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COMFORT WOMEN: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SOCIETAL ORIGINS

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During Japanese occupation in World War II, the Japanese recruited sex slaves, often referred to as “comfort women,” to satisfy the sexual appetite of their army. This presentation will be a comparative study which examines the societal origins of these comfort women and how the Japanese filled comfort women in accordance to army rank. Research has shown that the women were from a variety of backgrounds and countries. The findings show that the Japanese were more calculated than spontaneous in their overall recruitment of the comfort women, and although there are many different countries represented in this study, this is a prevalent overarching occurrence.