



# North Korea Now Seen as a Top Threat Facing the United States

## Topline

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**Q5:** [North Korea’s nuclear program] Below is a list of possible threats to the vital interest 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:

5/29. North Korea’s nuclear program

2017	Critical (%)	Important but not critical (%)	Not important (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	75	23	2	0
Republican	81	17	2	0
Democrat	75	24	1	0
Independent	72	25	3	0

**Q30:** [If North Korea invaded South Korea] There has been some discussion about the circumstances that might justify using U.S. troops in other parts of the world. Please give your opinion about some situations. Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. troops:

30/1. If North Korea invaded South Korea

2017	Favor (%)	Oppose (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	62	36	2
Republican	70	28	2
Democrat	59	39	2
Independent	61	37	2

Q44: Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable view of the following world leaders?

44/3. South Korean President Moon Jae-In

2017	Very favorable (%)	Somewhat favorable (%)	Somewhat unfavorable (%)	Very unfavorable (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	4	50	29	12	5
Republican	5	56	24	9	5
Democrat	5	47	29	15	5
Independent	4	49	33	11	3

44/6. North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un

2017	Very favorable (%)	Somewhat favorable (%)	Somewhat unfavorable (%)	Very unfavorable (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	2	4	12	79	3
Republican	1	4	11	82	3
Democrat	3	4	12	78	3
Independent	1	4	13	80	3

Q374: Please tell me whether you would support or oppose each of the following kinds of U.S. action to pressure North Korea to stop building its nuclear weapons program:

374/5. Accept that North Korea will produce additional nuclear weapons

2017	Support (%)	Oppose (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	11	85	4
Republican	11	85	4
Democrat	13	84	4
Independent	10	87	3

374/12. Accept that North Korea will possess nuclear weapons in exchange for an agreement guaranteeing it will not produce additional nuclear weapons

2017	Support (%)	Oppose (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	21	74	5
Republican	17	78	5
Democrat	26	70	4
Independent	19	78	3

374/6. Impose tighter economic sanctions on North Korea

2017	Support (%)	Oppose (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	76	20	4
Republican	84	13	3
Democrat	76	21	3
Independent	74	23	3

374/8. Conduct airstrikes against North Korea's nuclear production facilities

2017	Support (%)	Oppose (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	40	55	5
Republican	54	40	5
Democrat	33	63	4
Independent	38	59	3