Japan-US Joint Opinion Poll 2018

on The US-North Korea Summit and the Future of the Korean Peninsula

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### Public Opinion Poll - Survey Method

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<td><strong>Sampling method</strong></td>
<td>Quota sampling based on the gender and age group</td>
<td>Survey conducted against a data panel which representativeness was assured by the surveyor. Based on the U.S. Consensus, results were weighted by age, gender, income, education, race, location and political party affiliation.</td>
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<td><strong>Fielding method</strong></td>
<td>Questionnaires were delivered to participants and self-administered</td>
<td>Internet Survey</td>
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<td>From May 18 to June 3, 2018</td>
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<td><strong>Valid sample</strong></td>
<td>1000 samples</td>
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【Fig 1. Expectation on the US-North Korea summit】

Significant progress towards denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula

Progress on some issues but not on denuclearization

The summit will fail, but damage will be limited.

The summit will fail with a major increase in the risk of conflict

Don’t know

No response

(Japanese) US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un will meet for the US-North Korea summit in June. What can be expected from the meeting? (Choose one)

(Americans) Assuming the summit between U.S. President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un is held, what would you expect from the meeting? (Choose One)

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【 Fig 2. Will the diplomatic talks solve the nuclear issue?】

(Japanese) How have recent diplomatic events, such as the North Korea-South Korea Summit and the planned US-North Korea summit, affected the path towards the resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue? (Choose one)

(Americans) How have recent diplomatic events (such as the North Korea-South Korea Summit and the possible U.S.-North Korea summit) affected the path towards the resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue? (Choose one)

- They make a resolution to the nuclear issue more likely soon. 2.8%
- They make a resolution to the nuclear issue more likely but only at some point in the future. 36.8%
- They make progress on unrelated issues more likely, but the nuclear issue will remain unresolved. 28.1%
- Nothing will be resolved 11.6%
- Don’t know 20.3%
- No response 0.4%

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【 Fig 3. Which made the larger concession to hold the summit, the United States or North Korea? 】

(Japanese) In holding the meeting between President Trump and Kim Jong-Un, in your view, which country made the larger concession, the United States or North Korea? (Choose one)

(Americans) Assuming the meeting between President Trump and Kim Jong-Un is held, in your view, which country would be making the larger concession, the United States or North Korea?
North Korea’s success in having the ability to hurt the U.S. and its allies got his attention

A new opportunity emerged by the stated willingness of Kim Jong-un to meet and discuss denuclearization as transmitted through the South Koreans

Trump sees Korea as most promising as he seeks major international accomplishment, especially after apparent reduced chance of achieving breakthrough in the Middle East

Why do you believe President Trump agreed to negotiate directly with Kim Jong-un? (Choose one)

- North Korea’s success in having the ability to hurt the U.S. and its allies got his attention
- A new opportunity emerged by the stated willingness of Kim Jong-un to meet and discuss denuclearization as transmitted through the South Koreans
- Trump sees Korea as most promising as he seeks major international accomplishment, especially after apparent reduced chance of achieving breakthrough in the Middle East
- Other
- Don’t know
- No response

Japanese
(2018 N=1000)

Americans
(2018 N=1215)
In your view, which of the following is a more important factor in influencing North Korea’s willingness to negotiate the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula? (Choose one)

- The tough line, including pressure and threats, taken by the Trump administration (Japanese: 37.5%, Americans: 26.0%)
- North Korea feels it has strong negotiating leverage after its success in developing and testing an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) that can reach American soil and directly threaten the US and its allies (Japanese: 30.8%, Americans: 28.5%)
- The impact of UN sanctions and/or Chinese pressure (Japanese: 39.1%, Americans: 31.4%)
- No response (Japanese: 4.1%, Americans: 2.6%)

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How has the agreement to hold the US-North Korea Summit affected your view of President Donald Trump? (Choose one)

A. Become more positive
B. Become more negative
C. No change
D. Don’t know
E. No response

Japanese (N=1000)

- A: 13.3%
- B: 2.3%
- C: 68.9%
- D: 15.1%
- E: 0.4%

Americans (N=1215)

- A: 34.0%
- B: 13.5%
- C: 46.7%
- D: 5.1%
- E: 0.7%
In light of recent diplomatic events, how do you assess the risk of US military action against North Korea? (Choose one)

**Japanese (N=1000)**

- **A. There is a lower risk of military action.** 16.0%
- **B. There is the same risk of military action.** 47.5%
- **C. There is a higher risk of military action.** 8.0%
- **D. Don’t know** 28.2%
- **E. No response** 0.3%

**Americans (N=1215)**

- **A. There is a lower risk of military action.** 26.8%
- **B. There is the same risk of military action.** 38.2%
- **C. There is a higher risk of military action.** 23.9%
- **D. Don’t know** 9.7%
- **E. No response** 1.4%
Fig 8. When will the North Korea nuclear issues be resolved?

