

# Pro-North Korean Media



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## Pro-North Korean explicit propaganda:

Posters, films, and political speeches are a form of explicit manipulation because people are aware that these forms of media were produced by the government and that it will therefore contain a pro-government message.



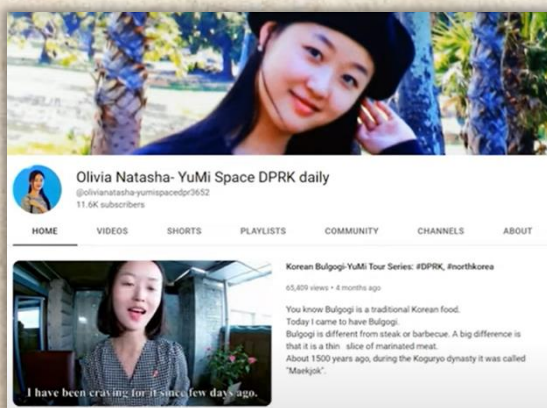
"A good clubbing is exactly what the wolves and crazy dogs need."



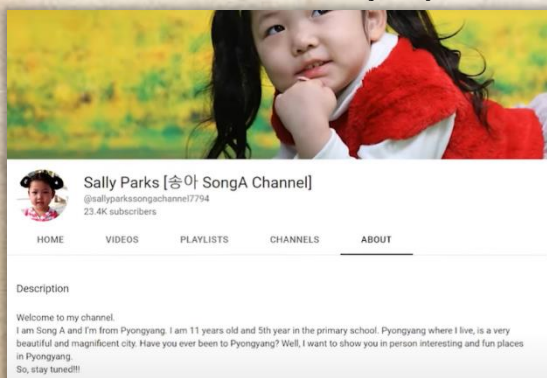
Kim Jong Il's Cult of Personality.



How US living standards are portrayed.



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## Pro-North Korean implicit propaganda:

There are YouTube and TikTok channels that portray "life" in North Korea in a very positive light. This is an implicit form of manipulation because some people are not aware that these channels are created by the North Korean government. These channels are made in a more amateur way in order to appear authentically created by average people with no political agenda. Implicit manipulation tends to include factually correct information but lies by omission (leaving out important context). For example, about 5% of North Koreans live in luxury in the capital Pyongyang while 95% of North Koreans live in absolute poverty. Therefore, when YouTubers and TikTokers show how "great" life is in Pyongyang, they are lying by omitting the poverty in the rest of the country.

# Anti-North Korean Media

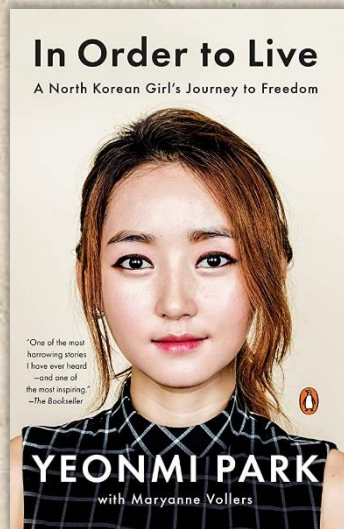


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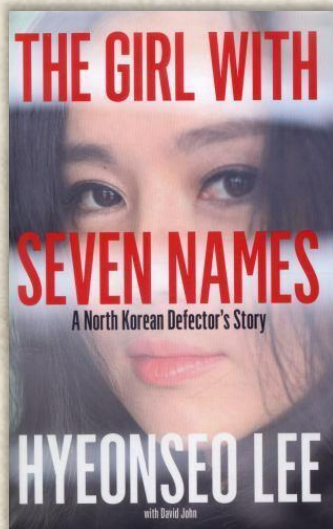
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## Anti-North Korean books and speeches:

Some of the most significant sources of media that critique the North Korean government comes from North Korean defectors. These are people who fled the country in extremely harsh conditions and have written books about their life in North Korea and the brutal living conditions they had to endure. To date, there has never been a North Korean book written outside of North Korea that discusses the government in a positive light.



North Korean defector Yeonmi Park.



North Korean defector Hyeonseo Lee.



North Korean defector Joseph Kim speaking at a TED Talk.

