# U.S. Bases--South Korea

Start of Block: Consent

Q1 **Please read this short introduction before accepting the invitation. You are being invited to participate in a research study of South Korean public opinion.** The purpose of the study is to understand how people think about current affairs in South Korea. Your participation in the study is voluntary. If you decide to participate, it will take you approximately 15 minutes to complete the survey. You can end your participation at any moment. Your responses will be completely anonymous. Under no circumstances will identifying information will be published. The results will be used for articles and academic publications. **After finishing the last question, you can indicate if you wish to participate in a raffle of a cash prize of 50,000 KRW.** One winner will be chosen from each 80 people who enter the raffle. To sign up for the raffle, you will have to provide your name and e-mail, which will be stored in another database so that it is impossible to link them to your answers to the survey. There is a small risk that your name and email address could be publicly revealed. However, we will minimize this risk by encrypting the names and emails, protecting them with a password, and deleting them after the drawing. This study is being conducted by a doctoral student at Boston University, supervised by a professor of the same institution. **If you have any questions, you can contact:** Claudia Kim (cldk@bu.edu) or Taylor Boas (tboas@bu.edu). To obtain more information about your rights as a participant in this investigation, you can communicate with the Institutional Review Board of Boston University (irb@bu.edu or +1-617-358-6115).

- ○ I understand the information above and I agree to participate in this study. (1)
- ○ I do not want to participate in this study. (2)

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End of Block: Consent

Start of Block: Eligibility 1

Q2 Are you South Korean?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q3 Do you live in South Korea?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

End of Block: Eligibility 1

Start of Block: Eligibility 2

Q4 How old are you?

- ○ Under 18 (1)
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- ○ 97 (81)
- ○ 98 (82)
- ○ 99 (83)
- ○ 100 or over (84)

Q5 Please identify where you live.

- Seoul (32)
- Busan (18)
- Daegu (21)
- Incheon (28)
- Gwangju (24)
- Daejeon (22)
- Ulsan (33)
- Sejong (34)
- Gyeonggi (25)
- Gangwon (23)
- Chungcheongbuk (19)
- Chungcheongnam (20)
- Jeollabuk (30)
- Jeollanam (31)
- Gyeongsangbuk (26)
- Gyeongsangnam (27)
- Jeju (29)

End of Block: Eligibility 2

Start of Block: Political attitudes

Q6 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: Citizens have a duty to vote in elections.

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Agree (2)
- ○ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ○ Disagree (4)
- ○ Strongly disagree (5)

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Q7 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: Generally speaking, people like me don't have the power to influence government policy or actions.

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Agree (2)
- ○ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ○ Disagree (4)
- ○ Strongly disagree (5)

**End of Block: Political attitudes**

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**Start of Block: Petition**

Q8 Please indicate whether you have done, might do, or would never do the following:

Signing a petition to improve conditions:

- ○ Have done (1)
- ○ Might do (2)
- ○ Would never do (3)

**End of Block: Petition**

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**Start of Block: Boycott**

Q9 Please indicate whether you have done, might do, or would never do the following:

Joining in boycotts:

- ○ Have done (1)
- ○ Might do (2)
- ○ Would never do (3)

End of Block: Boycott

Start of Block: Demonstration

Q10 Please indicate whether you have done, might do, or would never do the following:

Attending lawful demonstrations:

- Have done (1)
- Might do (2)
- Would never do (3)

End of Block: Demonstration

Start of Block: Donate

Q11 Please indicate whether you have done, might do, or would never do the following:

Donating money to a civic group that shares causes I support:

- Have done (1)
- Might do (2)
- Would never do (3)

End of Block: Donate

Start of Block: Vote and Ideology

Q12 In general elections, you cast one ballot for a candidate, and another for a party. Which party did you vote for in the last general election?

- ○ Saenuri Party (7)
- ○ Minjoo Party of Korea (8)
- ○ People's Party (9)
- ○ Justice Party (10)
- ○ Christian Liberty Party (13)
- ○ Democratic Party (20)
- ○ Labor Party (14)
- ○ Green Party Korea (15)
- ○ People's United Party (16)
- ○ People's New Party for Reform (17)
- ○ Other Party (11)
- ○ Did not vote (12)

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Q13 People talk about distinctions between being progressive and being conservative. Where would you place yourself on the following scale?

