



Guide to the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea reports and publications, 2003-2019

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Summary

Collection Title:

Committee for Human Rights in North Korea reports and publications, 2010s

Creator:

Committee for Human Rights in North Korea

Source:

Human Rights Archive (Duke University)

Abstract:

Selection of reports and publications issued by the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, formed in 2001 in Washington DC. Topics of reports include: North Korean surveillance, gulags and prison camps, political propaganda, women and children's health, living conditions in the country, refugees and asylum seekers in China, and state violence against North Koreans.

Extent:

0.5 Linear Feet (1 box with bound publications)

Language:

Materials in English.

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection consists of 12 bound publications prepared for and issued by the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK) between 2003 and

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2019. Reports discuss topics including: North Korean gulags and prison camps; torture, kidnappings, interrogation, and violence against North Korean defectors and civilians; living conditions in North Korea, including educational propaganda, famine, poor housing and water access, and surveillance; violence and forced marriage for North Korean women refugees in China; infanticide and violence against children; Pyongyang and the North Korean elite; and other human rights issues relating to North Korea. Several reports include first-hand accounts from refugees who experienced or witnessed violence, trauma, and abuse from North Korean jailers and police.

This collection was originally acquired as part of the Roberta Cohen Papers, and several reports include personal inscriptions to her from the authors.

Acquired as part of the Human Rights Archive (Duke University).

Biographical/Historical

The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK), founded in 2001 and based in Washington DC, is a non-partisan human rights organization whose principal objective is to raise international awareness of North Korea's human rights situation through the publication of well documented reports and by undertaking outreach activities in support of the recommendations in those reports.

The Committee's research and publication activities focus on how the North Korean totalitarian regime abuses the rights of its citizens, its vast system of political prisons and labor camps, the regime's denial of equal access to food and goods, and the plight of refugees fleeing to China.

(Excerpted from the HRNK website, 2022 October).

Roberta Cohen co-chaired the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea from 2011-2015, and later became co-chair emeritus. Most of the reports in this collection include manuscript dedications and printed acknowledgments of her influence and guidance as a human rights expert and advisor.

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Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Material

These items were initially acquired as part of the Roberta Cohen Papers, also available for research at the Rubenstein Library.

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Names and Subjects

- Human Rights -- Korea (North)
- Propaganda, North Korean
- Korea (North) -- Maps
- Prisons -- Korea (North)
- Espionage, North Korean
- Forced Labor
- Forced marriage -- Korea (North)
- Internment camps -- Korea (North)
- Famines -- Korea (North)
- Quality of life -- Korea (North)
- Cohen, Roberta, 1940-
- Human Rights Archive (Duke University)
- Collins, Robert M., 1949-
- Hawk, David R.
- Robinson, Court
- Yamamoto, Yoshi

Collection Inventory

Collins, Robert. Marked for Life: SONGBUN : North Korea's Social Classification System, 2012	Box 1
Collins, Robert. Pyongyang Republic: North Korea's Capital of Human Rights Denial, 2016	Box 1
Collins, Robert. Denied from the Start: Human Rights at the Local Level in North Korea, 2018	Box 1
Collins, Robert, with Amanda Mortwedt Oh. From Cradle to Grave: The Path of North Korean Innocents, 2017	Box 1
Committee for Human Rights in North Korea. Lives for Sale: Personal Accounts of Women Fleeing North Korea to China, 2009	Box 1
Gause, Ken E. Coercion, Control, Surveillance, and Punishment: An Examination of the North Korean Police State, 2012	Box 1

Hawk, David. The Hidden Gulag: Exposing North Korea's Prison Camps. Prisoners' Testimonies and Satellite Photographs, 2003	Box 1
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