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Issue: Addressing the nuclear threat  
on the Korean Peninsula

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# INTRODUCTION

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## 1. Escalating Nuclear Tensions

- *North Korea's nuclear weapons development and missile testing have significantly increased tensions, threatening regional stability and global security.*
- *These actions undermine international non-proliferation efforts, raising concerns about potential military conflict and nuclear proliferation.*

## 2. Diplomatic and Strategic Challenges

- *Past diplomatic efforts, including sanctions and negotiations like the Six-Party Talks, have faced setbacks in achieving denuclearization.*
- *The involvement of major powers such as the U.S., China, and South Korea is crucial, but diverging national interests often complicate finding a unified approach.*

## 3. Path to Sustainable Peace

- *A comprehensive solution requires a balanced approach, integrating diplomatic engagement, economic incentives for North Korea, and robust security measures.*
- *Addressing the root causes of the conflict, including North Korea's security concerns, is essential for building lasting peace and stability on the peninsula.*

# Background Information

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- **Korean War Legacy**

*The Korean Peninsula remains divided since the Korean War (1950-1953), which ended in an armistice but not a peace treaty, leaving North and South Korea technically still at war.*

- **North Korea's Nuclear Development**

*North Korea began its nuclear program in the 1960s, conducting its first nuclear test in 2006, and has since steadily advanced its missile and nuclear capabilities.*

- **Diplomatic Efforts and Setbacks**

*Multiple negotiations, including the Six-Party Talks, aimed at denuclearization, have failed to achieve lasting results, with talks frequently disrupted by missile tests or military actions.*

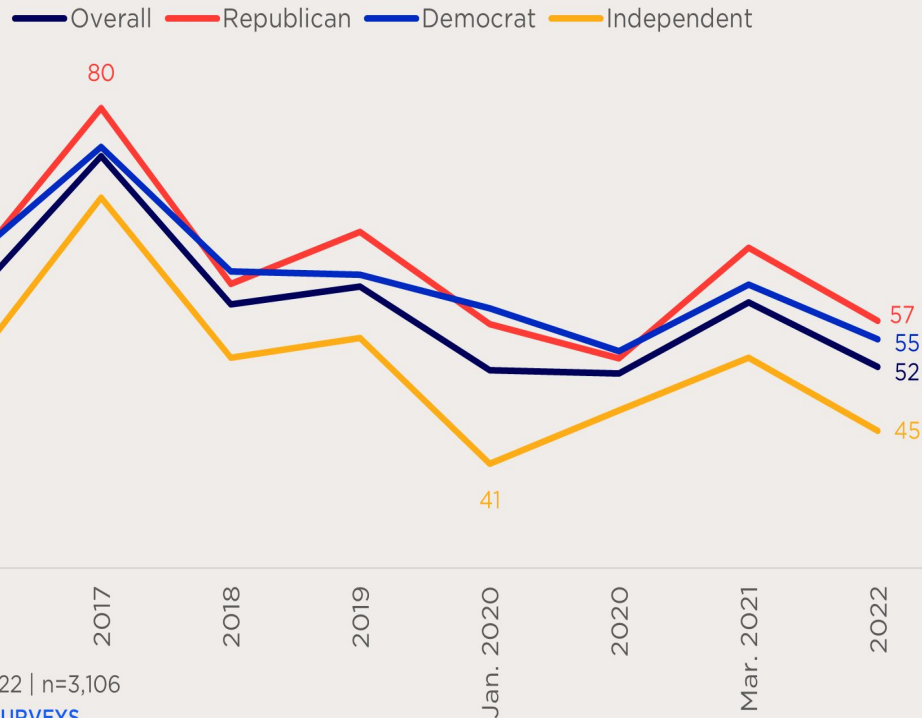
- **Impact on Regional and Global Security**

*The nuclear threat affects regional stability in Northeast Asia, involving major powers like the U.S., China, Japan, and Russia, and poses a challenge to global non-proliferation efforts*