- ○ Progressive: 1 (1)
- ○ 2 (2)
- ○ 3 (3)
- ○ 4 (4)
- ○ 5 (5)
- ○ 6 (6)
- ○ 7 (7)
- ○ 8 (8)
- ○ 9 (9)
- ○ Conservative: 10 (10)

End of Block: Vote and Ideology

Start of Block: Veterans

Q18 On the same scale, from progressive to conservative, where would you place the following civic group: Association of Korean Veterans Disabled by Agent Orange in Vietnam War? This group, founded in 1993, is composed of South Korean Vietnam war veterans suffering from aftereffects associated with exposure to Agent Orange. The group seeks to enhance the veterans' rights and calls for patriotic spirit for the defense of the fatherland.

- Progressive: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7 (7)
- 8 (8)
- 9 (9)
- Conservative: 10 (10)

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End of Block: Veterans

Start of Block: Democracy

Q19 On the same scale, from progressive to conservative, where would you place the following civic group: People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy? This group, founded in 1994, works on promoting people's participation in government decision-making processes and socio-economic reforms by closely monitoring the abuse of power by the state and corporations.

- Progressive: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7 (7)
- 8 (8)
- 9 (9)
- Conservative: 10 (10)

End of Block: Democracy

Start of Block: Anti-Base

Q20 On the same scale, from progressive to conservative, where would you place the following civic group: National Campaign for Eradication of Crimes by U.S. Troops in Korea? This group, founded in 1993, researches and investigates crimes committed by U.S. troops against South Korean citizens. It seeks to eradicate such crimes and revise the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), which defines legal status of U.S. troops, to upgrade it to an agreement that guarantees equal rights and protects autonomy of South Korea.

- Progressive: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7 (7)
- 8 (8)
- 9 (9)
- Conservative: 10 (10)

**End of Block: Anti-Base**

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**Start of Block: Environmental**

Q21 On the same scale, from progressive to conservative, where would you place the following civic group: Korean Federation for Environmental Movement? This group, founded in 1993, has worked on major environmental challenges through campaigns and consultations with governmental bodies. It has worked on various issues including climate change, nuclear power operations, renewable energy, water and river protection.

- Progressive: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7 (7)
- 8 (8)
- 9 (9)
- Conservative: 10 (10)

End of Block: Environmental

Start of Block: Interest

Q22 How much attention to you pay to local news?

- ○ None: 1 (1)
- ○ 2 (2)
- ○ 3 (3)
- ○ 4 (4)
- ○ 5 (5)
- ○ 6 (6)
- ○ A lot: 7 (7)

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Q23 How much attention to you pay to national news?

- None: 1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- A lot: 7 (7)

End of Block: Interest

Start of Block: Screener

Q25 There are many serious problems in society. We want to know about what you think are serious problems facing your community, but we also want to know if you are actually paying attention to instructions. To show that you read this, please ignore the question below and just choose the '--' option at the very bottom of the list. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing this country that government should address?

- ○ Economy, management of (15)
- ○ Wages, incomes and salaries (16)
- ○ Unemployment (17)
- ○ Land (18)
- ○ Infrastructure / roads (19)
- ○ Education (20)
- ○ Housing (21)
- ○ Water supply (22)
- ○ Health (23)
- ○ Crime and Security (24)
- ○ Corruption (25)
- ○ Gender issues/women's rights (26)
- ○ Other (27)
- ○ -- (28)

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**End of Block: Screener**

Start of Block: Security

Q28 Do you think that a military conflict will happen in East Asia in the next 10 years?

- Definitely will happen (1)
- Probably will happen (2)
- May happen, may not happen (3)
- Probability will not happen (4)
- Definitely will not happen (5)

Q29 If North Korea attacks South Korea, should the United States intervene?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

End of Block: Security

Start of Block: Pure control

Q30a Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Pure control

Start of Block: Regular control

Q30b There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Regular control

Start of Block: Trigger events

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*If Please identify where you live. = Gyeonggi*

Q30c_g There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

In September 2014, a 29-year-old American soldier in Gyeonggi Province strangled and beat a South Korean taxi driver while riding his car. The taxi crashed into the curb, leaving the driver injured. The soldier immediately ran away, returning to his base.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

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In November 2013, a member of the U.S. military police based in Daegu crashed into two cars while driving under the influence. He and his colleagues immediately drove away, and beat up a South Korean man who chased them after the crash. The 23-year-old American officer's blood alcohol concentration level far exceeded the legal limit.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