(Americans) Do you think the problem relating to North Korea’s nuclear program will be resolved and, if so, when? (Choose one)

- It will be resolved by the end of the year
- It will be resolved within 2 years*
- It will be resolved within 5 years
- It will be resolved within 10 years
- It won’t be resolved
- Don’t know
- No Response

Japanese (N=1000)

- 65.1%
- 24.4%
- 21.9%
- 21.9%
- 24.4%
- 21.9%
- 0.3%
- 0.3%

American (N=1215)

- 2.6%
- 7.6%
- 7.6%
- 7.6%
- 7.6%
- 7.6%
- 0.5%
- 0.5%

* 2017 was “It will be resolved by next year”
【 Fig 9. Who should get the most credit for the diplomatic opening? 】

(Japanese) Which two leaders do you believe deserve most credit for the new diplomatic opening to negotiate the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula? (Choose two)

(Americans) If you choose “A. Increased” in the previous question, which two leaders do you believe deserve most credit for the new diplomatic opening to negotiate the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula? (Choose two)

North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un
- Japanese: 15.4% (N=1000)
- Americans: 27.4% (N=641)

South Korean President Moon Jae-in
- Japanese: 17.5% (N=1000)
- Americans: 49.9% (N=641)

US President Donald Trump
- Japanese: 25.0% (N=1000)
- Americans: 62.9% (N=641)

Chinese President Xi Jinping
- Japanese: 9.4% (N=1000)
- Americans: 22.4% (N=641)

Russian President Vladimir Putin
- Japanese: 1.3% (N=1000)
- Americans: 1.4% (N=641)

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
- Japanese: 5.2% (N=1000)
- Americans: 3.3% (N=641)

United Nations Secretary General António Guterres
- Japanese: 1.0% (N=1000)
- Americans: 3.1% (N=641)

No one
- Japanese: 1.3% (N=1000)
- Americans: 22.9% (N=641)

Others (specify)
- Japanese: 0.0% (N=1000)
- Americans: 1.6% (N=641)

Don’t know
- Japanese: 7.2% (N=1000)
- Americans: 32.3% (N=641)

The Americans surveyed here were 641 individuals who answered “increased” to the question of how the chances of diplomatic talks bringing about the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula have changed.
【Fig 10. Is Kim Jong-Un’s willingness for peace trustworthy?】
How much do you trust Kim Jong-Un’s willingness to help build security and peace on Korean Peninsula? (Choose one)

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<td>Trust him a great deal</td>
<td>F 5.4%  G 0.2% A 0.1%</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Trust him somewhat</td>
<td>B 6.5%</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Neither trust him nor distrust him</td>
<td>C 15.6%</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Distrust him somewhat</td>
<td>D 24.8%</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>Do not trust him at all</td>
<td>E 47.3%</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>Don’t know</td>
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<td>G</td>
<td>No response</td>
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If North Korea were to become nuclear free, would you support or oppose normal relations, including full diplomatic relations, between the United States and North Korea? (Choose one)

- Oppose normal relations even after North Korea completely gives up its nuclear weapons: 9.7% (Japanese), 8.6% (Americans)
- Support normal relations only after North Korea completely gives up its nuclear weapons: 52.3% (Japanese), 60.8% (Americans)
- Support normal relations after North Korea agrees to denuclearize even before the agreement is implemented: 11.4% (Japanese), 13.0% (Americans)
- Don’t know: 26.3% (Japanese), 17.0% (Americans)
- No response: 0.3% (Japanese), 0.6% (Americans)

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【Fig 12. Future of the US bases in South Korea】

If the Korean Peninsula is denuclearized, which one of the following do you support most? (Choose one)

- US bases in South Korea closed and US troops leave South Korea: 4.1% Japanese, 11.3% Americans
- US bases in South Korea reduced in size: 28.8% Japanese, 31.4% Americans
- US bases in South Korea maintained as they are today: 36.3% Japanese, 36.2% Americans
- US bases in South Korea enlarged: 2.2% Japanese, 5.2% Americans
- Don’t know: 28.2% Japanese, 14.6% Americans
- No response: 0.4% Japanese, 1.3% Americans

