

Factors in the Continuation of Bullfighting in Tokunoshima Island, Japan

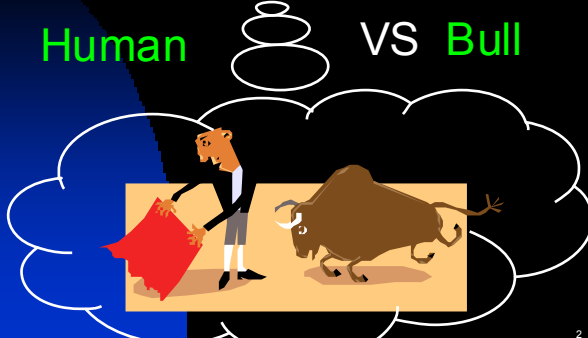


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Bullfighting.....?

Human VS Bull



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Bullfighting in Japan

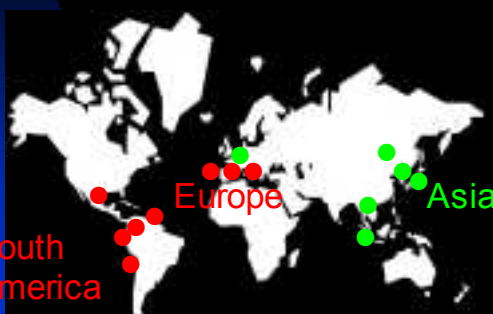
Bull VS Bull



Motivator

Bullfights of the world

● Human VS Bull ● Bull VS Bull




South America Europe Asia

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Bullfighting in Japan

- Type: Bull VS Bull
- Loser: Run away-bull **NOT DIE**
- Origination: agricultural amusement



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The aim of the study

clarification

- How bullfighting is continued ?
- What is its significance in the Tokunoshima Islands?

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Staying focus on the people who involved in the fight.

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Reference

Geertz



People fight through animal's fight.



My study focus on

- **Actors** of Bullfighting
- the **social relation** created by bullfighting

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Definition of Roles

Bull's **owner**
Bull's **motivator** + Owner's **Family**
Owner's **neighbor**



- significance of the bullfighting in the region
- succession to the next generation

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Problems of another districts



- Lack of **successors**
- **Aging** of Owners



- Tourism
- Backup by village offices



Continuation of Bullfighting

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Feature of Tokunoshima Island

- **Children** likes bullfighting.
- Many **young** people have bulls.

- **No Aging** of owners
- Plenty of **Successors**



WHY?

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Tokunoshima Island

- Population : 28,090 (2000)
- Major industry : sugar cane
- Bulls: about 500



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Back up

- spectators: 2,000~5,000
- × Tourism
- × Administration

Owners From Okinawa Tourist




residents


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Management of Bullfighting

Many people share expenses and income.

investment → Fee - expense = dividend

Promoters Spectators Owners Promoters



Many spectators back up games by paying entrance fee.

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Life of owners





↑ With all their family ↑
Share the same bull house →


Relation between people

Motivation to be a owner

0 12 18 30 Age

① ② ③ ④


- ① Baby ~ Elementary: Parents
- ② Adolescence: Rebellion, meet boys&girls
- ③ Young adult: Economic independence
- ④ Adult: Region



School and Bullfighting controversy in the island

Positive

“To encourage kids”
“To stimulate the island”



Bullfighting Club

Negative

“root of all evil”
“Bring down n kids”

School rule

- No owners
- No motivators




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Local Education in bull houses

Children ← Owners

How to treat bulls

→ How to behave

Sharing a bull by a number of owners

Wives

Children

Relatives
Neighbors
Gifts
Tickets

Signification of Bullfighting



Joy of Victory

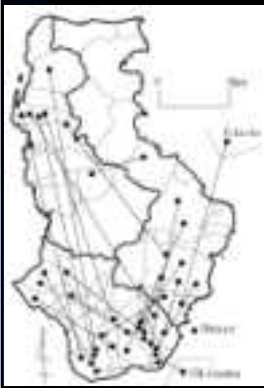
- Stress Release
- Local valuation
"Effort and Luck"



Sharing the joy

Good relations among families and neighbors

Rules of Fighting



- Don't fight against your **neighbors** nor your **friends**.
- Sportsmanship
"Become **friends** after game."

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Impact on people outside

Emigrants from the island

Bullfighting gives me **emotional support**.



Kobe city

- 30,000 people from Tokunoshima
- 1990': reproduction of **bullfighting**

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Conclusion

Continuation of Bullfighting

Bullfighting plays roles in...

- Raising **young** people.
- Making social **value**, Local **identity**
- Making good relation among people internal and external islands.

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Thank you.

