

The 8th South Korea–Japan Joint Public Opinion Poll (2020)



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Survey Overview

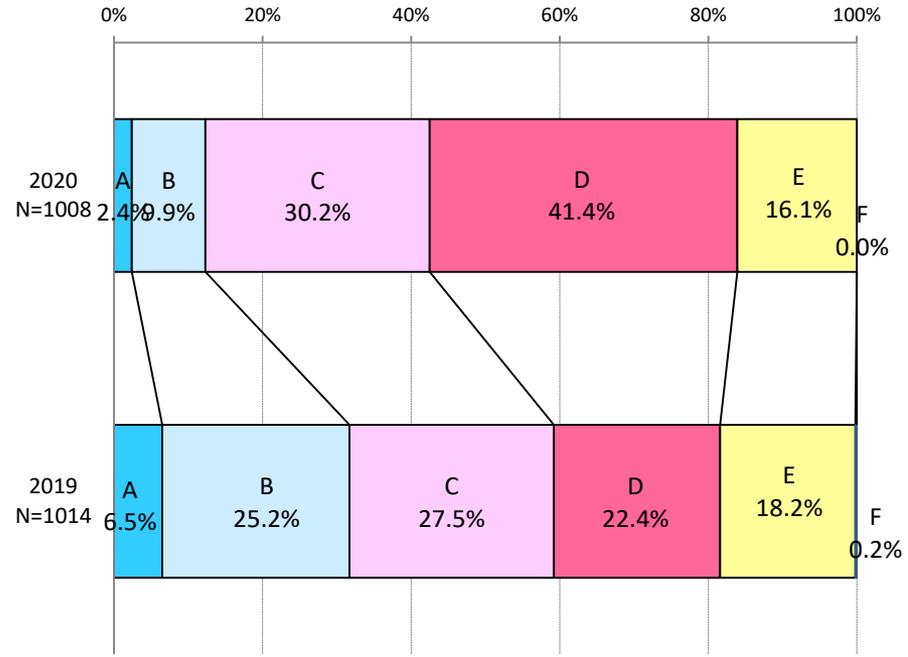
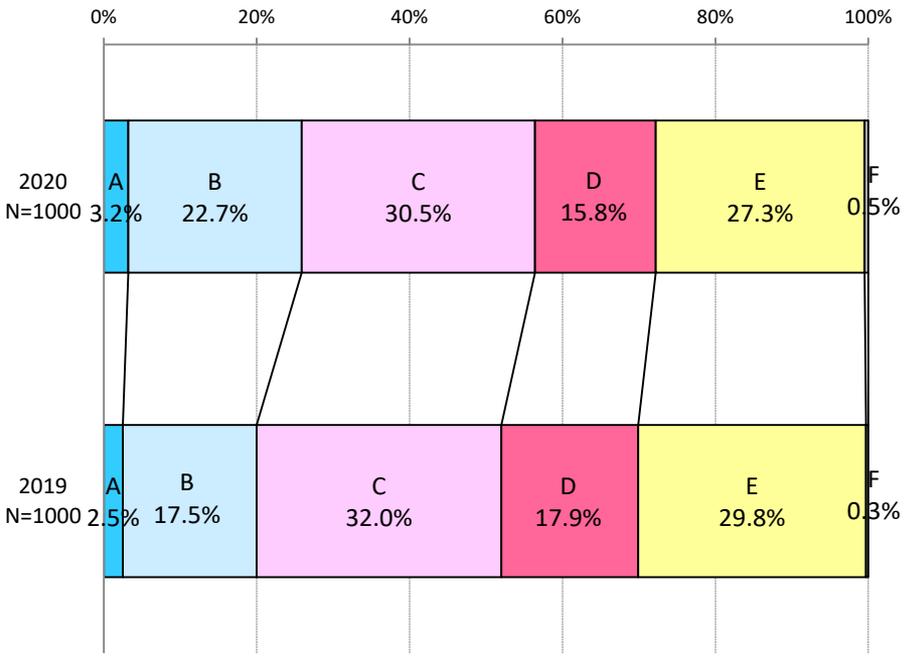
	Survey in Japan	Survey in South Korea
Region	Regions throughout Japan	Regions throughout South Korea
Target	Adults aged 18 and over	Adults aged 19 and over
Sampling Methods	20 samples were collected from each of the 50 designated locations throughout Japan and were proportioned according to the national gender and age distributions.	Samples were collected from 17 administrative districts across South Korea and were proportioned according to the population size and gender and age distributions of the respective district.
Survey Methods	Door-to-door visits (self-administered)	Face-to-face interviews
Time Period	2020.09.12 ~ 10.04	2020.09.11 ~ 09.25
Valid Sample Size	1,000	1,006
Sample Description	Male 48.6%, Female 51.4%	Male 50.0%, Female 50.0%
	Elementary, Middle School: 6.6% High School: 47.5% Junior College, Technical Schools: 21.3% College, University: 22.3% Graduate School: 0.9% Other: 0.8% No Response: 0.6%	Elementary, Middle School: 12.0% High School: 41.7% College, University, Technical Schools, University, Graduate or Postgraduate School: 46.2%
	Under 20: 2.5% 20~29: 11.8% 30~39: 14.9% 40~49: 17.4% 50~59: 14.6% 60 or over: 38.8%	19 ~ 29: 17.9% 30~39: 16.0% 40~49: 18.9% 50~59: 19.7% 60 or over: 27.5%

