South Korean Public’s Perception on North Korea’s provocations - UNSCR 1874 PoE meeting -

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MISSION STATEMENT

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- FMWG international partner (22 May 2013)
- Knowledge Summit (NGO summit): co-organizer of the official side event for the Hague Nuclear Security Summit 2014
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- The survey uses the three-day rolling average, and employs RDD for mobile and landline phones.

- The sample size for each is 1,000.

- The margin of error is ±3.1% at the 95% confidence level.
NEGATIVE PERCEPTIONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY: January to May 2013

Current

- Feb. 12
- March 5
- March 7
- March 11-21
- April 8
- May 3

Future

- Feb. 25
- North Korea's 3rd Nuclear Test
- North Korean threats abandoning armistice
- ROK-US joint Key Resolve exercise
- April 7
- April 9
- May 7
- May 7

Events:
- Sanctions against North Korea passed by the U.N. Security Council
- President Park's Inauguration
- Suspending the operation of the Gaesung Industrial Complex
- Korea-U.S. Summit
Threat Perception of North Korea's 3rd Nuclear Test

Do you feel threatened by North Korea’s nuclear test?

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Support  Oppose  Don't Know

Total 59.9 39.3
Threat Perception of North Korea's 3rd Nuclear Test

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Threat Perception of North Korea's 3rd Nuclear Test

Do you feel threatened by North Korea’s nuclear test?

Legend:
- Support
- Oppose
- Don’t Know

Total:
- 59.9% Support
- 39.3% Don’t Know

Age:
- 60s:
  - Support: 72.1%
  - Oppose: 41.9%
  - Don’t Know: 25.3%
- 50s:
  - Support: 57.1%
  - Oppose: 41.9%
  - Don’t Know: 25.3%
- 40s:
  - Support: 50.6%
  - Oppose: 49.4%
  - Don’t Know: 25.3%
- 30s:
  - Support: 56.8%
  - Oppose: 43.2%
  - Don’t Know: 25.3%
- 20s:
  - Support: 64.4%
  - Oppose: 35.5%
  - Don’t Know: 25.3%
Preemptive Strike on Nuclear Test Site

In responding to the nuclear Threat of North Korea,
What do you think of a preemptive strike on North Korea’s nuclear test site?

36.3% Necessary
4.6% Don't Know/ No Response
59.1% Reluctant
Opinions on South Korean Government Response

What stance should South Korea take in responding to North Korea’s nuclear test?

- Negotiate and Cooperate with North Korea: 38.0%
- Economic Sanctions: 30.1%
- Considering All Hard-line Policies: 21.8%
- Recognize North Korea as De Facto Nuclear Weapons State: 6.6%
South Korean Nuclear Weapons Program

Do you think South Korea should develop nuclear weapons?

- 31.1% Oppose
- 2.4% Don't Know
- 66.5% Support
South Korean Nuclear Weapons Program

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Total

- Support: 66.9%
- Oppose: 31.1%
- Don't Know: 2.4%

Age

- 60s: 79.5% Support, 14.4% Oppose, 2.4% Don't Know
- 50s: 70.9% Support, 25.8% Oppose, 2.4% Don't Know
- 40s: 70.7% Support, 28.9% Oppose, 2.4% Don't Know
- 30s: 61.2% Support, 37.7% Oppose, 2.4% Don't Know
- 20s: 49.0% Support, 49.7% Oppose, 2.4% Don't Know
Tactical Nuclear Weapons

Do you support or oppose the return of U.S. tactical nuclear weapons to South Korea?

- Support: 67.0%
- Oppose: 28.8%
- Don’t Know: 4.2%
In 2010, South Korea and the United States agreed to postpone the return of wartime operational control of South Korea’s armed forces from 2015. How should the plan move forward?
Transfer of Operational Control

In 2010, South Korea and the United States agreed to postpone the return of Wartime operational control of South Korea’s armed forces from 2015. How should the plan move forward?

31.1% Oppose
5.2% Don't Know/ No Response
63.7% Support
Necessity of ROK-Japan Military Cooperation

“Is military cooperation between South Korea and Japan, such as GSOMIA, necessary to better deal with the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?”

31.1
Not necessary

4.2
Don’t Know/ No Response

64.7
Necessary
Missile Defense

Which of the following do you most agree with regarding missile defense?

18.9%
Participate in U.S. MD System

2.4%
Don’t Know/ No Response

72.5%
Establish an Independent Korean MD System
1. Effectiveness of the UN Sanctions
2. Negotiations vs. Sanctions

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3. Military sanctions vs. Economic Sanctions

In responding to the nuclear Threat of North Korea,
What do you think of a preemptive strike on North Korea’s nuclear test site?

- Necessary: 36.3%
- Reluctant: 59.1%
- Don’t Know / No Response: 4.6%
Thank you very much