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## The Perception of the Integration of North and South Korea

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Abstract: »Die Wahrnehmung/ Sichtweisen auf den Zusammenschluss von Nordund Südkorea«. This study describes South Koreans' general perceptions of the integration of North and South Korea through a survey of 500 adults living in South Korea. The following multiple-choice questions were asked: one's general ideas about the integration of North and South Korea; the type of Korean reunification which is mostly supported/opposed; the type of Korean reunification which is most probable; and the pros and cons of reunification as well as necessary factors for reunification. Furthermore, we examined the differences in the perception of Korean reunification among the subgroup based on participants' demographic information (i.e., gender, age, political orientation). The main results are as follows. First, the most representative thought on integration was "geographical integration of the Korean Peninsula," followed by "establishment of economic partnerships or communities" and "restoration of common identity." Meanwhile, there were differences among participants with regard to the detailed representation of Korean reunification. It suggests that when the attitudes toward integration of North and South Korea society are discussed, differences in the perception among people should be considered.

Keywords: Social integration, Korean reunification, integration of Korean minds.

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## The Table of Results of Entire Questions (Divided into Age, Gender, Political Orientation)

		·								
					Age g	group				_
		2	0s	3	Os	4	0s	50s		Average
		Count	%	Count	%	Count	0⁄0	Count	0⁄0	5
	Geographical integration on the Korean Peninsula	56	56.0%	84	56.0%	89	59.3%	47	58.8%	57.5%
fication	Establishment of a single political system	46	46.0%	52	34.7%	48	32.0%	30	37.5%	37.5%
	Establishment of economic communities	40	40.0%	67	44.7%	75	50.0%	43	53.8%	47.1%
of reunif	Expansion of social and cultural exchanges	46	46.0%	70	46.7%	61	40.7%	34	42.5%	44.0%
rception	Restoration of common ethnic identity	39	39.0%	76	50.7%	79	52.7%	41	51.3%	48.4%
General perception of reunification	Psychological harmony between North and South Koreans	31	31.0%	52	34.7%	61	40.7%	17	21.3%	31.9%
	South Korea's absorption of North Korea	35	35.0%	42	28.0%	32	21.3%	22	27.5%	28.0%
	North Korea's absorption of South Korea	6	6.0%	4	2.7%	4	2.7%	6	7.5%	4.7%

 Table 2:
 The General Perception of Korean Reunification (Age)

			Gen	der		
		Ma	le	Fema	le	Average
		Count	0/ <sub>0</sub>	Count	0/0	5
General perception of reunification	Geographical integra- tion on the Korean Peninsula	148	59.2%	142	56.8%	58.0%
	Establishment of a single political system	95	38.0%	84	33.6%	35.8%
	Establishment of eco- nomic communities	124	49.6%	115	46.0%	47.8%
n of re	Expansion of social and cultural exchanges	97	38.8%	124	49.6%	44.2%
rceptio	Restoration of common ethnic identity	117	46.8%	127	50.8%	48.8%
General per	Psychological harmony between North and South Koreans	79	31.6%	85	34.0%	32.8%
	South Korea's absorp- tion of North Korea	81	32.4%	56	22.4%	27.4%
	North Korea's absorp- tion of South Korea	7	2.8%	14	5.6%	4.2%

Table 2.1: The General Perception of Korean Reunification (Gender)

		Political orientation						
		Lib Count	eral %	Mod Count	erate %	Conservative Count %		Average
General perception of reunification	Geographical integration on the Korean Peninsula	115	53.7%	101	60.1%	74	62.7%	58.9%
	Establishment of a single political system	79	36.9%	60	35.7%	40	33.9%	35.5%
	Establishment of economic com- munities	104	48.6%	79	47.0%	56	47.5%	47.7%
	Expansion of social and cultural exchanges	99	46.3%	79	47.0%	43	36.4%	43.2%
erception	Restoration of common ethnic identity	102	47.7%	81	48.2%	61	51.7%	49.2%
General per	Psychological harmony between North and South Koreans	80	37.4%	60	35.7%	24	20.3%	31.1%
	South Korea's absorption of North Korea	57	26.6%	38	22.6%	42	35.6%	28.3%
	North Korea's absorption of South Korea	6	2.8%	4	2.4%	11	9.3%	4.8%

