



# Too Big for the Hermit Kingdom

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North Koreans endure one of the least fun-loving, most sensuality-repressing regimes on the planet.

Normally, government officials in the Hermit Kingdom strictly enforce all manner of regimentation and self-deprivation, at least for those being ruled. If you're a happy citizen in North Korea, check the map. You are not in North Korea.

There may be light at the end of the tunnel, though. Kim Jong-un's administration has put out an all-points edict, also

all-areolas, ordering North Koreans to be on the lookout for women with un-socialist breasts.

The [precipitant](#) is an "ongoing show trial of two women in their 20s accused of undergoing breast enhancement operations by a backstreet surgeon."

As you know, every socialist breast is the product of the forces of dialectical materialism, in consequence of which such bosoms, albeit firm and loyal to the supreme leader, are often Marxist-Leninist to a fault. Normally, then, we expect collectivist cleavage to be immune to capitalist leering as well as any other such "rotten capitalist act."

Now, however, North Korea has turned a corner in its attitude toward mammary glands. Everyone is being ordered to stare at women well below eye level, especially any that might have benefited from augmentation in violation of *Das Kapital*.

While this new all-eyes alert may sound like a recreational activity for most men, it won't be fun for the women who get dragged off to hospitals to be medically examined to determine whether their breasts are entirely for real or have been corrupted by "bourgeois customs."

But North Korea isn't supposed to be fun.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.