## Anti-North Korean USB sticks and leaflets:

Human Rights Activists in South Korea smuggle USB sticks and drop leaflets from balloons filled with media from the outside world so that North Koreans will be exposed to perspectives not shown by their government.



USB drives containing global media.



South Koreans launching anti-North Korean balloons leaflets.



Anti-North Korean leaflet.

# Pro-Confederate Media

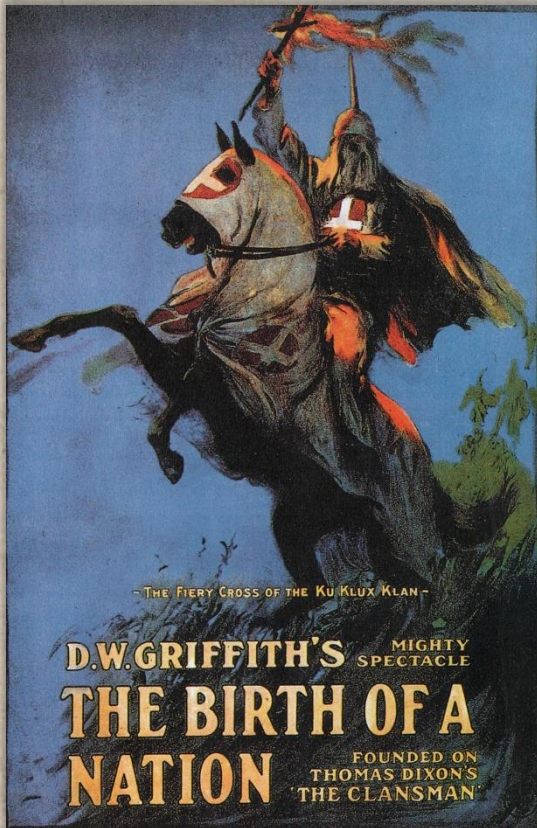


## The Confederate States of America context:

In 1861, 11 southern states declared independence from the USA (Union) to form the Confederate States of America. These states seceded (broke away) because they wanted to preserve the institution of slavery. Ultimately the Confederacy lost the Civil War and were occupied by Union troops for 12 years. This period was known as Reconstruction and ended de jure slavery. However, equal rights to African-Americans were still denied and it would not be until 1968 would the Civil Rights Movement end de jure discrimination. Meanwhile, the south promoted a myth known as the "Lost Cause" which is still believed by many southerners today. "The Lost Cause" promotes the idea that the Confederacy did not fight to preserve slavery, but rather fought against a "War of Northern Aggression" to preserve states' rights.

## Confederate Propaganda:

Ironically, the most influential Confederate Propaganda was distributed after the Civil War. In 1913, the film "Birth of a Nation" was released. This film was set during the Civil War and Reconstruction. It is considered one of the most racist films in history. The film promotes the Lost Cause Myth and portrays African-Americans as the oppressors of white people in the south. The Ku Klux Klan (KKK), a white supremacist terrorist organisation that murdered African-Americans and white people who supported equal rights, and burned down African-American schools, became popular after the Civil War in the south. The film portrays the KKK as heroes who saved southerners from the "oppressive" north and depicts violence against African-Americans as positive actions. After this film was released, thousands of people joined the KKK and violence against African-Americans in the south drastically increased. This film was screened at the White House under President Woodrow Wilson.



This film significantly boosted KKK membership.



African-Americans were portrayed as rapists.



The KKK were portrayed as "liberators" from black Union troops and protectors of white women.

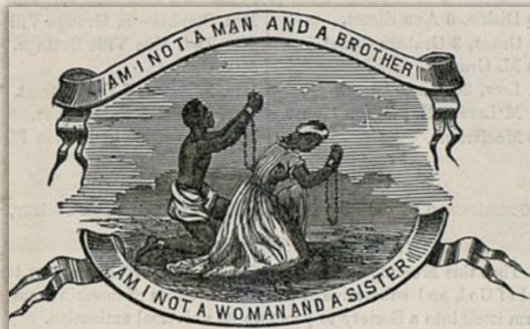


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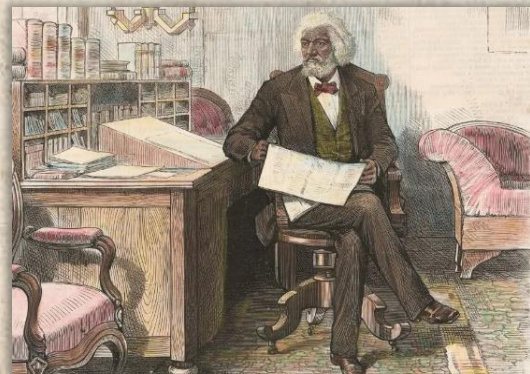


