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**Project Title:** Silent Victory: Transnational Redress Movement of Korean Atomic Bomb Victims

**Brief Abstract:**

The literature on transnational social movements paints a picture of aggrieved local actors vying for global visibility and strategically adopting global norms to remedy their domestic grievances. This typical image of transnational activism, however, does not fully align with a social movement that I propose to study: the transnational redress movement of Korean atomic bomb victims, also known as Korean *hibakusha*. This understudied binational movement that crosses the often-frosty national borders of Korea and Japan represents a case of low-profile, small-scale transnational activism, where activists deviate from the trend of courting powerful transnational advocates and adopting international norms. Still, against all odds, the movement has been efficacious. Why? By answering this question, I seek to contribute to the interconnected literatures on issue emergence, transnational social movement efficacy, and international norms.

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