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Social convoys are one way to describe an others with varying degrees of closeness throughout their lifetime. Often, family members (e.g., partners and children) comprise the **closest network** to an individual and provide critical support, such as personal care, whereas friends are more typically sources of social and emotional support. However, this stereotypical model of social convoys may not be appropriate for individuals who do not have close-knit families. This study aims to challenge the stereotype that older adults have universal, close-knit family support, particularly older Korean American immigrants. Even more, the study evaluates how family dynamics can impact

STUDY METHODS

Data were collected from 2017 to 2018 using a survey from the Study of Older Korean Americans (SOKA) conducted in Korean. Participants included 2,070 Korean Americans 60-years-

