

What we're watching: Trump salutes North Korean general

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A newly released North Korean documentary on the summit between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un includes footage of crowds cheering Kim, and of Trump saluting a North Korean general.



Why it matters: The video Kim smiling alongside the president of the U.S., which has historically been depicted as an evil power in North Korean propaganda. It also provides North Koreans a rare glimpse of a glitzy, modern city. The documentary has been aired four times in North Korea, per [38 North's Martin Williams](#).

"A lot of leaders of different countries have visited Singapore but it is unprecedented in the history of Singapore to have streets filled with the welcoming crowd like this."

— Narration from the video, per CNN

The video showed the first meeting between Kim and Trump, as well as Trump saluting a Korean military officer. It also included images of the joint declaration — both in Korean and English — including the words "[complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula](#)."

Be smart: This documentary is a propaganda piece that paints a peaceful picture of Jong-un, but the leader has a gruesome track record on human rights and a history of threats against [both this](#) and [past administrations](#).

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