## Table 2.2: The General Perception of Korean Reunification (Political Orientation)

Table 3: Most Preferre	I Type of Reunification (	Age)
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				Age	group		Total
			20s	30s	40s	50s	
Most preferred type of reunification	Establishment of a single political system	Count	71	82	81	37	271
	based on South Korea	0/0	71.7%	55.4%	54.4%	46.3%	56.9%
eunif	Establishment of a single political system based on North Korea	Count	0	10	7	4	21
e of r		0/0	0.0%	6.8%	4.7%	5.0%	4.4%
ed typ	Establishment of a single state through a federation between North and South Korea	Count	18	38	41	25	122
referre		0/0	18.2%	25.7%	27.5%	31.3%	25.6%
lost p	A union of the nation	Count	10	18	20	14	62
2	between North and South Korea	0/0	10.1%	12.2%	13.4%	17.5%	13.0%
Total		Count	99	148	149	80	476
		%	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %

Table 3.1: Most Preferred Type of Reunification (Gender)

			Gen	ıder	<b>T</b> . I
			Male	Female	- Total
Most preferred type of reunification	Establishment of a single political system	Count	138	144	282
	based on South Korea	%	55.6%	58.1%	56.9%
	Establishment of a	Count	12	9	21
	single political system based on North Korea	%	4.8%	3.6%	4.2%
ed typ	Establishment of a single state through a federation between North and South Korea	Count	68	61	129
referr		0/0	27.4%	24.6%	26.0%
Most p	A union of the nation between North and	Count	30	34	64
_	South Korea	0/0	12,1%	13.7%	12.9%
Total		Count	248	248	496
		0/0	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

			F	tation	— Total	
			Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Total
	Establishment of a single political system based on	Count	120	99	63	282
Most preferred type of reunification	South Korea	0/0	56.6%	59.3%	53.8%	56.9%
	Establishment of a single political system based on North Korea	Count	7	6	8	21
		0/0	3.3%	3.6%	6.8%	4.2%
ed typ	Establishment of a single state through a federation	Count	56	44	29	129
oreferr	between North and South Korea	0/0	26.4%	26.3%	24.8%	26.0%
Most	A union of the nation be- tween North and South	Count	29	18	17	64
	Korea	0/0	13.7%	10.8%	14.5%	12.9%
Total		Count	212	167	117	496
		%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

 Table 3.2: Most Preferred Type of Reunification (Political Orientation)

				Age g	group		— Total	
			20s	30s	40s	50s	Total	
	Establishment of a single political	Count	6	17	8	7	38	
uo	system based on South Korea	0/0	6.0%	11.3%	5.3%	8.9%	7.9%	
Most opposed type of reunification	Establishment of a single political system based on North Korea	Count	83	111	115	57	366	
		%	83.0%	74.0%	76.7%	72.2%	76.4%	
	Establishment of a single state through a federation be- tween North and South Korea	Count	5	7	9	8	29	
ost oppo		%	5.0%	4.7%	6.0%	10.1%	6.1%	
M	A union of the nation between	Count	6	15	18	7	46	
	North and South Korea	%	6.0%	10.0%	12.0%	8.9%	9.6%	
Cour Total %		Count	100	150	150	79	479	
		0/0	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

 Table 4:
 Most Opposed Type of Reunification (Age)

			Gend	er	<b>T</b> . I
			Male	Female	Total
Most opposed type of reunification	Establishment of a single political system based on	Count	22	17	39
	South Korea	%	8.8%	6.8%	7.8%
	Establishment of a single political system based on North Korea	Count	179	204	383
		%	71.6%	81.9%	76.8%
ed typ	Establishment of a single state through a federa-	Count	20	11	31
soddo :	tion between North and South Korea	%	8.0%	4.4%	6.2%
Most	A union of the nation between North and	Count	29	17	46
	South Korea	%	11.6%	6.8%	9.2%
Total		Count	250	249	499
		%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 4.1: Most Opposed Type of Reunification (Gender)

