

Strasserism and North Korea

They seem extremely nationalistic as well as concerned with the social welfare of their people. They don't allow immigrants into their country and they protect the purity of the Korean race. Their leaders essentially follow their own version of the fuhrerprinzip.

With that said, I understand that the country has problems. I certainly don't think the Kim family should be worshiped as Gods and in some ways they are a bit too authoritarian even for me. They also have issues with famine as well although that's mostly related to western sanctions on trade. I feel that the Kims get a bad rep because of this.

Maybe I'm sympathetic to NK because I'm a Strasserist. Although you have to give them credit, they certainly aren't a degenerate nation and seem to have a strong national spirit despite all of their hardships as a people. Not to mention, the United States imprisons more people than NK does. U.S. prisoners are slaves to the capitalist owners of private prisons. At least North Korean prisoners are engaging labor for the benefit of the nation.

Like I said, I'm certainly not saying it's the ideal nation but I think it definitely could have had some potential had things been different.

I'm probably going to get a lot of down votes for this thread but please listen to what I'm saying with an open mind before completely dismissing me.

North Korea *in theory* has a lot of things I like. It is socialist, it is self-sufficient, protects its' culture, and it is not imperialistic. Some of the charges leveled against it such as human rights violations, I think are committed by many countries who are just better at hiding it. I don't think it is coincidence that the two socialist countries that were most "isolated" due to US interference (Cuba being the other one.) are the ones that have survived. Juche (self-reliance) isn't bad in my book.

It is hard to really understand NK from a US perspective, as I believe that our propaganda is as good as anyone's, but I think that *in reality*, the Kim dynasty has gotten progressively worse. There is a huge divide between the elite and the average worker at least from pictures I have seen that have been snuck out of NK. The elite ride around on carnival rides, while the farmers are forced to bathe in the river. As a Strasserist, I support *some* hierarchy because people should be rewarded for working harder or taking on more responsibility, but I cannot support how large the divide is in NK. The NK bourgeois feast while the peasants starve and that is unacceptable.