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Report on U.S. Attitudes
toward the Republic of Korea

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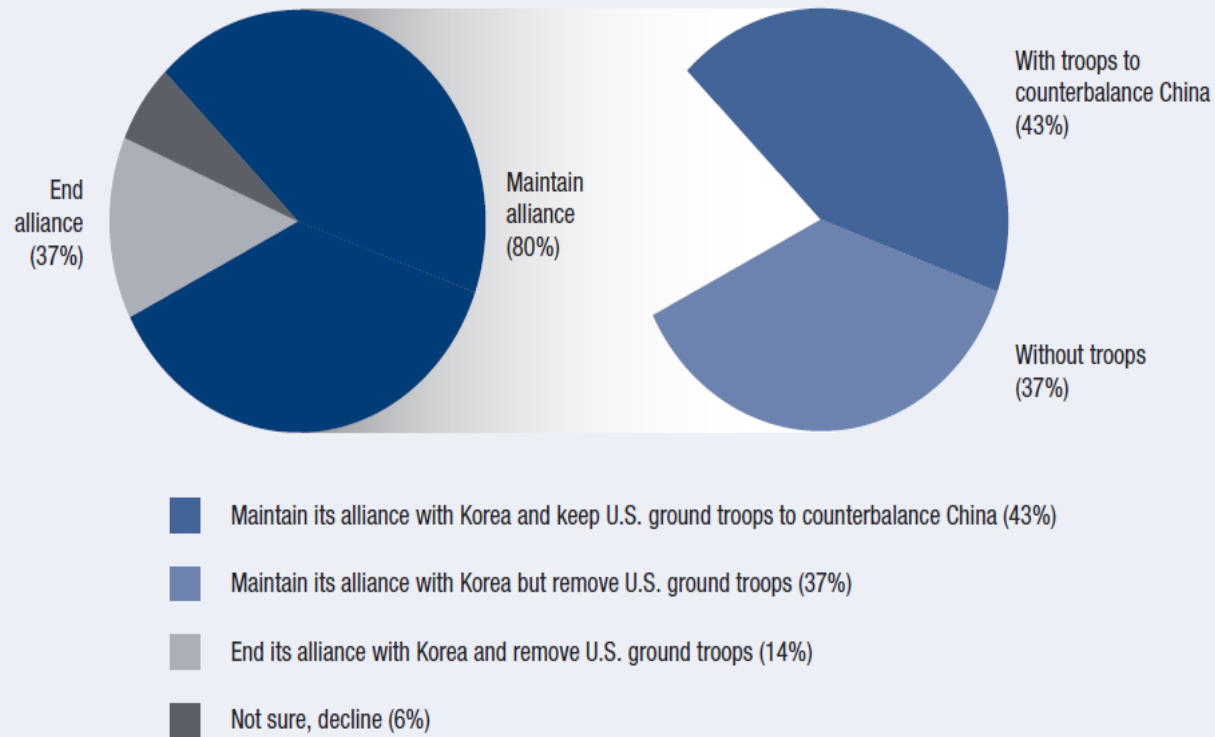
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I. The U.S. – ROK Alliance