South Korean and Japanese Perceptions of Each Other

Q5 . What is your perception of South Korea/Japan? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

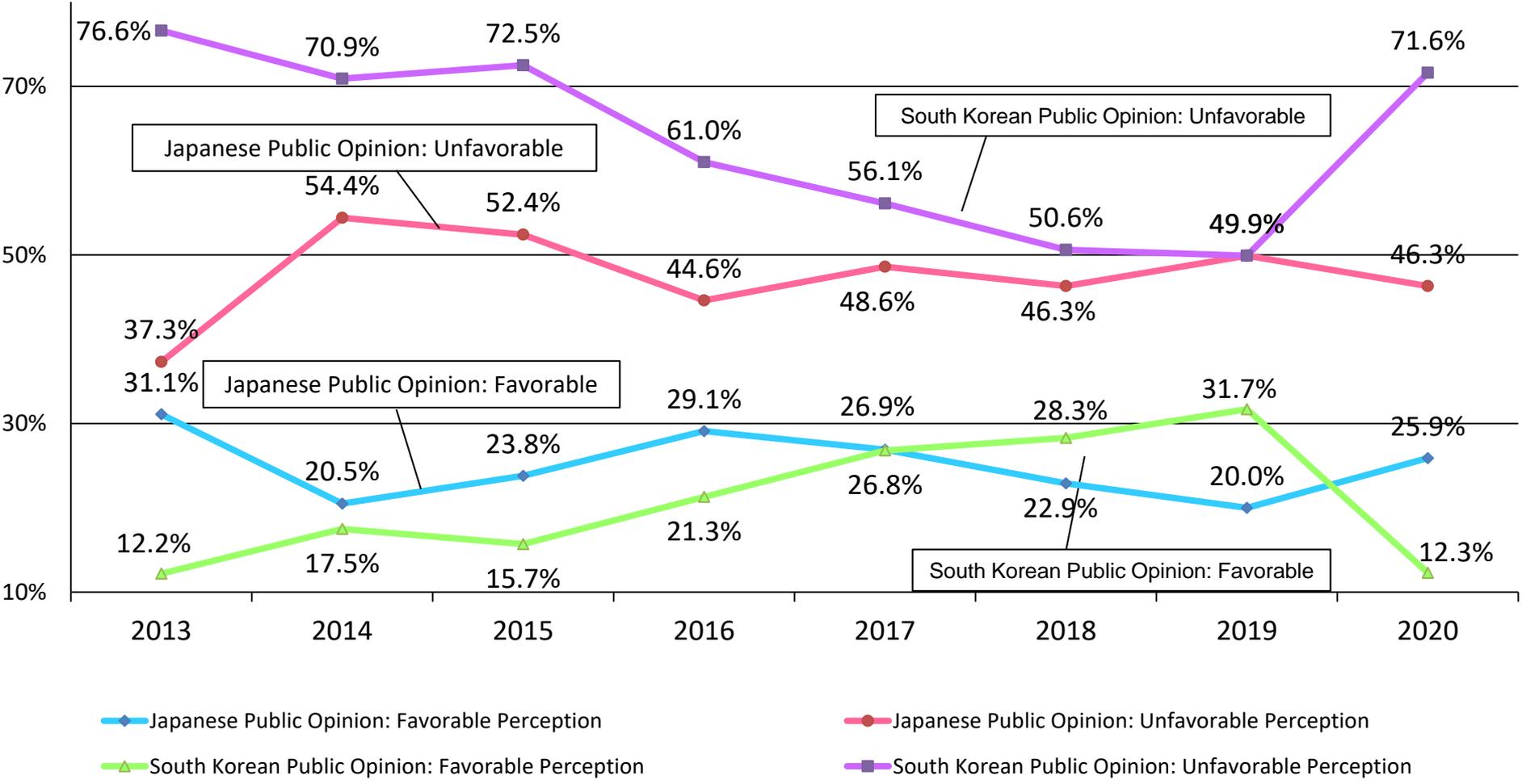


	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Unfavorable	Neither	No Response
'20	3.2%	22.7%	30.5%	15.8%	27.3%	0.5%
'19	2.5%	17.5%	32.0%	17.9%	29.8%	0.3%

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Unfavorable	Neither	No Response
'20	2.4%	9.9%	30.2%	41.4%	16.1%	0.0%
'19	6.5%	25.2%	27.5%	22.4%	18.2%	0.2%

South Korean and Japanese Perceptions of Each Other ('13~'20)

