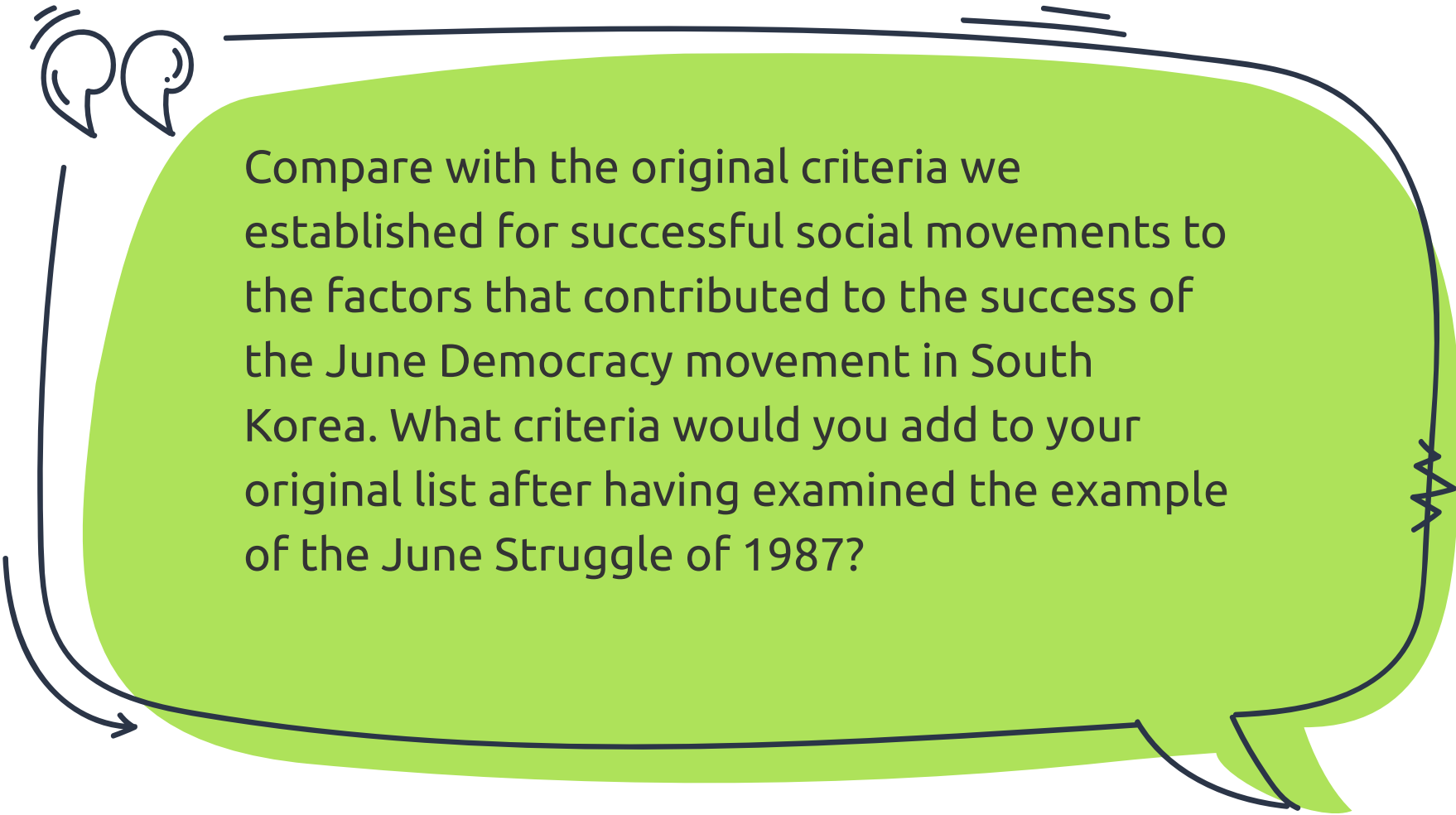
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The National Institute of Korean History provides a brief one-page summary of the democracy movement. Please read [Reaping the Fruits of the Democratic Movement](#) article.

As you read, jot down additional factors that you think made the June Democratic Movement successful.



Photo source: "The 6.10 Democracy Movement (6.10 민주항쟁)." Koreabridge. Accessed February 17, 2021.
<http://koreabridge.net/post/610-democracy-movement-610-%EB%AF%BCEC%A3%BC%ED%95%AD%EC%9F%81-intraman>.



Compare with the original criteria we established for successful social movements to the factors that contributed to the success of the June Democracy movement in South Korea. What criteria would you add to your original list after having examined the example of the June Struggle of 1987?