**End of Block: Trigger events**

**Start of Block: Status quo disruption**

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In December 2004, the parliament approved a plan to triple the size of a U.S. military base in Gyeonggi Province and turn it into the largest U.S. base overseas, which required large-scale land appropriations from local farmers.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

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In October 2009, South Korean and U.S. authorities agreed to return a portion of the land occupied by one of the U.S. military bases in Daegu. This move involves the removal of a heliport, which has caused noise pollution for residents near the base. The local government plans to turn the site into a park and build a public library.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Status quo disruption

Start of Block: Meaning--pragmatic

Q30e There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

In particular, one group has been protesting polluted soil at a U.S. military base in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices} after a probe found that the soil contamination level around the site far exceeds the national environmental standards.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

End of Block: Meaning--pragmatic

Start of Block: Meaning--ideological

Q30_f There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

In particular, one group has been protesting the presence of bases as they symbolize American military hegemony in the world; the group claims that the bases promote militarism and support U.S. imperialism.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

**End of Block: Meaning--ideological**

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**Start of Block: Meaning--nationalistic**

Q30g There are multiple U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}, which have elicited mixed reaction from the locals over the years. On the one hand, U.S. troops frequent local business and they contribute to national defense. On the other hand, bases have witnessed occasional protests from groups of citizens who argue that they do more harm than good.

In particular, one group has been protesting the alleged inequality and hierarchy between the U.S. and South Korea, which they say is demonstrated by the legal status of U.S. personnel in South Korea as specified in the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). The group sees the U.S. bases as a challenge to South Korea's sovereignty.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- ○ Strongly support (1)
- ○ Somewhat support (2)
- ○ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ○ Somewhat oppose (4)
- ○ Strongly oppose (5)

**End of Block: Meaning--nationalistic**

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**Start of Block: Policy misalignment**

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Between 2014 and 2015, following the announcement that one of the U.S. military bases in Gyeonggi Province originally slated for relocation will not leave, city officials and locals held protests for 200 days in a row to condemn the unilateral decision by the central government and the U.S. military.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

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In October 2010, the South Korean government, at the request of the U.S. forces, announced that it will designate two of the U.S. military bases in Daegu as military reservation areas. The local government strongly opposed the move, which they said will retard economic developments and violate property rights of the locals.

Please indicate how much you support or oppose the presence of U.S. military bases in ${Q5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}.

- Strongly support (1)
- Somewhat support (2)
- Neither support nor oppose (3)
- Somewhat oppose (4)
- Strongly oppose (5)

**End of Block: Policy misalignment**

Start of Block: US perceptions

Q31 Generally speaking, how much do you think South Korea can trust the United States?

- A great deal (1)
- A fair amount (2)
- Not too much (6)
- Not at all (3)

Q32 Should the U.S. military presence in the Asia-Pacific be increased, maintained at its present level, or decreased?

- Increased (1)
- Maintained at its present level (2)
- Decreased (3)

End of Block: US perceptions

Start of Block: Demographics

Q33 What is your gender?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)

Q34 What is your level of education?

- ○ No formal education (1)
- ○ Elementary school/junior high school/middle school (2)
- ○ High school (3)
- ○ Professional school/technical school (4)
- ○ University/graduate school (5)

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Q35 How satisfied are you with the financial situation of your household?

- ○ Completely dissatisfied: 1 (1)
- ○ 2 (2)
- ○ 3 (3)
- ○ 4 (4)
- ○ 5 (5)
- ○ 6 (6)
- ○ 7 (7)
- ○ 8 (8)
- ○ 9 (9)
- ○ Completely satisfied: 10 (10)

End of Block: Demographics

Start of Block: Raffle

Q36
Would you like to enter the raffle for a cash prize of 50,000 KRW? If so, you will be redirected to another site where we will request your contact information.

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)

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*If Would you like to enter the raffle for a cash prize of 50,000 KRW? If so, you will be redirected... = Yes*

Q37 In the event that you win the raffle, you can choose to donate some portion of your prize to the National Campaign for Eradication of Crimes by U.S. Troops in Korea. The group, founded in 1993, researches and investigates crimes committed by U.S. troops against South Korean citizens. It seeks to eradicate such crimes and revise the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), which defines legal status of U.S. troops, to upgrade it to an agreement that guarantees equal rights and protects autonomy of South Korea.

What portion of you prize would you like to donate to the National Campaign for Eradication of Crimes by U.S. Troops in Korea? Please enter a number from 0 to 50,000 KRW.

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**End of Block: Raffle**