A 18<sup>th</sup> century Abolitionist leaflet humanising slaves.

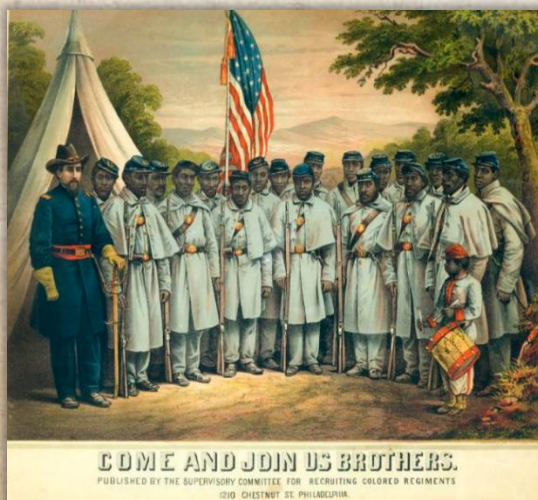
## Abolitionist Media:

Abolitionism is the movement to end slavery. Abolitionists distributed stories and leaflets to humanise African-Americans. During the Civil War, abolitionists convinced President Abraham Lincoln that the objective of the war should not just be about keeping the country intact, but to also abolish slavery. African-American troops fought for the North and Abraham Lincoln announced the Emancipation Proclamation, the beginning of the gradual end of slavery, in 1863. The most prominent abolitionist was former slave Frederick Douglass, whose speeches rallied people in their favour:

"The white man's happiness cannot be purchased by the black man's misery... Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe."



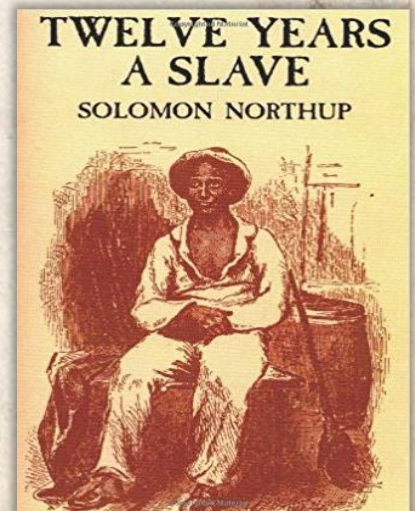
Frederick Douglass was a paramount abolitionist.



Union Recruitment poster appealing to black soldiers.



Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

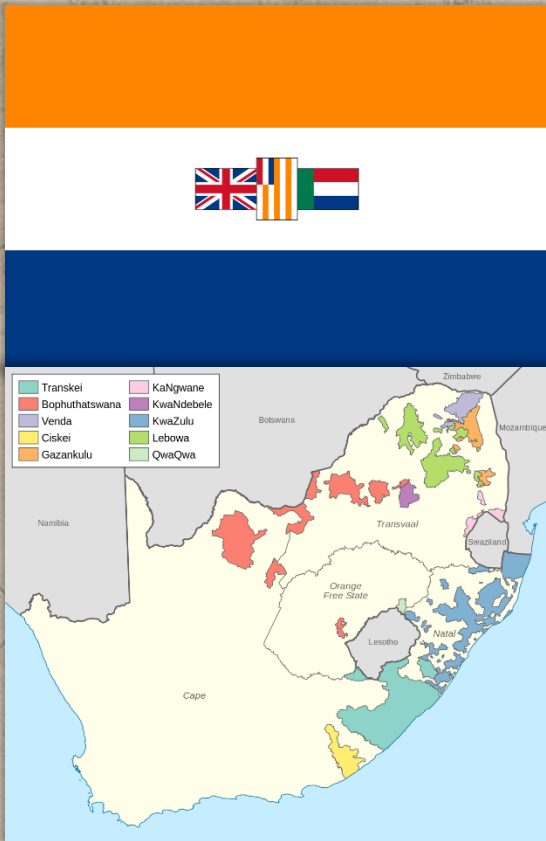


This book helped humanise slaves.