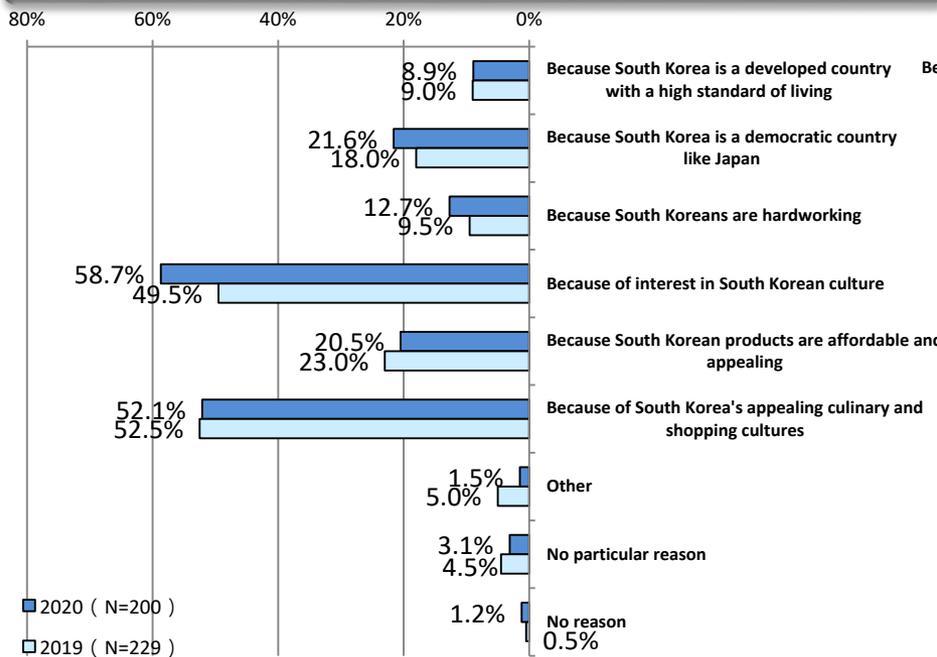
Q5 . What is your impression of South Korea/Japan? 【Choose one】



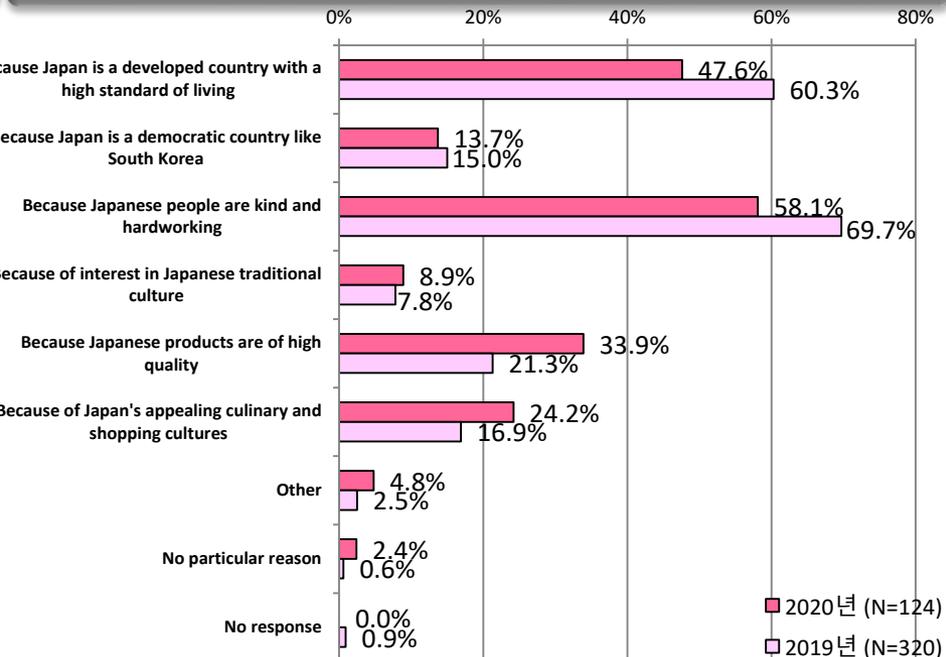
Reasons for Favorable Perception

Q5- a. (If you answered "favorable" in the previous question) Why is your perception favorable?
 【Choose up to two】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



