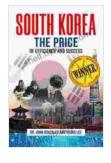
South Korea: The Price of Efficiency and Success

South Korea is a country that has achieved remarkable economic success in recent decades. In the 1960s, the country was one of the poorest in the world. Today, it is one of the wealthiest, with a GDP per capita of over \$30,000.

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However, South Korea's success has come at a price. The country's relentless focus on efficiency and productivity has led to a number of social problems, including long working hours, high levels of stress, and a decline in social cohesion.

Long Working Hours

South Koreans work some of the longest hours in the world. The average South Korean works over 2,000 hours per year, compared to the average American who works around 1,700 hours per year.

This long work culture is driven by a number of factors, including a competitive job market and a culture that values hard work and dedication.

Long working hours can have a number of negative consequences, including fatigue, burnout, and health problems.

High Levels of Stress

South Korea is also one of the most stressed-out countries in the world. A recent study found that over 80% of South Koreans report feeling stressed on a regular basis.

This stress is caused by a number of factors, including long working hours, financial pressure, and a competitive social environment.

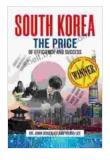
High levels of stress can lead to a number of health problems, including anxiety, depression, and heart disease.

Decline in Social Cohesion

South Korea's focus on efficiency and productivity has also led to a decline in social cohesion. South Koreans are increasingly isolated from their families and communities, and they spend less time socializing with friends and neighbors. This decline in social cohesion has a number of negative consequences, including increased loneliness, social anxiety, and depression.

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It is important to find a balance between economic success and social wellbeing. South Korea must find ways to reduce working hours, improve worklife balance, and strengthen social cohesion.



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