

The lack of reliable data and assumption of imminent DPRK collapse due to isolation has led many researchers and analysts to support the idea of sudden collapse. This in turn has led the ROK and U.S. to essentially follow a policy of strategic patience rather than engaging in real, good old-fashioned diplomacy with the DPRK. Therefore, in essence the “wait and see” game may be blamed in part for a hesitance of the experts to find another way to understand the DPRK beyond the usual data and methodologies, instead choosing to avoid the potential embarrassment of being wrong while using an unorthodox methodology. Ironically, this very fear, as well as following assumptions that ignore history, are all due to a lack of contravening data refuting the assumptions while simultaneously, there is little existing data to support them. It is hoped that this special issue inspires more colleagues and analysts not to change their minds on North Korea per se, but to at least open their eyes to some interesting potential avenues for inquiry regarding the DPRK that may help them pursue more falsifiable research.

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Correction

It has been brought to our attention that there are corrections that need to be made to Hazel Smith’s article in *NKR* Volume 12, No. 1, Spring 2016 issue.

Note from the author:

I am very grateful to Dr. Hye-Seung Wee of the Korea Development Institute for pointing out an error in my recently published article on nutrition in North Korea of *North Korean Review* (Vol. 12, No. 1, Spring 2016, pp. 7–34). The section on p. 20 starting “...and the breakdown of the figures ...” and ending with “disproportionately affecting women rather than men” was erroneously included and contains incorrect information. Please ignore this section. In addition, the incorrect TIF file was used for figure 7 on page 23. The updated and corrected figure is included on the next page. I apologize for the error and very much welcome any further comments.