			F	Political orien	tation	Total
			Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	TULAI
	Establishment of a single	Count	8	20	11	39
Most opposed type of reunification	political system based on South Korea	0/0	3.7%	11.9%	9.4%	7.8%
	Establishment of a single	Count	175	124	84	383
	political system based on North Korea	%	81.8%	73.8%	71.8%	76.8%
ed typ	Establishment of a single state through a federation	Count	10	12	9	31
soddo	between North and South Korea	0/0	4.7%	7.1%	7.7%	6.2%
Most	A union of the nation be- tween North and South	Count	21	12	13	46
	Korea	0/0	9.8%	7.1%	11.1%	9.2%
Total		Count	214	168	117	499
		%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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Table 4.2: Most Opposed Type of Reunification (Political Orientation)

				Age g	Jroup		— Total	
			20s	30s	40s	50s	Totai	
	Establishment of a single political	Count	40	40	45	18	143	
be most	system based on South Korea	%	42.6%	27.6%	30.2%	23.1%	30.7%	
ught to	Establishment of a single political system based on North Korea	Count	6	6	4	6	22	
n thou ole		%	6.4%	4.1%	2.7%	7.7%	4.7%	
ification feasible	Establishment of a single state through a federation between North and South Korea	Count	26	54	48	29	157	
The type of reunification thought to be most feasible		0/0	27.7%	37.2%	32.2%	37.2%	33.7%	
he type	A union of the nation between	Count	22	45	52	25	144	
F	North and South Korea	%	23.4%	31.0%	34.9%	32.1%	30.9%	
Total		Count	94	145	149	78	466	
		0/ <sub>0</sub>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

 Table 5:
 Types of Reunification That Have Most Feasibility (Age)

			Ger	Total	
			Male	Female	Totai
be	Establishment of a single political system based	Count	81	68	149
The type of reunification thought to be most feasible	on South Korea	0/0	33.2%	28.2%	30.7%
	Establishment of a single political system based on North Korea	Count	13	11	24
ation easib		0/ <sub>0</sub>	5.3%	4.6%	4.9%
eunification t most feasible	Establishment of a single state through a federa- tion between North and South Korea	Count	76	83	159
e of re r		%	31.1%	34.4%	32.8%
e typ	A union of the nation	Count	74	79	153
Ţ	between North and South Korea	0/0	30.3%	32.8%	31.5%
Total		Count	244	241	485
		%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 5.1: Types of Reunification That Have Most Feasibility (Gender)

			P	olitical orienta	ation	
			Liberal	Moderate	Conserva- tive	Total
lost	Establishment of a	Count	61	55	33	149
o be m	single political system based on South Korea	%	29.5%	33.7%	28.7%	30.7%
ught ti	Establishment of a	Count	8	5	11	24
cation tho feasible	single political system based on North Korea	0/0	3.9%	3.1%	9.6%	4.9%
ificatio feas	Establishment of a single state through a	Count	68	56	35	159
The type of reunification thought to be most feasible	federation between North and South Korea	0/0	32.9%	34.4%	30.4%	32.8%
type c	A union of the nation between North and	Count	70	47	36	153
The	South Korea	0/0	33.8%	28.8%	31.3%	31.5%
	Tetel	Count	207	163	115	485
	Total	0⁄0	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

## Table 5.2: Types of Reunification That Have Most Feasibility (Political Orientation)

40.0% 86 81.0% 110	205
84 65	50.0% 43.0%
39	27.0%
36	35.0%
17	10.0%
	8.0%

Table 6: Reasons for Supporting Reunification (Age)

Table 6.1: Reasons for Supporting Reunification (C	Gender)	
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			Ger	ıder		
		M	ale	Fen	nale	Average
		Count	0/0	Count	º/o	
	Because we are one group as 'Han- ethnicity'	133	53.2%	140	56.0%	54.6%
nifica	To eliminate the threat of war	189	75.6%	204	81.6%	78.6%
g reu	To make Korea a stronger country	140	56.0%	124	49.6%	52.8%
Reasons for supporting reunifica tion	To resolve the problems of separated families	90	36.0%	112	44.8%	40.4%
ır sup ti	To improve the life of North Koreans	77	30.8%	64	25.6%	28.2%
ons fo	To contribute to world peace	74	29.6%	65	26.0%	27.8%
Reaso	Because the majority of Koreans wants reunification	29	11.6%	23	9.2%	10.4%
	For no particular reason	16	6.4%	5	2.0%	4.2%