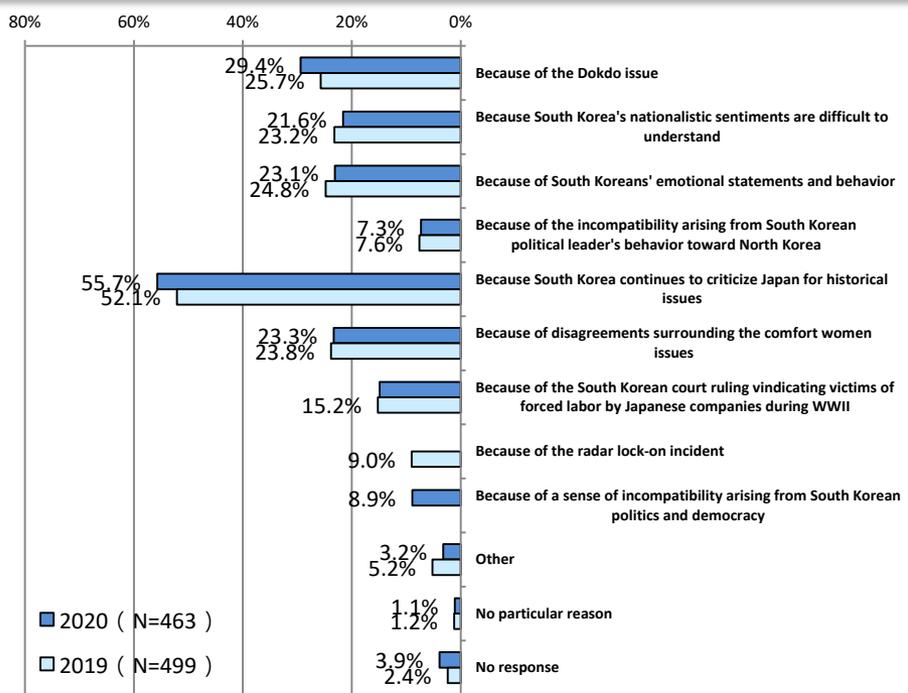
	Because South Korea is a developed country with a high standard of living	Because South Korea is a democratic country like South Korea	Because South Koreans are hardworking	Because of interest in South Korean culture	Because South Korean products are affordable and appealing	Because of South Korea's appealing culinary and shopping cultures	Other	No particular reason	No response
'20	8.9%	21.6%	12.7%	58.7%	20.5%	52.1%	1.5%	3.1%	1.2%
'19	9.0%	18.0%	9.5%	49.5%	23.0%	52.5%	5.0%	4.5%	0.5%

	Because Japan is a developed country with a high standard of living	Because Japan is a democratic country like South Korea	Because Japanese people are kind and hardworking	Because of interest in Japanese traditional culture	Because Japanese products are of high quality	Because of Japan's appealing culinary and shopping cultures	Other	No particular reason	No response
'20	47.6%	13.7%	58.1%	8.9%	33.9%	24.2%	4.8%	2.4%	0.0%
'19	60.3%	15.0%	69.7%	7.8%	21.3%	16.9%	2.5%	0.6%	0.9%

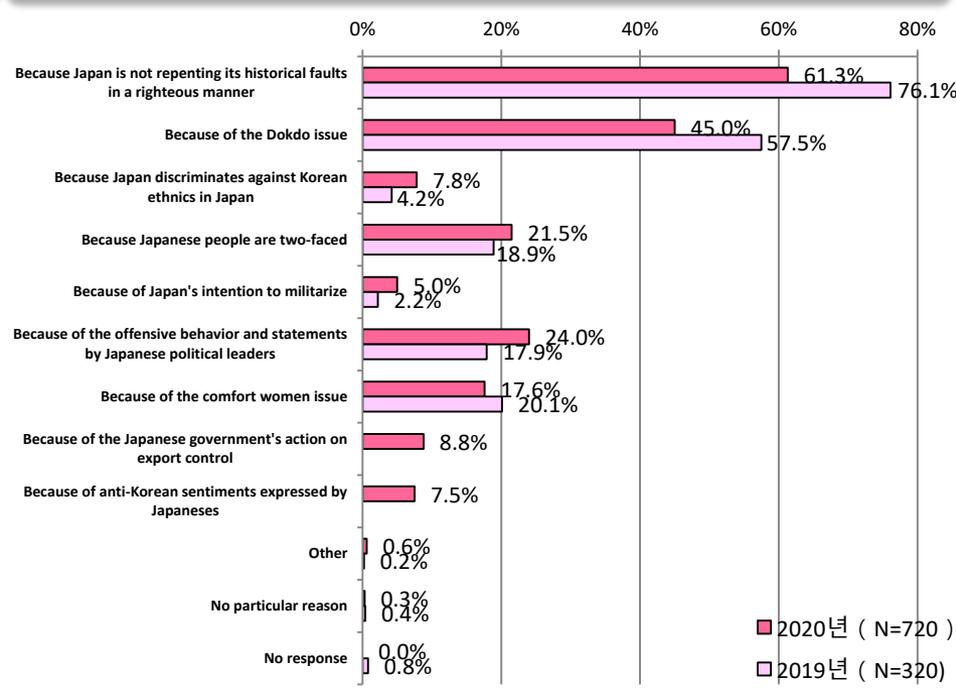
Reasons for Unfavorable Perception

Q 5 -b. (If you answered "unfavorable" in the previous question) Why is your perception unfavorable?
 【Choose up to two】

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Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



