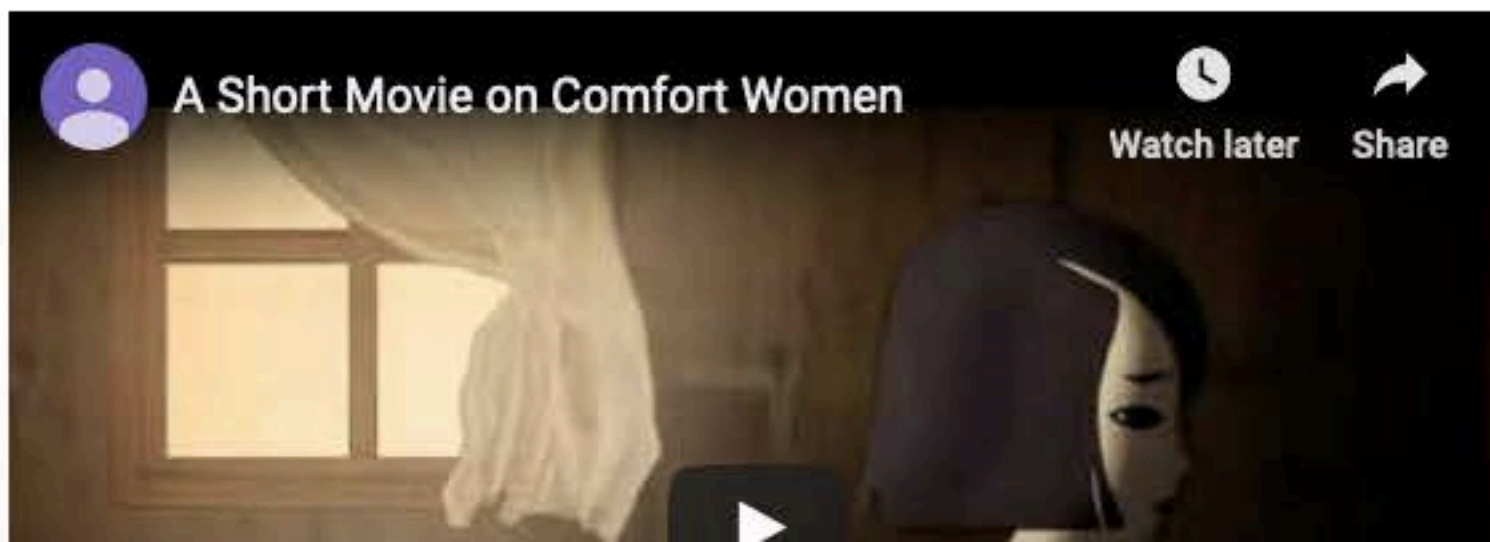


WHY COMFORT WOMEN

What is "Comfort Women"?

"Comfort Women" is a term that refers to female sexual slaves actually were forced to be by Japanese army before and during World War Two.



"The Never Ending Story"

This is a story based on truth and history which portrays the horrible life experiences of one of the "comfort women" victims.



Why is it an issue?

The total number of women that were raped by the Japanese was terrifying, while 90 percent of the victims died estimated by the UN's Global Tribunal on Violations of Women's Human Rights in 1993. These women were forced to have sex with the Japanese soldiers under brutal and inhumane conditions. They suffered from agonizing physical pain, pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and bleak conditions, and being tortured to death.

For decades, few people learnt about the history of "Comfort Women" and no one tried to bring this the bright. When this topic was discussed in Japan, the officials insisted to deny the existence of the "comfort stations".



How does this issue impact on people?

Although it's been a few decades since these women were forced to be military prostitutes by Imperial Japan, their servitude experiences leave them with great physical and psychological pain.

On NCBI, there is a study on former "comfort women" in South Korea suggests that majority of the victims had no education and were in low economic status. And their unmarried rate was relatively high while their fertility rate was relatively low. In addition, these women also suffered from a lot of disorders such as social anxiety, alcohol abuse, and mental health issues because they were ashamed of being former "comfort women". Tamra from being sexual slaves was huge and permanent.





A former "comfort woman" who was forced to serve the Japanese troops during World War Two wipes her tears in

What can we do to help?

First, because the public know little about this issue, it is important for the people to learn about the significance of the issue. Therefore, doing an awareness campaign would be an effective way to support.

Second, there are a couple organizations which are run for women's right (see Media Page). It would also be a good idea to join them and support them.

Other than these two, fund raising for these grammies to help them with their economic status and more importantly to offer them caring would be meaningful to them.

Welcome to Why Comfort Women! Our website is going to show you and lead you to explore what do we know about comfort women.

Background:

- These women came from all over **Southeast Asia**, but the majority were Korean and Chinese. Others came from the Philippines, the Netherlands, East India and other parts of Asia. The number of victims It was unclear that how many victims were during this period.
- ***According to estimate, there were approximately 200,000 women and girls sent to Japanese-occupied territories.***

The Most Infamous Incidents -- the Rape of Nanking:

- Since 1932, the Imperial Japan expanded widely and they took over the Republic of China and a broad swath of Asia: the Rape of Nanking.
- **On December 13, 1937**, Japanese troops began a six-week-long massacre that essentially destroyed the Chinese city of Nanking. Along the way, Japanese troops brutally raped **between 20,000 and 80,000** Chinese women. After these soldiers finished with their victims, they often **murdered** them. "Such wasn't just as an act of senseless barbarity, either - these men were following orders. 'So that we will not have any problems on our hands,' one commander told his men, referring to any women they've raped, 'either pay them money of kill them in some obscure place after you have finished.'" (Mark Oliver)
- According to a legal historian Carmen M. Agibay's notes, the Emperor Hirohito demanded the military to expand its so-called "comfort stations". These stations were used to reduce sexually transmitted diseases and ensure to **satisfy** Japanese soldiers' **sexual appetites**.



Media

Articles



The Life in Comfort Stations

Women at comfort stations were forced to render sexual services to many officers and men, their human dignity trampled upon.

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The Brutal History of Japan's 'Comfort Women'



What is "why comfort women" project?

The "why comfort women" is a project that made by four high school students, who learned this history through an after school program called "live well, take action" and wanted to let more people to recognize this issue. Even though "comfort women" was a sad history, and it affected a lot of Asian young women's lives during World War Two, not a lot of people know this event. Plenty of young girls at that time were affected by this one of the most serious sexism issues in history. Therefore, we want more people to learn this tragic event and try their best not let the similar tragedies happen again.

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OR you can also follow our instagram account called: whycomfortwomen

The screenshot shows the Instagram profile page for 'whycomfortwomen'. At the top, there is a back arrow, the username 'whycomfortwomen', and a three-dot menu icon. Below this is the profile picture, which is a circular image of a group of people holding a sign. To the right of the profile picture are statistics: '9 posts', '115 followers', and '112 following'. Below the statistics are three buttons: 'Message', a button with a person icon and a checkmark, and a dropdown menu icon. The bio text reads: 'Why? Comfort Women? @livewelltakeaction PETITION for 'Comfort Women' [two downward arrows] chng.it/GzvKNnTTsL'.

