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South Korea's elderly alt-right unite on YouTube | Rest of World

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On the afternoon of the March 1 Independence Day, 85-year-old Jeong Nam-yeon marched for over an hour in the piercing wind and rain to sing the Korean national anthem in front of Seoul Station with a small group of her conservative acquaintances.

Lifting identical Samsung Galaxy smartphones in the air to livestream the scene on YouTube, the elderly protesters declared in trembling voices that liberal President Moon Jae-in was a "red communist" who needed to be ousted.

That morning, Jeong had opened her veranda windows to proudly hang a large Taegeukgi – Korean national flag – only to peer outside to a vast emptiness of space and realize she was alone in her celebration.

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