

A Comparison of Punishments Specified in the Anti-Reactionary Thought Law and Actual Punishments in the Country

Type of Crime	Specific Offenses	Punishments Stipulated by the Law	Actual Punishments
<p style="text-align: center;">Importing and distributing foreign media content</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Importing songs, drawings, photos or “designs” related to South Korean culture</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5-15 years of forced labor (Article 27)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Importation: Death, or you and three generations of your family get sent to a political prison camp run by the Ministry of State Security</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Importing South Korean movies, recordings, videos or books</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Life in a forced labor camp or death, depending on severity of crime (Article 27)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Distribution: Death, or you and the family members you live with get sent to a political prison camp run by the Ministry of Social Security</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Importing films, recordings, videos or books that contain the culture of an “enemy country” (the United States or Japan) or those from another country that include material “opposed” to North Korea</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Up to 15 years in a forced labor camp (Article 28)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 years to life of forced labor, depending on the act</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Importing a lot of recordings, videos and books from an “enemy country”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Life in a forced labor camp or death, depending on severity of crime (Article 28)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Watching or possessing foreign media content</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Watching or possession of South Korean movies, recordings, videos, songs, drawings or photos</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5-15 years of forced labor (Article 27)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Consumption: You get life of forced labor, while your immediate family gets exiled to rural areas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Possession: You get life of forced labor, while your immediate family gets exiled to rural areas, though this depends on how many videos you watched and what kinds</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Watching South Korean recordings, videos or books in a group, or “organizing” or “instigating” others to watch them</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Life in a forced labor camp or death, depending on severity of crime (Article 27)</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Watching or possessing movies, recordings, videos, books, songs, drawings or photos from an “enemy country”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Up to 10 years in a forced labor camp, depending on the severity of the crime (Article 28)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 years to life of forced labor, depending on the act</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Watching large amounts of recordings or videos from an enemy country, or “organizing” or “instigating” others to watch them</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Up to 15 years in a forced labor camp, depending on the severity of the crime (Article 28)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 years to life of forced labor, depending on the act</p>