Global Health
FROM A NON-AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

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ABOUT ME:

- Born in South Korea
- Childhood in Paraguay
- Came to the US as an international student
  - BA in Sociology, Franklin & Marshall College (2012-2016)
  - IHP Health and Community: Globalization, Culture, and Care (2015)
    - San Francisco, Vietnam, South Africa, Argentina
  - ABSN Program, Penn Nursing (Current)

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MULTICULTURAL BACKGROUND & IDENTITY

- Korean and Paraguayan culture
- Kimchi con asado
- Mixing languages
  - “엄마, 나 cup 좀 pasarme 해 줘봐요 por favor”
**MULTICULTURAL BACKGROUND & IDENTITY**

- Deeper cultural values

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**PUNCTUALITY**
- Be there 10 minutes early!
- 3:00 actually means 3:30 chill

**MEETING OTHERS FOR THE FIRST TIME**
- Be friendly!
- Be respectful/polite

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**SOCIAL TRUST**
- High
- Low

“A belief in the competence, honesty, or benevolence of the other party” (Kye & Hwang 2020)

**COMMUNICATION**
- Verbal, explicit
- “What matters is what was actually stated.”
- Non-verbal, implicit
- “Pay attention to the things that are NOT said.” (Nunchi “eye measure”)
Identity: who am I?
COOL. HOW IS THIS RELEVANT TO GLOBAL HEALTH?
Key takeaway from IHP Study Abroad Semester: Nothing exists in a vacuum—global health issues are no exception.

### Vietnam
The prevalence of birth defects related to Agent Orange and its influence in discourses about abortion, disability

### South Africa
The effects of apartheid on migrant labor and its relationship to HIV, tuberculosis

### Argentina
Soy monoculture economy and cancer among rural populations, deforestation
COVID-19

South Korea
- Testing
- Contact Tracing
- Wearing masks

Paraguay
- Complete lockdown
- Wearing masks
- Need for supplies, social support
South Korea

ARRIVAL
- Temperature check and screening at Incheon International Airport
- Separate shuttles and trains to final destination
- Ambulance transport from station to residence

QUARANTINE
- Free covid-test at city public health office
- Daily symptom and movement monitoring
- Food and supplies provided
- Assistance to vote in General Assembly elections

SOCIAL DISTANCING
- Daily ‘emergency’ text messages
- Notifications for confirmed positive case in the vicinity
- Mandatory mask wearing
- Temperature checks and registration in establishments

SOCIAL TRUST
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PARAGUAY

Complete Lockdown

Lack of social support systems

Partnership between public and private healthcare

Vaccine equity

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THANKS!

Do you have any questions?

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