



# South Korean Culture

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# OLD WORLD TRADITIONS VS. NEW IDEAS



# NCSS Standards

- I. Cultures and Cultural Diversity
- II. Time, Continuity and Change
- III. People, Places and Environments
- V. Individuals, Groups and Institutions
- VIII. Science, Technology and Society

# Human Geography

- **Content Standard 3: The student will evaluate textual and visual evidence to analyze the components and regional variations of cultural patterns and processes.**
  1. Assess the spatial dimensions of culture as defined by language, religion, race, ethnicity, and gender.
  2. Analyze and summarize the role the environment plays in determining a region's culture.
  3. Explain the processes of cultural diffusion, acculturation, assimilation, and globalization regarding their impact on defining a region.
  4. Compare and contrast the world's major cultural landscapes to analyze cultural differences, cultural identity, social mores and sets of beliefs which determine a sense of place.
  5. Summarize the impact of the world's major religions of Buddhism, Christianity, Daoism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism on modern societies.

# World History

- Content Standard 6: The student will evaluate contemporary global issues and challenges.

3. Cite specific textual and visual evidence to describe the impact of ongoing cultural diffusion as a result of the development of mass communication, social media, transportation systems, and global trade.



# Korean Values

- Korean Family



# ○ Korean Ancestors



# ○Confucianism



# Korean Education

- School day 8 am -4 pm
- Hagwon (cram school) 5/6 pm- 9-10 pm
- Saturday School
- Suneung



# Personal Appearance

- Plastic surgery capital of the world
- Personal skin care (male/female)
- Clothing

● <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CH1XGdu-hzQ>



# How Korean Girls Like to Be Pretty: Korean Beauty Standards

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJYMYRTvteo&list=PLG5SDYDcPq\\_wboXrAFFgvGjwMWEuub7Gh&index=23](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJYMYRTvteo&list=PLG5SDYDcPq_wboXrAFFgvGjwMWEuub7Gh&index=23)



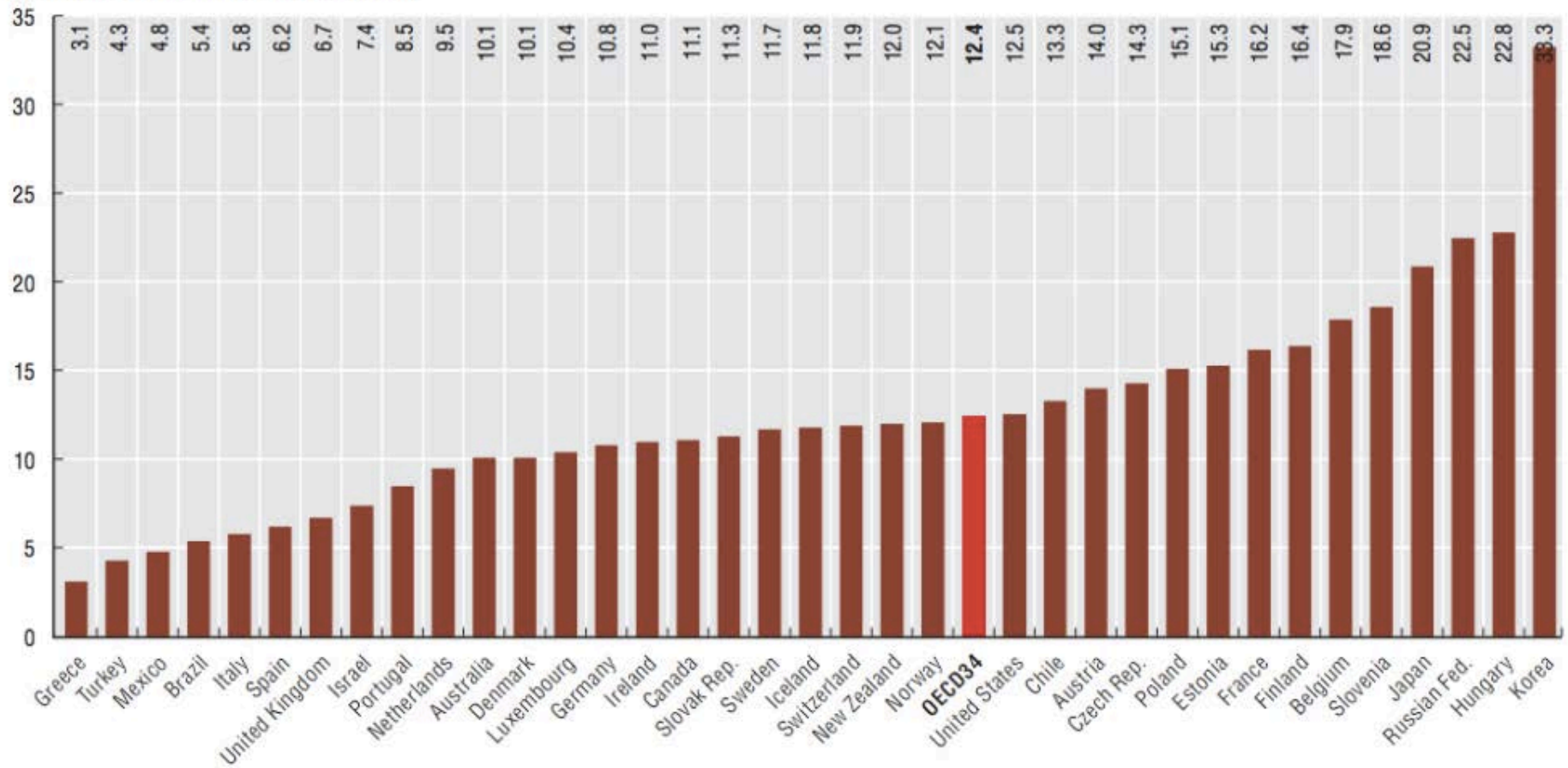
# Problems

- Highest Suicide rate in the industrialized nations (2012 around 40 a day)
- Due to high stake testing students are becoming robotic?



### 1.6.1. Suicide mortality rates, 2011 (or nearest year)

Age-standardised rates per 100 000 population





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