# Pro-Apartheid Media

## Apartheid South Africa context:

Prior to European colonisation, multiple indigenous people lived in South Africa including but not limited to the Zulus, Xhosa, and Khoisan. The Dutch began to violently colonise the nation followed by the British. These white settlers that consisted about 10% of the country's population had total control over the economy, military, and education. These laws that segregated the white population from the rest was known as Apartheid. The white population lived wealthy lives while the black, coloured, and Indian population was deprived of basic human rights and economic empowerment. The Apartheid government used extraordinary violence to suppress any movement, imprisoned its leaders, and routinely used torture to maintain control. After an intense struggle, Apartheid was ended in 1994 and Nelson Mandela was elected South Africa's first black president.



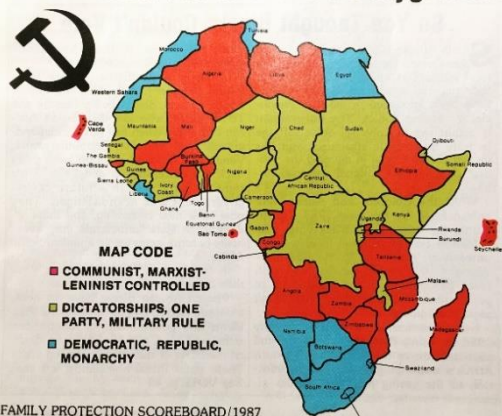
## Pro-Apartheid Propaganda:

South Africa wanted military support from the United States and so did everything they could to convince them that without Apartheid, Communism would take over Africa. There was truth to this as the USSR, Cuba, and North Korea were heavily involved in many decolonial movements. However, many anti-communist governments that were capitalist were also horrific human rights abusers who destroyed local economies such as the Democratic Republic of Congo. This propaganda also propagated the idea that the reason that African nations struggled after independence was because they were black, thus providing a racist genetic "explanation" to complex economic challenges.



A Nationalist Party (Apartheid) campaign poster.

## **AFRICA: The Kremlin's Playground**



## **1 MAN-1 VOTE = 1 ELECTION in AFRICA**



FROM BALLOTS TO BLOODSHED HAS BEEN THE COURSE IN MANY AFRICAN NATIONS WHERE THE SOVIETS, THROUGH TERRORIST GROUPS, "BLACK POWER" VIOLENCE WITHIN, AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE FROM WESTERN LIBERALS, HAVE FORCED "DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS" ON PEOPLE ILL EQUIPPED FOR SELF-RULE! ALL TOO OFTEN A NEWLY ELECTED LEADER DECLARES HIMSELF IN OFFICE FOR LIFE!

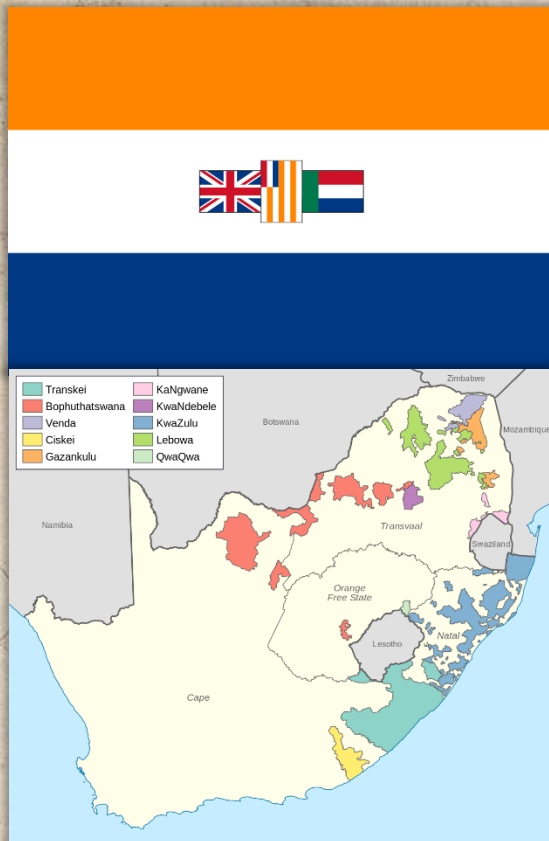
- ★ IDI AMIN AS "PRESIDENT FOR LIFE" SLAUGHTERED THOUSANDS OF BLACKS... BY SLEDGEHAMMER & DISMEMBERMENT!
- ★ BOKASSA BECAME "EMPEROR" OF THE CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC!
- ★ MUSABE IS ABOUT TO ABOLISH OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES IN ZIMBABWE!