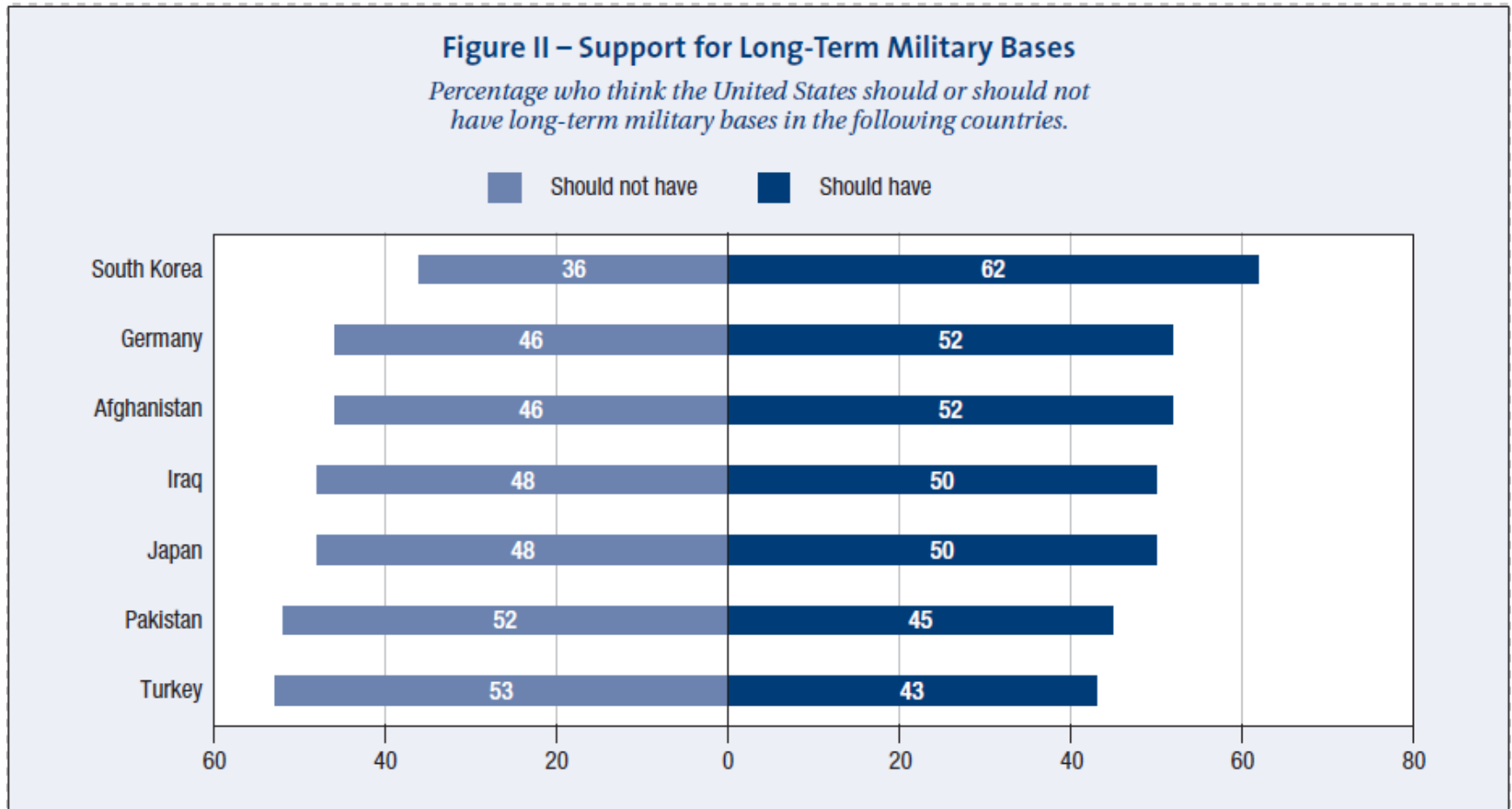
Figure I – Maintaining the Alliance if North and South Korea Reunify

Percentage who think the United States should do each of the following if North and South Korea were to reunify as a single nation.



