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## Report on Korean Attitudes toward the U.S.

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## Perception of the current state of inter-Korean relations





## Who is responsible for the current tension between the two Koreas?





## Who is responsible for the sinking of the *Cheonan*?





## Who is responsible for the sinking of the Cheonan? - by age group

North Korea Not North Korea Don't know who is culprit





## Who is responsible for the sinking of *Cheonan*? - by education

North Korea Not North Korea Don't know who is culprit



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### Who is responsible for the sinking of the Cheonan?

#### - by presidential approval rating

North Korea Not North Korea Don't know who is culprit





## How likely is a war between the two Koreas?



Not likely at all
 Not very likely
 Moderately likely
 Very likely



## Why do you think that a war is unlikely?





- The North fears the defense capability of the South
- The North avoids a fratricidal war between the Koreas
- The economy of the North is too weak for waging a war
- The North cannot count on China's support in the event of a war
- Other



## Why do you think that a war is likely?



- The North wants to reunify by force of arms
- The North needs to maintain its current regime
- Due to the current Lee administration's firm policy towards the North
- Due to the diplomatic/economic pressures imposed by the Great Powers like the US





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## The U.S. favored by education

Graduate school attendance and above

4-year college attendance/withdrawal/graduate

Technical college attendance/withdrawal/graduate

Lower than high school diploma





### The U.S. favored by age group





## The U.S. favored by ideological stance



Unfavorable
Neutral
Favorable



## To what extent do you agree...

- Do not agree at all
- Somewhat agree

- Do not agree very much
- Agree very much

The U.S. is an obstacle to reconciliation/cooperation 7 5 50 38 between the North and the South The U.S. was an obstacle 5 to the democratization of 8 33 55 the South The U.S. is responsible 5 6 **50** 38 for Korea's division



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## Do you think that South Korea alone can win a war against North Korea?



- Not likely at all
- Not very likely
- Likely on the whole
- Very likely



### Do you think that South Korea alone can win a war against North Korea? - by education level

Not likely to win alone Likely to win alone



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## Do you think that South Korea alone can deter North Korea from starting a war?



- Not able at all
- Not very able
- Able on the whole
- Very able



### South Korea alone can deter North Korea from starting a war - by education level



4-year college attendance/withdr awal/graduate

Technical college attendance/withdr awal/graduate

Lower than high school diploma



## Will China intervene on behalf of North Korea in the event of a war?





### Do you think that the ROK-U.S. alliance will continue to be necessary in the future?



- Not necessary at all
- Not very necessary
- Necessary to some degree
- Very necessary



### **The continuation of ROK-US alliance**

 by Do you think that South Korea alone can win a war against North Korea?



Necessary

Not necessary



### The continuation of ROK-US alliance

 by the perceived likelihood of Chinese intervention for North Korea in the event of a war



### The continuation of ROK-US alliance - by the U.S. favorability



Not necessary

Necessary



### The continuation of ROK-US alliance

- by How do you feel about North Korea's development of nuclear weapons?







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## How do you feel about North Korea's development of nuclear weapons?



- Very threatened
- Somewhat threatened
- Not very threatened
- Not threatened at all



#### How do you feel about North Korea's development of nuclear weapons

 by the perceived likelihood of South Korea's winning a war against North Korea



- Very threatened
- Not very threatened
- Somewhat threatened
- Not threatened at all



#### How do you feel about North Korea's development of nuclear weapons? - by the U.S. favorability



Very threatened

Not very threatened

Somewhat threatenedNot threatened at all



## How do you feel about North Korea's development of nuclear weapons?

by presidential job approval



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# Who is most responsible for the failure to resolve the North Korean nuclear problem?





#### Who is most responsible for the non-resolution of the North Korean nuclear problem? - by U.S. favorability



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## What policy do you think is desirable in dealing with the North Korean nuclear threat?



- Continuous Military pressure
- Continuous Economic pressue
- Strengthening economic ties between the South and the North
- US should guarantee the survival of the N.Korean regime



#### What policy do you think is desirable in dealing with the North Korean nuclear threat? by U.S. favorability



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### Do you think that the US will use nuclear weapons to defend South Korea from North Korea's nuclear attacks?





#### Do you think that the U.S. will use nuclear weapons to defend South Korea if the North attacks the South? - by age group





## Do you think that the U.S. will use nuclear weapons to defend South Korea if the North attacks the South?

- by education

Graduate school attendance and above

4-year college attendance/withdrawal/graduate

Technical college attendance/withdrawal/graduate

Lower than high school diploma





## Do you think that the U.S. will use nuclear weapons to defend South Korea if the North attacks the South?

#### - by U.S. favorability



■ Not likely ■ Likely



## Do you think that the U.S. will use nuclear weapons to defend South Korea if the North attacks the South? *by* the perceived need for ROK-US alliance



Not likely Likely



## South Korea should also develop nuclear weapons



- Wholeheartedly disagree
- Disagree on the whole
- Agree on the whole
- Wholeheartedly agree



#### South Korea should also develop nuclear weapons

#### by the perceived likelihood of the U.S. use of nuclear weapons in the event of the North's attack



- Wholeheartedly disagree
- Agree on the whole

- Disagree on the whole
- Wholeheartedly agree





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