UNSCR 1540
and Peace and Security in Northeast Asia
- UNSCR 1540 Committee Expert Group meeting -

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies is an independent and non-partisan think-tank with the mandate to undertake policy-relevant researches to foster domestic, regional and international environments that are conducive to peace and the stability on the Korean peninsula and Korean reunification.
ASAN NUCLEAR POLICY AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER (ANPTC)

- Established in June 2012
- NSGEG roll-out events at the Hague and Vienna (March, 2013)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ThZJapjO0E
- FMWG international partner (22 May 2013)
- Knowledge Summit (NGO summit): co-organizer of the official side event for the Hague Nuclear Security Summit 2014
The Public Opinion Studies Center at the Asan Institute conducts public opinion surveys on a range of issues vital to South Korea’s security, politics, and culture. Its reports are distributed around the world to government, media, and analysts and it is quickly becoming one of the most trusted sources for public opinion analysis in South Korea.
ASAN DAILY SURVEY

- 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

- Sanctions against North Korea passed by the U.N. Security Council
- President Park’s Inauguration
- North Korea’s 3rd Nuclear Test
- North Korean threats abandoning armistice
- ROK-US joint Key Resolve exercise
- March 5
- March 11-21
- April 8
- May 3
- May 7
- Shut down of the Gaesung Industrial Complex
- Suspending the operation of the Gaesung Industrial Complex
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:

- Support: 59.9%
- Oppose: 39.3%
- Don't Know: 0.7%
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I ideological Disposition

Progressive: Support 54.0 | Oppose 45.6
Moderate: Support 57.1 | Oppose 42.7
Conservative: Support 64.2 | Oppose 35.1
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**Age**
- 60s: Support 72.1%, Oppose 25.3%
- 50s: Support 57.1%, Oppose 41.9%
- 40s: Support 50.6%, Oppose 49.4%
- 30s: Support 56.8%, Oppose 43.2%
- 20s: Support 64.4%, Oppose 35.5%
Opinions on South Korean Government Response

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

- **38.0%** Negotiate and Cooperate with North Korea
- **30.1%** Economic Sanctions
- **21.8%** Considering All Hard-line Policies
- **6.6%** Recognize North Korea as De Facto Nuclear Weapons State
In responding to the nuclear Threat of North Korea, What do you think of a preemptive strike on North Korea’s nuclear test site?
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
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LEGEND

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- Don't Know

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66.9
31.1

Age

60s
50s
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30s
20s

79.5
70.9
70.7
61.2
49.0
25.8
28.9
14.4
49.7
37.7

Do you support or oppose the return of U.S. tactical nuclear weapons to South Korea?
Is military cooperation between South Korea and Japan, such as GSOMIA, necessary to better deal with the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?
Missile Defense

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

- Participate in U.S. MD System: 18.9%
- Don’t Know/ No Response: 2.4%
- Establish an Independent Korean MD System: 72.5%
IMPLICATIONS

1. Effectiveness of the UN Sanctions
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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?"

- 36.3% Necessary
- 4.6% Don't Know/No Response
- 59.1% Reluctant
4. Non-proliferation culture and education matter
SEA LANES OF COMMUNICATION

Significance of Counter-proliferation Regional Network in Northeast Asia
Thank you very much