 Table 6.2: Reasons for Supporting Reunification (Political Orientation)

				Political o	rientation			
		Libe	eral	Mod	erate	Conse	rvative	Aver- age
		Count	0/0	Count	%	Count	%	
	Because we are one group as 'Han-ethnicity'	119	55.6%	94	56.0%	60	50.8%	54.1%
ц	To eliminate the threat of war	167	78.0%	145	86.3%	81	68.6%	77.7%
ificatic	To make Korea a stronger country	106	49.5%	87	51.8%	71	60.2%	53.8%
Reasons for supporting reunification	To resolve the problems of separated families	93	43.5%	67	39.9%	42	35.6%	39.6%
ioddns	To improve the life of North Koreans	57	26.6%	40	23.8%	44	37.3%	29.2%
ins for	To contribute to world peace	55	25.7%	45	26.8%	39	33.1%	28.5%
Reaso	Because the majority of Kore- ans wants reunifi- cation	26	12.1%	15	8.9%	11	9.3%	10.1%
	For no particular reason	12	5.6%	7	4.2%	2	1.7%	3.8%

 Table 7:
 Reasons for Opposing Reunification (Age)

	Age group	dno								
	20s			30s		4(	40s	5(	50s	Average
	Count	0%	Count	nt	0/0	Count	0/0	Count	0/0	
North and Sout	south Korea have had different histories for too long	60	60.0%	66	66.0%	108	72.0%	55	68.8%	66.7%
There is no	There is no possibility of war between North and South Korea	9	6.0%	20	20 13.3%	18	12.0%	6	11.3%	10.6%
Reunification i	on interferes with South Korea becoming a stronger country 19 19.0% 29 19.3%	19	19.0%	29	19.3%	21	14.0%	16	20.0%	18.1%
Aversion to the	the North Korean regime	86	86.0% 121	121	80.7%	129	86.0%	71	88.8%	85.4%
The financial b	al burden of the South Koreans for reunification	85	85.0%	123	85.0% 123 82.0%	120	80.0%	62	77.5%	81.1%
The state of div world	f division is favorable to maintaining power-order of the	14	14.0%	22	14 14.0% 22 14.7%	15	10.0%	9	7.5%	11.5%
Many people d	le do not want reunification	15	15.0%	19	12.7%	17	11.3%	14	17.5%	14.1%
No particular r	ar reason	10	10.0%	7	10 10.0% 7 4.7%	18	12.0%	2	2.5%	7.3%

Table 7.1:	Reasons fo	r Opposing	Reunification	(Gender)

			Ger	ıder		
		Ma	ale	Fen	nale	Average
		Count	%	Count	%	-
	North and South Korea have had different histories for too long	170	68.0%	166	66.4%	67.2%
on	There is no possibility of war be- tween North and South Korea	34	13.6%	20	8.0%	10.8%
nificat	Reunification interferes with South Korea becoming a stronger country	47	18.8%	41	16.4%	17.6%
ng reui	Aversion to the North Korean regime	205	82.0%	220	88.0%	85.0%
opposi	The financial burden of the South Koreans for reunification	200	80.0%	208	83.2%	81.6%
Reasons for opposing reunification	The state of division is favorable to maintaining power-order of the world	34	13.6%	25	10.0%	11.8%
Re	Many people do not want reunifica- tion	35	14.0%	34	13.6%	13.8%
	No particular reason	17	6.8%	20	8.0%	7.4%

