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With the unceasing development on financial status as well as the living soul's well being, people confer more meaning to the sense of belonging and unification compared to the bygone days. However, recently, the issue of discrimination among multicultural families within the Korean society has aroused a new controversy. Though this matter certainly is many-sided and it has evoked various reactions among the populace, there seems to be a cause triggering such social problem : the human belief system .

Since the beginning of human history, mankind has gone through numerous modifications regarding the thinking system . One of the most strong and distinct feature of human's belief system is the tendency to think and believe in a specific way based on the information gathered through the sensory system . Once humans form a belief, they become very reluctant to accept any changes happening to that belief. This can be one of the factors contributing to the discrimination and social exclusion of multicultural families. Since most of the foreign workers or members of multicultural families come from developing countries, when Koreans encounter such people, Koreans tend to regard them as being inferior to themselves. Due to the fact that the belief system , 'People living in poor or developing nations are inferior.' already being established in Koreans' minds, it becomes really difficult for them not to think so. Even though they realize their belief system has been incorrect, they seek to find new evidence that will prove their belief system's legitimacy. As this belief system cannot be rectified, it becomes more and more dominant in nowadays society.

As an effort to resolve such issue, the concept of the paradox of 'self and other' can be used. The paradox of 'self and other' basically refers to viewing all relationships being parasitic. When applied to interpersonal or social relationships, this can be the key to solving above mentioned problem . Since all humans are selfish, just differing in the degree of being selfish, they have the tendency to think other's gain equals to their own loss. This goes same for the Koreans. They believe if foreigners come into their own land and benefit, it becomes deleterious to themselves. It



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seems like the foreigners are taking away what should have been their own. If this way of thinking can be eradicated and if Koreans start to look at foreigners as their companions, not their enemies, viewing their relationships being complementary, not parasitic, the social exclusion or racial discrimination will disappear, making the world a better place to live for all human mankind.