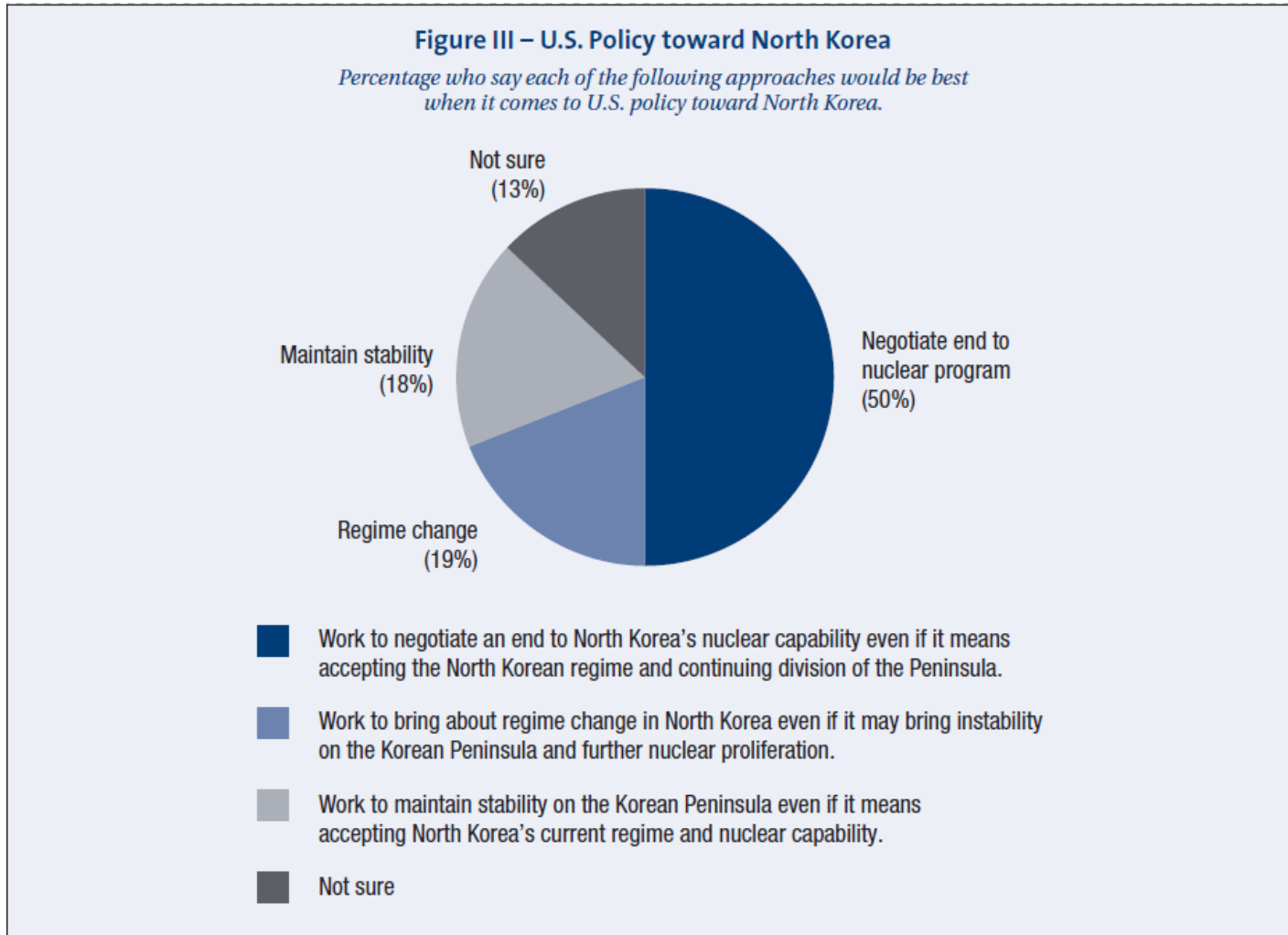
Finding: Americans positively assess the value of the U.S.–ROK alliance in East Asia.

II. U.S. Military Presence in South Korea



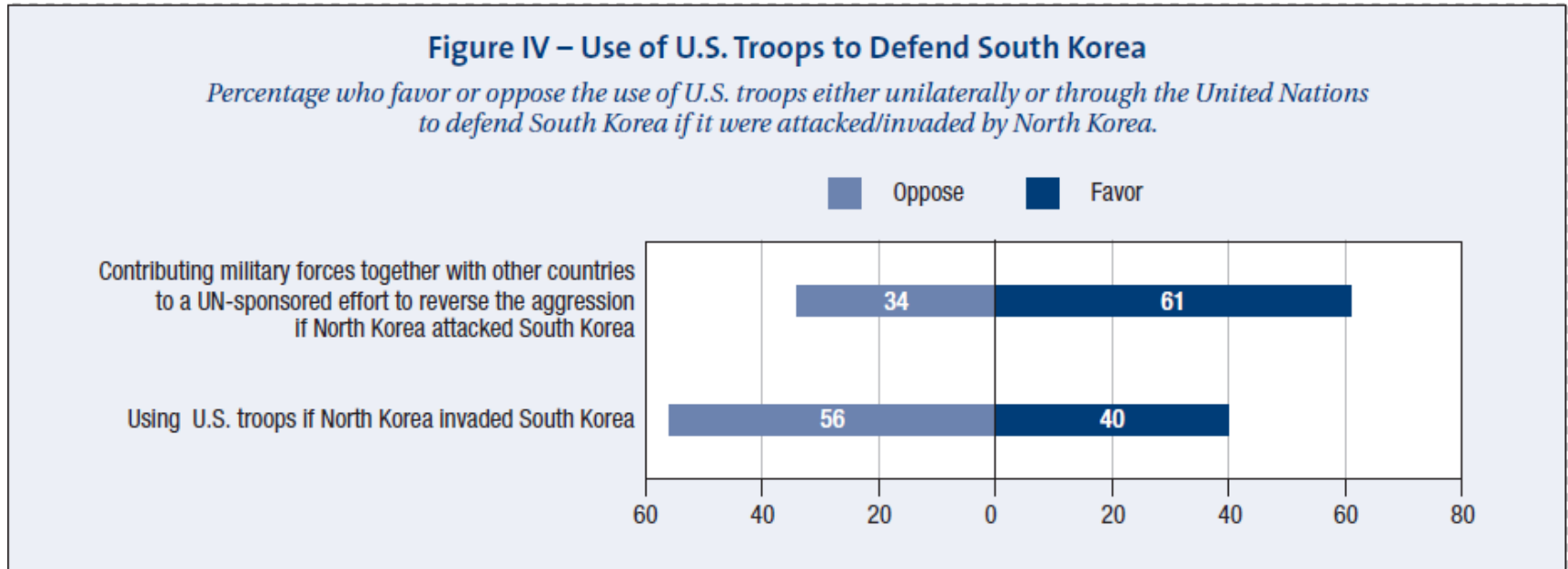
Finding: American support for a long-term U.S. military presence in South Korea is relatively strong.