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In your opinion, after the Korean peninsula is denuclearized, how much do you believe there will be a need for an American-South Korean alliance? (Choose one)

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<td>A   The alliance would need to be strengthened</td>
<td>6.1%</td>
<td>20.4%</td>
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<td>B   The alliance should remain the same</td>
<td>43.5%</td>
<td>52.1%</td>
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<td>C   The alliance would need to be lessened</td>
<td>15.9%</td>
<td>9.9%</td>
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<td>D   The alliance should be terminated</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
<td>1.4%</td>
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<td>E   Don’t know</td>
<td>31.0%</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
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<td>F   No response</td>
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[Fig 14. How the North Korea crisis affected Japan-US relations]

How do you think the North Korea crisis has affected Japan-US relations? (Choose one)

Japanese (N=1000)

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<td>2018</td>
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Americans (N=1215)

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【Fig 15. Expectation of the US military presence in Asia】
What level of military power should the United States maintain in Asia? (Choose one)

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How do you feel about Japan expanding its military power to play a bigger role in maintaining stability in Northeast Asia? (Choose one)

**Japanese (N=1000)**

- **A** Support: 17.7%
- **B** Oppose: 50.9%
- **C** Don’t know: 30.4%
- **D** No response: 1.0%

**Americans (N=1215)**

- **A** Support: 58.3%
- **B** Oppose: 10.7%
- **C** Don’t know: 30.0%
- **D** No response: 1.0%
How do you assess the prospect of a military confrontation between the United States and each of the following countries? (Choose one for each country)

**Japanese (N=1000)**

- **China**: 3.7% Very likely, 18.3% Somewhat likely, 28.4% Neither likely nor unlikely, 16.9% Somewhat unlikely, 14.4% Very unlikely, 18.3% Don't know
- **Russia**: 4.6% Very likely, 16.1% Somewhat likely, 28.1% Neither likely nor unlikely, 18.1% Somewhat unlikely, 14.0% Very unlikely, 19.1% Don't know
- **North Korea**: 13.3% Very likely, 31.1% Somewhat likely, 25.0% Neither likely nor unlikely, 7.6% Somewhat unlikely, 5.6% Very unlikely, 17.4% Don't know
- **Syria**: 12.6% Very likely, 30.3% Somewhat likely, 25.4% Neither likely nor unlikely, 4.7% Somewhat unlikely, 5.3% Very unlikely, 21.7% Don't know
- **Iran**: 11.2% Very likely, 27.8% Somewhat likely, 28.1% Neither likely nor unlikely, 6.3% Somewhat unlikely, 5.3% Very unlikely, 21.3% Don't know

**Americans (N=1215)**

- **China**: 3.7% Very likely, 17.4% Somewhat likely, 23.2% Neither likely nor unlikely, 19.4% Somewhat unlikely, 26.6% Very unlikely, 9.7% Don't know
- **Russia**: 5.6% Very likely, 24.9% Somewhat likely, 20.0% Neither likely nor unlikely, 19.6% Somewhat unlikely, 19.1% Very unlikely, 10.8% Don't know
- **North Korea**: 11.8% Very likely, 41.3% Somewhat likely, 16.3% Neither likely nor unlikely, 12.1% Somewhat unlikely, 8.9% Very unlikely, 9.6% Don't know
- **Syria**: 12.7% Very likely, 44.6% Somewhat likely, 16.6% Neither likely nor unlikely, 9.7% Somewhat unlikely, 5.8% Very unlikely, 10.6% Don't know
- **Iran**: 13.6% Very likely, 46.3% Somewhat likely, 16.8% Neither likely nor unlikely, 8.4% Somewhat unlikely, 4.3% Very unlikely, 10.5% Don't know
【Fig 18. Most important partner for the US/Japan】

Of the following countries, which are the two most important partners to your country? (Choose two)

### Japanese (N=1000)

- 78.5% US
- 11.5% China
- 5.2% Germany
- 4.4% UK
- 3.4% Australia
- 1.2% Canada
- 1.6% France
- 0.7% Israel
- 3.9% Saudi Arabia
- 11.2% Don't know
- 1.6% No response
- 48.9%

### Americans (N=1215)

- 47.0% UK
- 19.0% China
- 17.2% Germany
- 10.3% France
- 29.9% Canada
- 4.0% Australia
- 13.9% Japan
- 8.6% Russia
- 23.9% Israel
- 7.5% Saudi Arabia
- 2.1% Others (specify)
- 7.6% Don't know
- 0%

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