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“Every masculine gender of the Republic of Korea shall faithfully perform mandatory military service, as prescribed by the Constitution of the Republic of Korea and this Act. A feminine gender may perform only active service or reserve service through volunteering.” This is Article 3, Korean Military Service Act. All men living in South Korea must serve in the military because South Korea has stopped the war for a while, but the war is still underway.

Almost all men in South Korea are reluctant to join the military. They have to spend almost 18 months in the military because they are men. It is not easy to force yourself to spend 18 months in a community called the military instead of your will. Military is also a group or society in which people with a common point of performing military service obligations in various regions are gathered. Like normal society, major groups lead groups and minority groups that are alienated, and confrontations and conflict arise. Because of these conditions, many problems in the military are not well known in the outside society. And the most representative military problem is military violence.

The main reason for military violence is stress. Due to the hard army life, soldiers are exposed to tremendous amounts of stress. So they needed to be able to relieve their stress, and the solution led to military violence among soldiers. All armies around the world are obligated to obey orders, which means soldiers must abide by their superior's orders when performing their duties. Using this power, upper-class soldiers harass underclass soldiers and relieve their stress. Another reason is the indifference of colleagues. In other words, other colleagues who upper-class soldiers do not harass do not help the victims, but just onlooking, because they think they may also be harassed by upper-class soldiers when they help the victims.

Physical and mental pain from hard military life and the burden of living in society pressed soldiers. And these problems led to firearm shootings, desertion, and suicide. Soldiers do extreme actions to express their feelings without overcoming these various military problems. And some upper-class soldiers will use their power to relieve their stress, and soldiers who suffer from this power eventually enter extreme behaviors.

After all, this is a series of constant, vicious cycles, and various solutions are needed to rectify this situation. First, management measures for blocking the enlistment of people with personality defects and protecting soldiers should be supplemented. Just like physical examinations, it is necessary to check whether the examiner has a suitable personality to live a sincere military life. Second, strengthen the management of firearms and ammunition. An army is not just a group; it is a group of soldiers organized with certain discipline and order. Therefore, weapons such as firearms and ammunition need more thorough management. Third, everyone in the military tried to break off the evil habits of corrupt class society that remained among soldiers and create an advanced military culture. Upper-class soldiers harass underclass soldiers, and later the underclass soldiers become the upper-class soldiers and harass their underclass soldiers. All soldiers in the military have to work in this corrupted class society. Also, they have to overcome their military lives with mutual consideration and respect. Lastly, the military should come up with measures to relieve military stress for soldiers. Instead of military service such as training, soldiers will be able to live in the military more stably if they create welfare benefits that all soldiers can genuinely enjoy and relieve stress. All men in South Korea must perform military service under their national defense obligations. Almost all men in Korea are reluctant to go to the military because of the sense of loss of having to spend almost two years in the military just because they are men. However, creating advanced military systems, benefits, and improving negative problems will create a better military culture.

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