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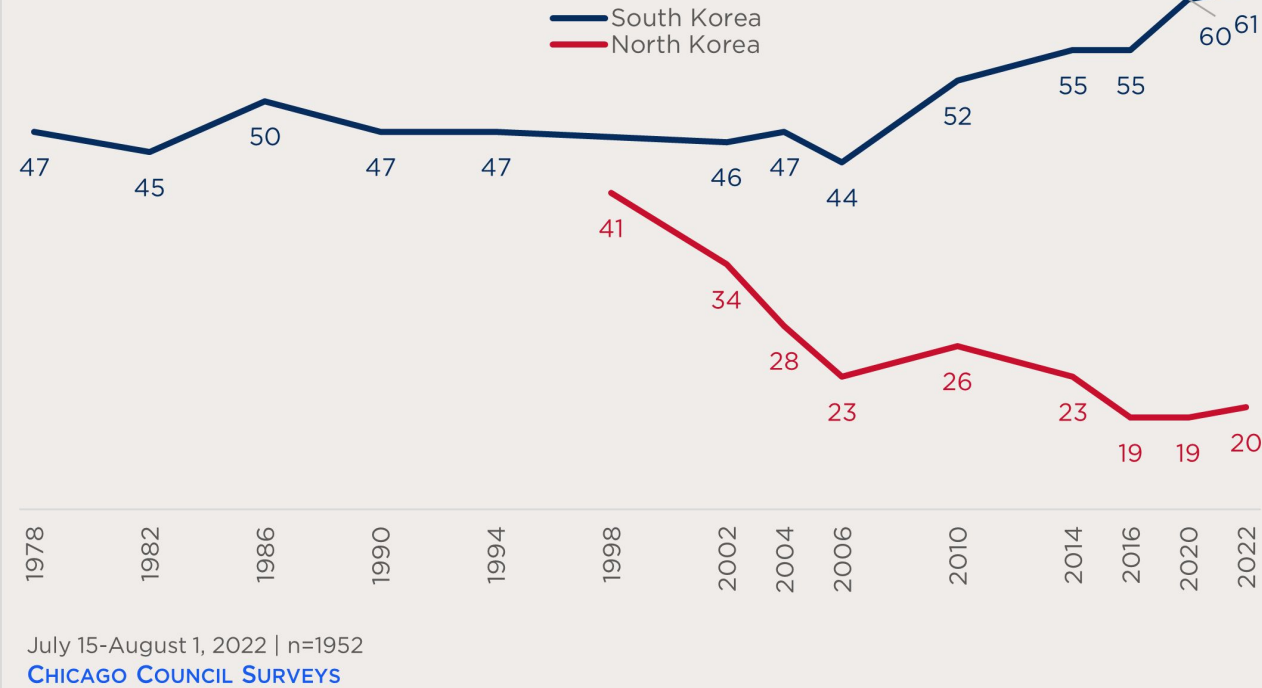
## North Korea's Nuclear Program

Below is a list of possible threats to the vital interests of the United States in the next 10 years. For each one, please select whether you see this as a critical threat, an important but not critical threat, or not an important threat at all: **North Korea's nuclear program** (% critical threat)



## Country Thermometer

Please rate your feelings toward some countries and people, with one hundred meaning a very warm, favorable feeling, zero meaning a very cold, unfavorable feeling, and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. (mean)



# Relevant Treaties or Past Solutions

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- Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) (1968)
- Joint Declaration of the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula (1992)
- Agreed Framework (1994)
- Six-Party Talks (2003-2009)
- United Nations Security Council Resolutions on North Korea
- Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) (1996)
- North-South Basic Agreement (1991)
- Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification of the Korean Peninsula (2018)
- Singapore Summit Joint Statement (2018)
- Hanoi Summit Joint Statement (2019)

# POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

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- **Diplomatic Engagement**

*Restart and sustain multilateral negotiations involving all key stakeholders, including North Korea, South Korea, the U.S., China, Russia, and Japan.*

- **Confidence-Building Measures**

*Implement measures such as communication hotlines, military de-escalation agreements, and joint humanitarian initiatives to build trust among the involved nations.*

- **Step-by-Step Denuclearization**

*Develop a phased approach where North Korea agrees to specific disarmament actions in exchange for corresponding economic incentives and sanctions relief.*

# APPENDICE

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1. <https://www.iiss.org/globalassets/media-library---content--migration/files/research-papers/dprk-strategic-capabilities-and-security-on-the-korean-peninsula---english3.pdf>

*Good review document for the issue*

2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsfToiFMdQY>

*YouTube link containing a brief summary of the issue.*