As reports on North Korea dominated American news earlier this year, many of us found ourselves scratching our heads. How can such a small country pose such a large threat? And why are they threatening the United States? Our expert panel will touch on subjects ranging from human rights to Kim Jong-Un’s obsession with basketball in order to explain the motivations and actions of the “hermit kingdom.”

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