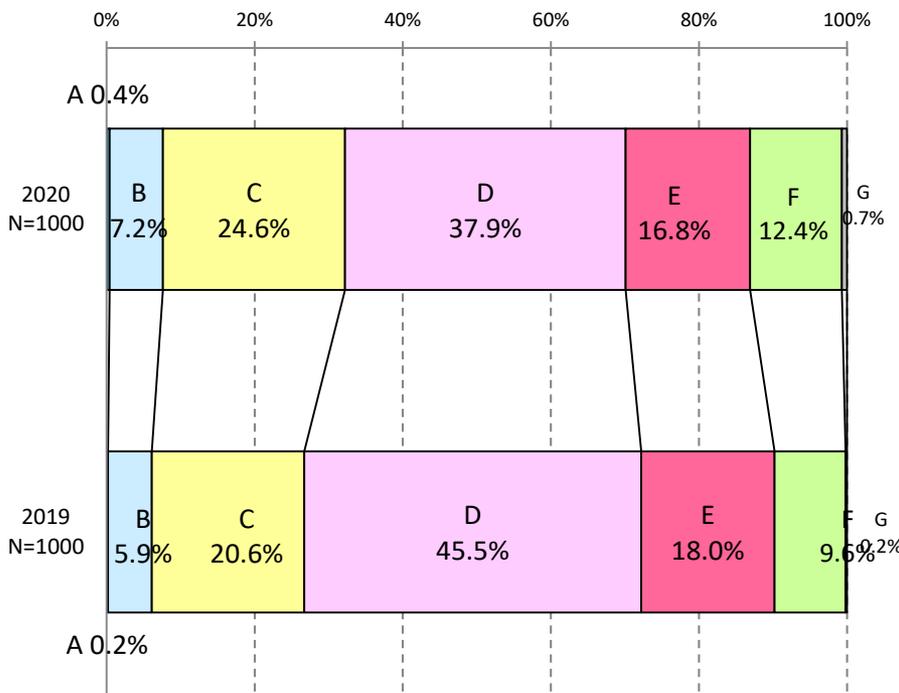
	Because of the Dokdo issue	Because South Korea's nationalistic sentiments are difficult to understand	Because of South Koreans' emotional statements and behavior	Because of the incompatibility arising from South Korean political leader's behavior toward North Korea	Because South Korea continues to criticize Japan for historical issues	Because of disagreement surrounding the comfort women issues	Because of the South Korean court ruling vindicating victims of forced labor	Because of the radar lock-on incident	Because of a sense of incompatibility arising from South Korean politics and democracy	Other	No particular reason	No response
20년	29.4%	21.6%	23.1%	7.3%	55.7%	23.3%	14.9%	-	8.9%	3.2%	1.1%	3.9%
19년	25.7%	23.2%	24.8%	7.6%	52.1%	23.8%	15.2%	9.0%	-	5.2%	1.2%	2.4%

	Because Japan is not repenting its historical faults in a righteous manner	Because of the Dokdo issue	Because Japan discriminates against Korean ethnics in Japan	Because Japanese people are two-faced	Because of Japan's intention to militarize	Because of the offensive behavior and statements by Japanese political leaders	Because of the comfort women issue	Because of the Japanese government's action on export control	Because of anti-Korean sentiments expressed by Japanese people	Other	No particular reason	No response
20년	61.3%	45.0%	7.8%	21.5%	5.0%	24.0%	17.6%	8.8%	7.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%
19년	76.1%	57.5%	4.2%	18.9%	2.2%	17.9%	20.1%	-	-	0.2%	0.4%	0.8%

Current South Korea-Japan Relations

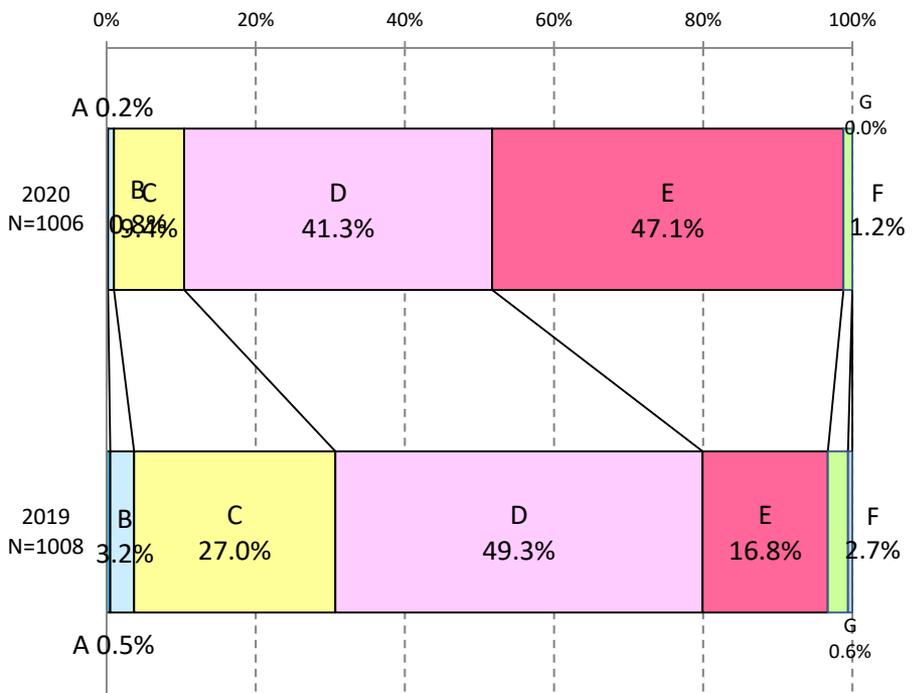
Q 8 . What is your assessment of the current state of bilateral relations between South Korea and Japan? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Very good	Good	Fair	Bad	Very bad	Not sure	No response
'20	0.4%	7.2%	24.6%	37.9%	16.8%	12.4%	0.7%
'19	0.2%	5.9%	20.6%	45.5%	18.0%	9.6%	0.2%

