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총 6권 완간(完刊)

Q: Why do Koreans not steal things in public places?

A:

1. I'm not sure if Koreans are especially ethical compared to people in other countries. Most of the public places in Korea are very crowded and people are always watching each other. If you think everyone is watching you, you don't have the guts to do something wrong, or you feel you will not get away with it. But as you can see, we have many corruption scandals and Koreans tend to bend the rules, so maybe Koreans do commit crimes in other areas rather than stealing things in public places.
2. We have surveillance cameras almost everywhere and if you steal things and people report the theft to the police, chances are you're going to get caught eventually. We all know that, so we don't dare do something wrong in public places.
3. I think Koreans are more ethical in general or at least are educated to be so. We do have criminals in Korea, but the crime rate is relatively low compared to America. I think most Koreans simply want to live a peaceful and honest life. A limited number of unethical businessmen, criminals and corrupt politicians who are constantly in the news make it seem that crime is high. But, in reality, it is not the case.