III. North Korea Nuclear Issue



Finding: Americans support U.S. negotiations with North Korea as a means to end its nuclear program.

IV. North-South Conflict

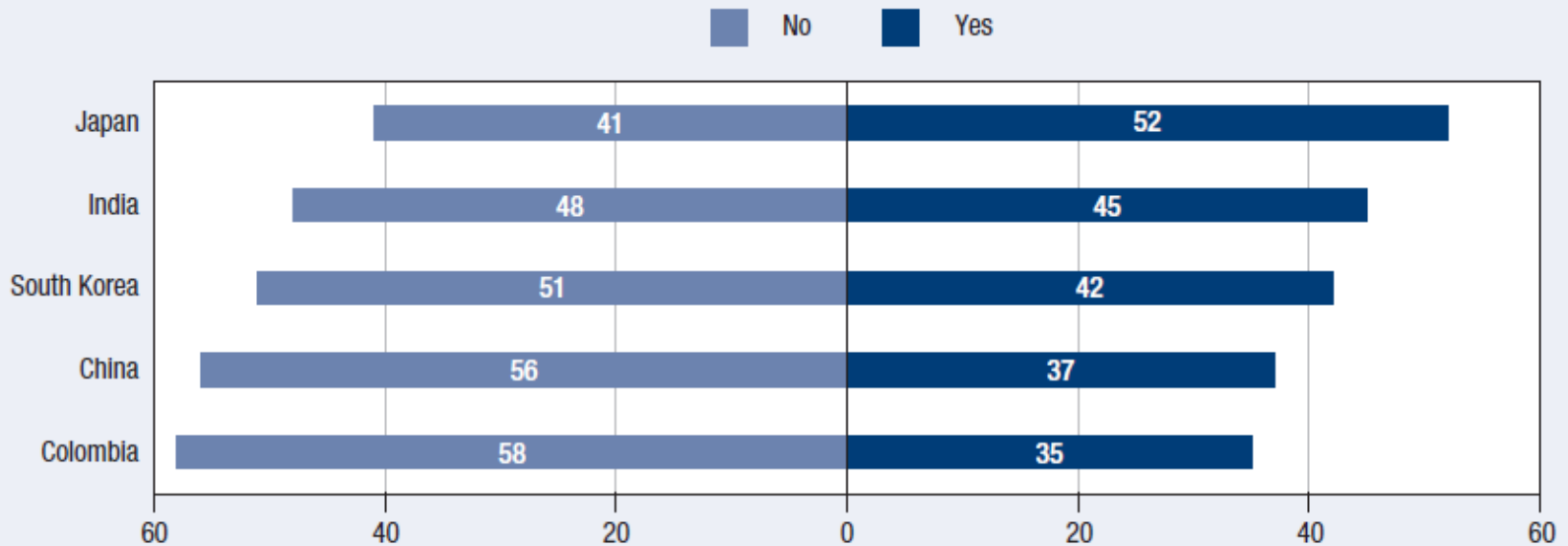


Finding: American support for U.S. military intervention to aid South Korea in the event of a North Korean attack is stronger in the context of a UN-sponsored multilateral effort.

V. Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement

Figure V – Support for Free Trade Agreements

Percentage who say yes or no when asked if the United States should have a free trade agreement that would lower barriers such as tariffs with the following countries.



Finding: American support for Senate approval of the Korea-U.S. free trade agreement is lukewarm; this appears to be the case with free trade agreements in general and is not particular to Korea.