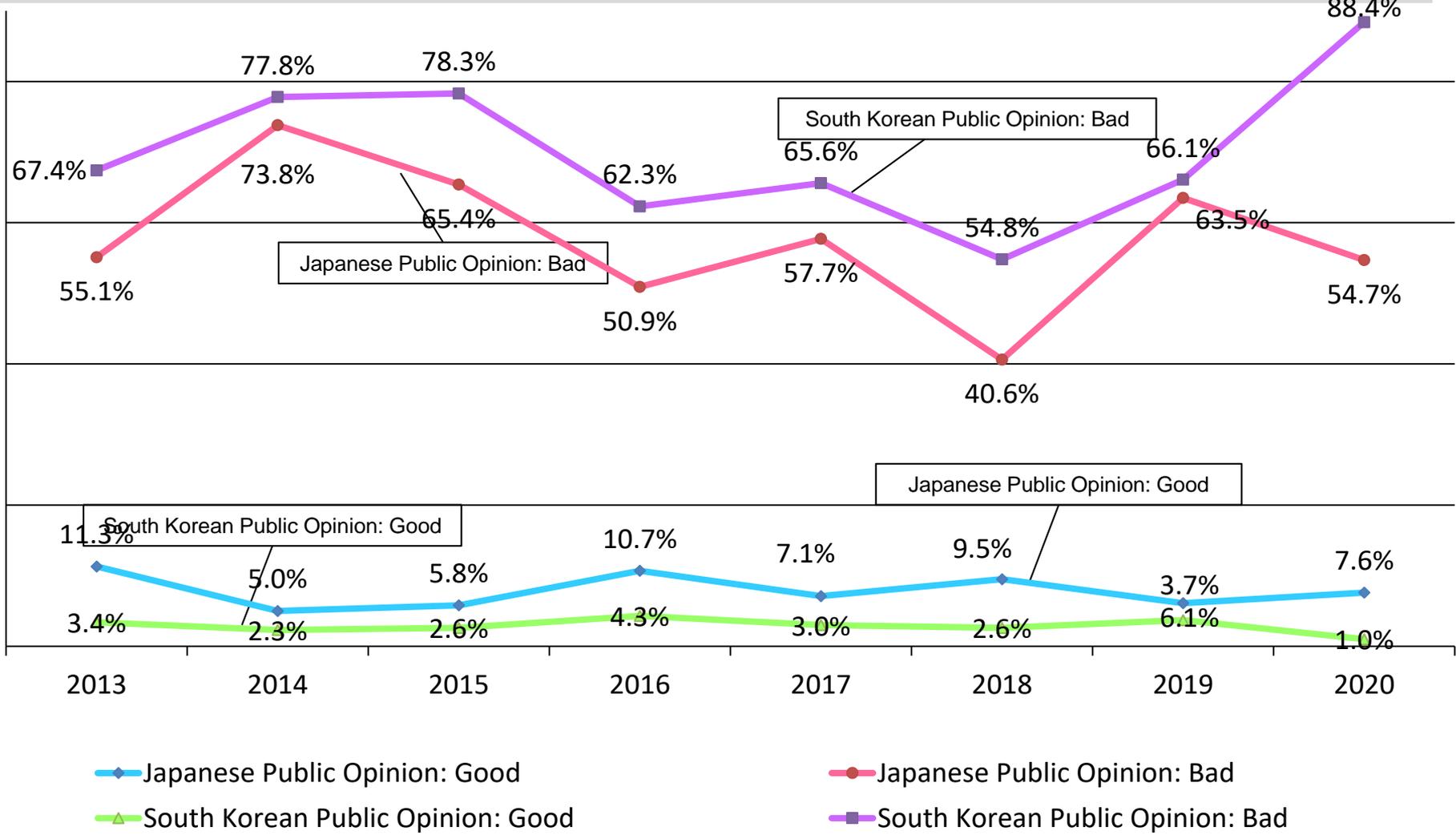
Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Very good	Good	Fair	Bad	Very bad	Not sure	No response
'20	0.2%	0.8%	9.4%	41.3%	47.1%	1.2%	0.0%
'19	0.5%	3.2%	27.0%	49.3%	16.8%	2.7%	0.6%