### **PLANNED FAMINE?**

THE SOVIET BACKED ETHIOPIAN GOV'T, BY DIVERTING FOOD TO ITS ARMY, IS STARVING MILLIONS! EARLY SOVIET RUSSIA SIMILARLY STARVED 7 MILLION IN THE UKRAINE!

UNDER COLONIAL RULE THERE WAS PEACE AND PRODUCTS WERE EXPORTED! BUT NOW...VIOLENCE, SHORTAGES, AND STARVATION!

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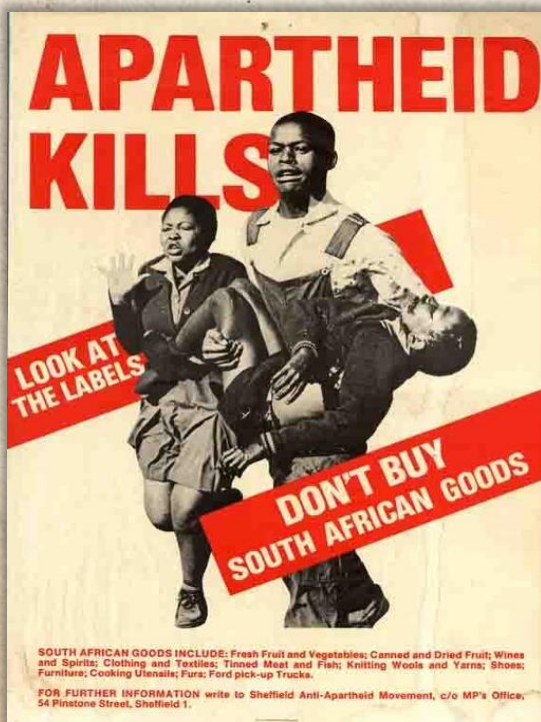
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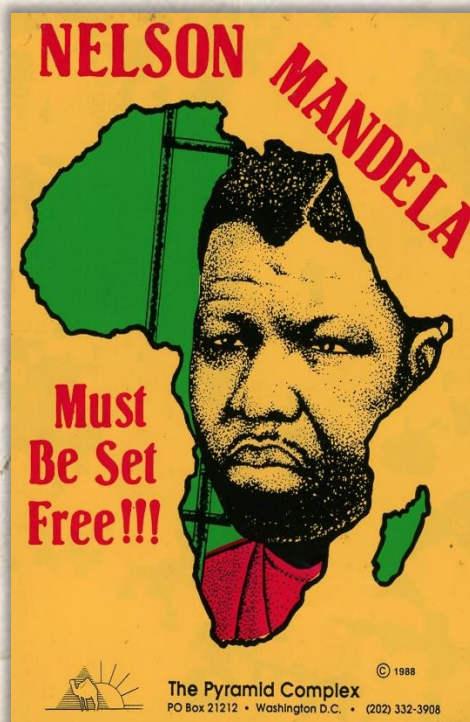
Divestment badges worn by western university students.

## Anti-Apartheid Media:

This media revealed the horrific violence conducted by the regime and advocated for the world to stop trading with SA and to release Mandela. However, some have argued that there were also serious omissions in anti-Apartheid media such as necklacing (burning alive black people accused of collaboration with Apartheid).



This uses an image from the Soweto Uprising in 1976.



Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years.



Police brutality was policy under Apartheid.