			F	Political o	rientatior	ı		
		Libe	eral	Mod	erate	Conse	rvative	Average
		Count	0⁄0	Count	0⁄0	Count	0/ <sub>0</sub>	
	North and South Korea have had different histories for too long	151	70.6%	107	63.7%	78	66.1%	66.8%
ion	There is no possibility of war between North and South Korea	13	6.1%	25	14.9%	16	13.6%	11.5%
Reasons for opposing reunification	Reunification inter- feres with South Korea becoming a stronger country	29	13.6%	31	18.5%	28	23.7%	18.6%
opposiı	Aversion to the North Korean regime	193	90.2%	141	83.9%	91	77.1%	83.7%
asons for o	The financial burden of the South Koreans for reunification	181	84.6%	138	82.1%	89	75.4%	80.7%
Re	The state of division is favorable to main- taining power-order of the world	23	10.7%	18	10.7%	18	15.3%	12.2%
	Many people do not want reunification	28	13.1%	22	13.1%	19	16.1%	14.1%
	No particular reason	13	6.1%	13	7.7%	11	9.3%	7.7%

 Table 7.2: Reasons for Opposing Reunification (Political Orientation)

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Table 8:

			Age group	Jroup				
	20s		30s	40s	S	50s	S	Average
Count	unt %	Count	0/0	Count	0/0	Count	0/0	)
in North Korea's political/economic situation 78	3 78.0%	96 0	64.0%	67	64.7%	50	62.5%	67.3%
in South Korea's political/economic situation 16	6 16.0%	34	22.7%	33	22.0%	18	22.5%	20.8%
in South Koreans' perceptions of unification 22	2 22.0%	, 41	27.3%	32	21.3%	20	25.0%	23.9%
in North Koreans' perceptions of unification 48	3 48.0%	53	35.3%	49	32.7%	23	28.8%	36.2%
of peaceful relations between South and North 41	1 41.0%	) 72	48.0%	74	49.3%	41	51.3%	47.4%
International agreement by China, the United States, etc. 45	5 45.0%	37	24.7%	60	40.0%	27	33.8%	35.9%
political and economic exchanges between South 28 ea	3 28.0%	) 64	42.7%	61	40.7%	32	40.0%	37.8%
nter-Korean social/cultural/interpersonal exchang-21	1 21.0%	, 49	32.7%	43	28.7%	29	36.3%	29.6%

			Ger	ıder		_
		M	ale	Fen	nale	Average
		Count	0/0	Count	0/0	-
	Improvement in North Korea's politi- cal/economic situation	168	67.2%	166	66.4%	66.8%
	Improvement in South Korea's politi- cal/economic situation	63	25.2%	41	16.4%	20.8%
ation	Improvement in South Koreans' percep- tions of unification	67	26.8%	52	20.8%	23.8%
unifica	Improvement in North Koreans' percep- tions of unification	97	38.8%	85	34.0%	36.4%
Requirements for reunification	Establishment of peaceful relations between South and North Korea	106	42.4%	139	55.6%	49.0%
uireme	International agreement by China, the United States, etc.	99	39.6%	72	28.8%	34.2%
Req	Expansion of political and economic exchanges between South and North Korea	91	36.4%	102	40.8%	38.6%
	Expansion of inter-Korean so- cial/cultural/interpersonal exchanges	56	22.4%	90	36.0%	29.2%

Table 8.1: Necessary Factors for Reunification (Gender)

		Political orientation						
		Liberal		Moderate		Conservative		Average
		Count	%	Count	%	Count	0⁄0	•
Requirements for reunification	Improvement in North Korea's political/economic situation	146	68.2%	107	63.7%	81	68.6%	66.9%
	Improvement in South Korea's political/economic situation	36	16.8%	40	23.8%	28	23.7%	21.5%
	Improvement in South Koreans' perceptions of unification	45	21.0%	47	28.0%	27	22.9%	24.0%
	Improvement in North Koreans' perceptions of unification	70	32.7%	64	38.1%	48	40.7%	37.2%
	Establishment of peaceful relations between South and North Korea	108	50.5%	81	48.2%	56	47.5%	48.7%
	International agreement by China, the United States, etc.	69	32.2%	52	31.0%	50	42.4%	35.2%
	Expansion of political and economic ex- changes between South and North Korea	93	43.5%	61	36.3%	39	33.1%	37.6%
	Expansion of inter-Korean social/cultural/ interpersonal exchanges	75	35.0%	49	29.2%	22	18.6%	27.6%

Table 8.2: Necessary Factors for Reunification (Political Orientation)