Assessment of South Korea-Japan Relations ('13~'20)

Q 8 . What is your assessment of the current state of bilateral relations between South Korea and Japan?【Choose one】



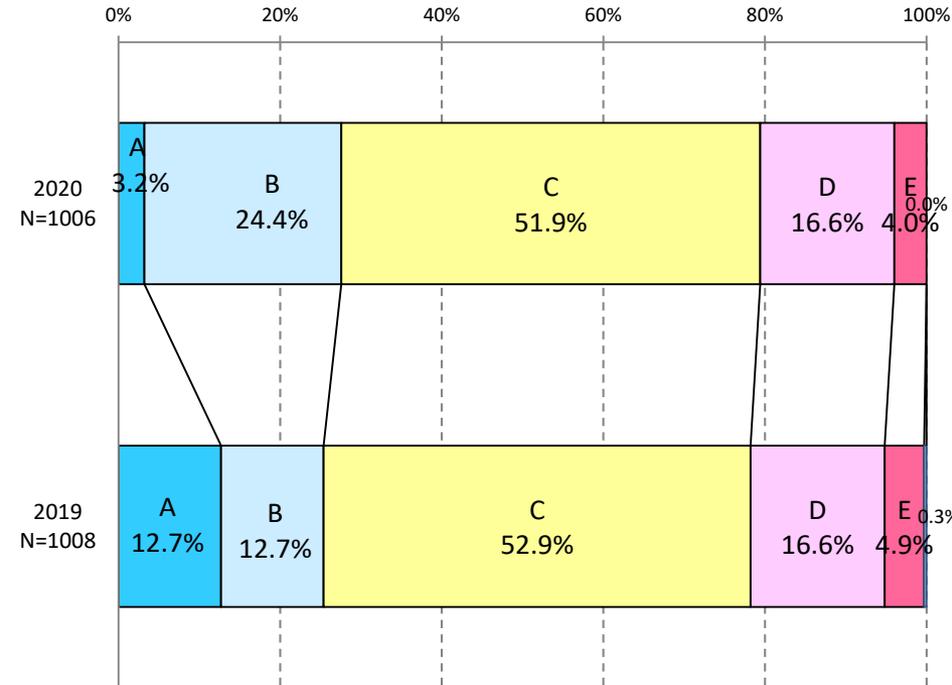
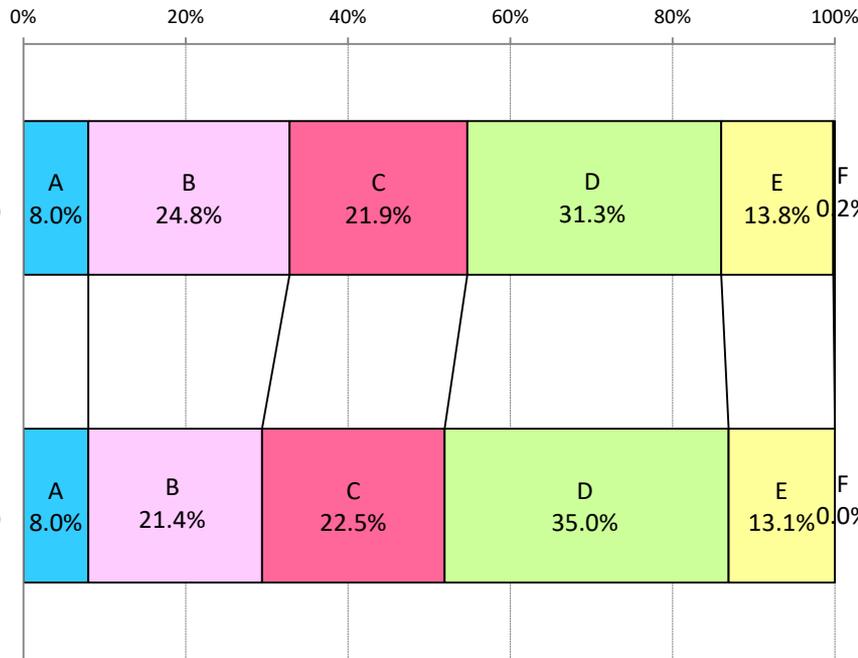
South Korea-Japan Perception of Each Other as a 'Friend/ Mutually Favorable Country'

Q 9 . Do you see South Korea and Japan as 'friends/ mutually favorable countries'?

