

Orwell shows us that oppressive rulers have a tendency to give themselves luxuries that ordinary citizens are denied. The same situation is true in North Korea. Reporter Sarah Wang travelled to North Korea in 2009 and discovered great disparities in wealth, especially on the train where, “well-dressed North Koreans took up the majority of seats...they were the only fat North Koreans that I saw on the trip”(Wang). Economic inequality is its own form of oppression. Wang also recalls a picture that she took with two school boys, “I could clearly feel their ribs when I put my hands on their backs.” When people spend their energy thinking about their next meal, then they don’t have the energy to stand up against the government. By the time the pigs are in full control of the farm, the other animals are suffering, “sometimes the long hours on insufficient food were hard to bear” (Orwell 120). The animals on Orwell’s farm received nothing in return for their constant loyalty, not even adequate food. The animals just lived while the rulers thrived. Sadly, this same economic tyranny still exists today.