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This dissertation examined the direct, contextual, and symbolic meanings of the demands made by *hibakusha* for an 'official apology' and 'state compensation' from the US and Japanese governments.

Chapter I of the dissertation presented the research objectives. Chapter II explained the characteristics of the measures offered to *hibakusha* by the US and Japanese governments. Chapter III reviewed existing literature on *hibakusha*'s perspectives and victims' long-term demands for reparations. Chapter IV outlined an analytical framework elucidating how reparations acquire meaning for victims. Thereafter, it explained the three parts of the applied mixed-methods analysis, which included statistical model-based analysis and qualitative content analysis. The data came from two surveys (collected in 2005 by *Asahi Shimbun*, Hiroshima University, and Nagasaki University and *Nihon Hidankyò*) and interviews with *hibakusha*. Chapter V presented the study's outcomes. First, it clarified the characteristics of the *hibakusha*, based on their injuries, who demanded an 'official apology' and 'state compensation'. Next, it examined the priority given to these two demands in the context of *hibakusha*'s other demands. Finally, it explored the self-perceived symbolic meanings ascribed by *hibakusha* to the two measures.

The dissertation concluded (Chapter VI) that *hibakusha*'s demands for an 'official apology' and 'state compensation' were invested with multilayered meanings. The provision of the two measures was associated with the need for the two governments to recognise the totality, unjustifiability, and inhumanity of the atomic bomb damage and acknowledge their responsibility. The formal provision of unambiguous reparations was found to be especially meaningful to the worst-affected respondents and those who suffered emotional and socioeconomic injuries. The provision of the two measures was also found to be perceived as building a norm against recurrence, which was a major priority for most respondents. Furthermore, it was also observed that, for some respondents, pursuing the two measures was a dutiful action owed to others and, as such, was meaningful as a manifestation of empathy and social solidarity.

The study's outcomes provide a detailed account of *hibakusha's* perspectives. The dissertation stands out in its simultaneous discussion of *hibakusha's* demands towards both the US and Japanese governments. As such, it makes a significant contribution to the field of atomic bomb studies. In addition, it gives voice to opinions that are not easily

expressed by *hibakusha* in public. Furthermore, its outcomes provide insights for the development of appropriate measures for *hibakusha*, as well as other nuclear weapons victims. Lastly, the dissertation also contributes to the field of transitional justice by providing empirical evidence for some of the existing theoretical arguments regarding the concept of meaningful reparations.

Some of the main contents of the dissertation have already been published in two journal articles, one of them being in an SSCI IF journal. As a result of the above examination, the committee unanimously agreed that the dissertation is of sufficient value to confer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

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