Korean Public Opinion on the ROK-US Alliance

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![Bar Chart]

Year | Good | Bad
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2010 | 94% | 7%
2011 | 94% | 6%
2012 | 93% | 7%
2013 | 84% | 17%

**Notes:**
- The chart shows the percentage of Good and Bad relations from 2010 to 2013.
- The data indicates a slight decrease in Good relations and an increase in Bad relations over the years.

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**Source:** The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
Blame for Poor South-North Relations

- US
- South Korea
- China
- North Korea

Year 2010:
- US: 12
- South Korea: 10
- China: 4

Year 2011:
- US: 10
- South Korea: 10
- China: 11

Year 2012:
- US: 14
- South Korea: 13
- China: 12

Year 2013:
- US: 10
- South Korea: 9
- China: 9

Graph showing the blame for poor South-North relations from 2010 to 2013.
North to Blame: By Age

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<th>Age</th>
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Attitudes on Economic Aid

Year | Unconditional | Dependent
--- | --- | ---
2011 | 27% | 73%
2012 | 32% | 69%
2013 | 25% | 75%

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Attitudes on *Unconditional* Economic Aid: By Age

![Pie chart showing attitudes on Unconditional Economic Aid by age group in 2012 and 2013.](chart)

- **20s**: 24% (2012), 16% (2013)
- **30s**: 36% (2012), 29% (2013)
- **40s**: 42% (2012), 32% (2013)
- **50s**: 32% (2012), 26% (2013)
- **60+**: 23% (2012), 21% (2013)
Attitudes on *Unconditional* Economic Aid: By Ideology
Country Favorability

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The favorability ratings are on a scale from 0 to 10.
U.S. Favorability: By Age

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Note: The numbers represent favorability scores.
North Korea Favorability: By Age
Threats after Reunification

- **China**
  - 2012: 61
  - 2013: 47

- **Japan**
  - 2012: 26
  - 2013: 38

- **U.S.**
  - 2012: 9
  - 2013: 9

- **Russia**
  - 2012: 2
  - 2013: 3
China as Threat: By Ideology

2012 | 2013

Conservative: 71 | 45

Moderate: 56 | 47

Progressive: 59 | 51
China Intervention in 2\textsuperscript{nd} Korean War

- Less likely
- More likely

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China’s Intervention *Less Likely*: By Age
Japan as Threat: By Ideology

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China Rise / Japan Alliance

2013

2011: 54%
2012: 45%
2013: 45%
Necessity of U.S. Alliance

- 2010: 87
- 2011: 91
- 2012: 94
- 2013: 96
Alliance Necessity Post-reunification

- Very Necessary: 24
- Necessary: 59
- Unnecessary: 13
- Very Unnecessary: 4
Necessity of U.S. Alliance: By Age

![Bar chart showing the necessity of U.S. alliance by age group. The chart compares the present and post-reunification periods. The percentage of support is shown for each age group: 20s (84%), 30s (81%), 40s (83%), 50s (82%), and 60+ (87%).]
Independent War Potential & Deterrence

- **War Potential**
- **War Deterrence**

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Confidence in U.S. Nuclear Umbrella

- **2010**: 51% Less likely, 49% More likely
- **2011**: 45% Less likely, 55% More likely
- **2012**: 52% Less likely, 48% More likely
- **2013**: 46% Less likely, 54% More likely
Stationing of U.S. Troops

Support

Oppose

- 2012: 67.8
- 2013: 80.1

- 2012: 32.2
- 2013: 19.9
Support for Stationing of U.S. Troops: By Age

![Bar chart showing support for stationing of U.S. troops by age in 2012 and 2013.](image)
Threat from North’s Nukes

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The graph shows the percentage of respondents who perceived the threat from North’s nuclear program as not a threat and as a threat from 2010 to 2013.
Developing Domestic Nuclear Weapons

![Chart showing support and opposition trends over years 2010 to 2013.]

- **Support**
  - 2010: 55.6
  - 2011: 62.6
  - 2012: 66.0
  - 2013: 62.9

- **Oppose**
  - 2010: 44.5
  - 2011: 37.4
  - 2012: 34.0
  - 2013: 37.1