【Choose one】

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Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



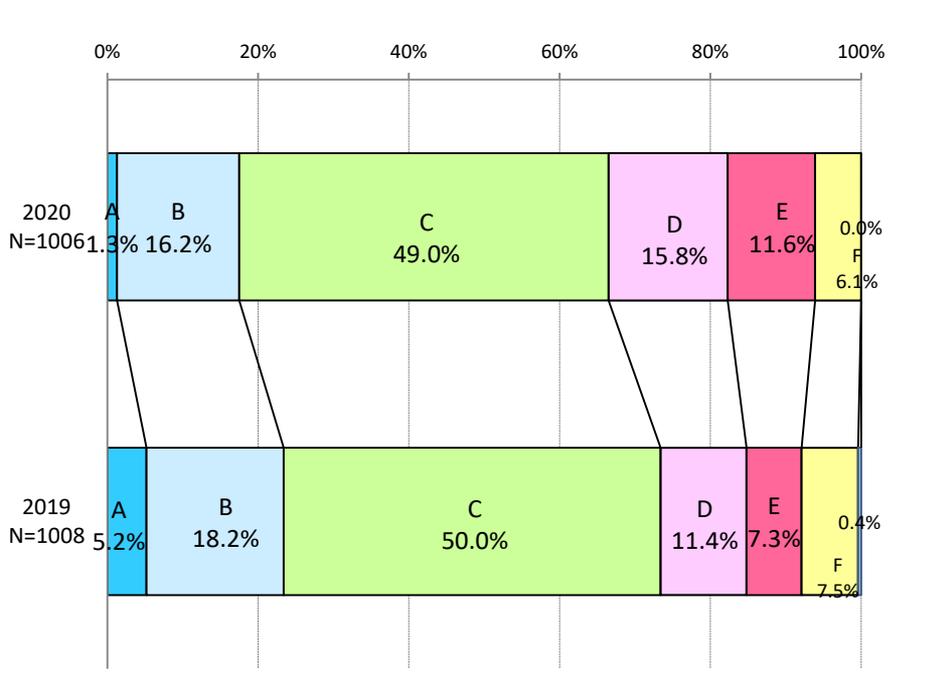
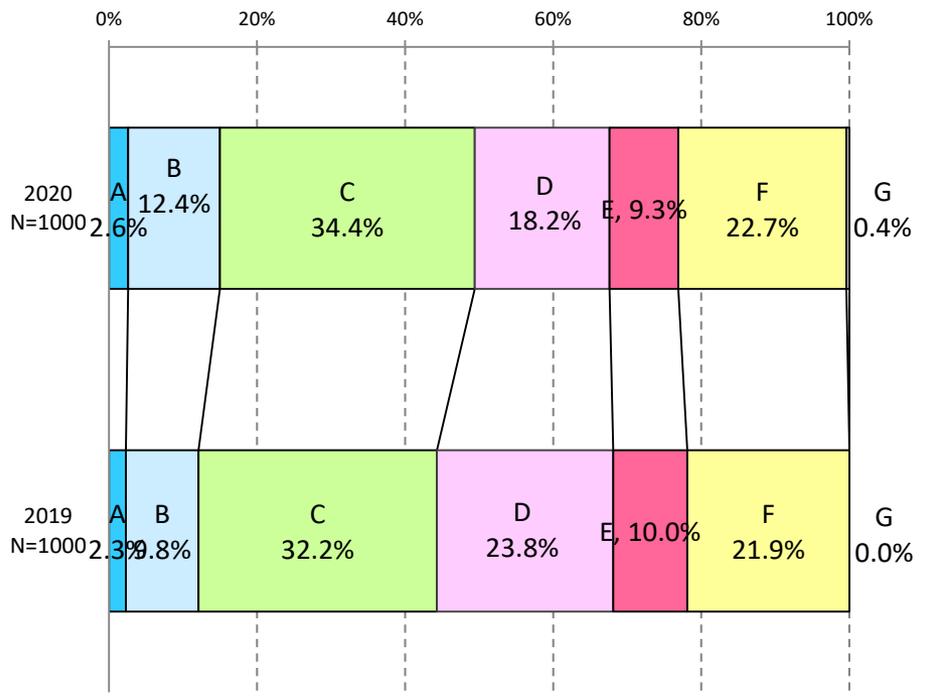
	A	B	C	D	E	F		A	B	C	D	E	F
	They are friends/ mutually favorable countries	They used to be a friends/ mutually favorable countries but that is no longer the case	They were never friends/ mutually favorable countries	Neither	Not sure	No response		They are friends/ mutually favorable countries	They used to be a friends/ mutually favorable countries but that is no longer the case	They were never friends/ mutually favorable countries	Neither	Not sure	No response
'20	8.0%	24.8%	21.9%	31.3%	13.8%	0.2%	'20	3.2%	24.4%	51.9%	16.6%	4.0%	0.0%
'19	8.0%	21.4%	22.5%	35.0%	13.1%	0.0%	'19	12.7%	12.7%	52.9%	16.6%	4.9%	0.3%

The Future of South Korea-Japan Relations

Q10. What is your assessment of the future state of bilateral relations between South Korea and Japan?
 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Will improve	Will slightly improve	Will stay the same	Will slightly worsen	Will worsen	Not sure	No response
'20	2.6%	12.4%	34.4%	18.2%	9.3%	22.7%	0.4%
'19	2.3%	9.8%	32.2%	23.8%	10.0%	21.9%	0.0%

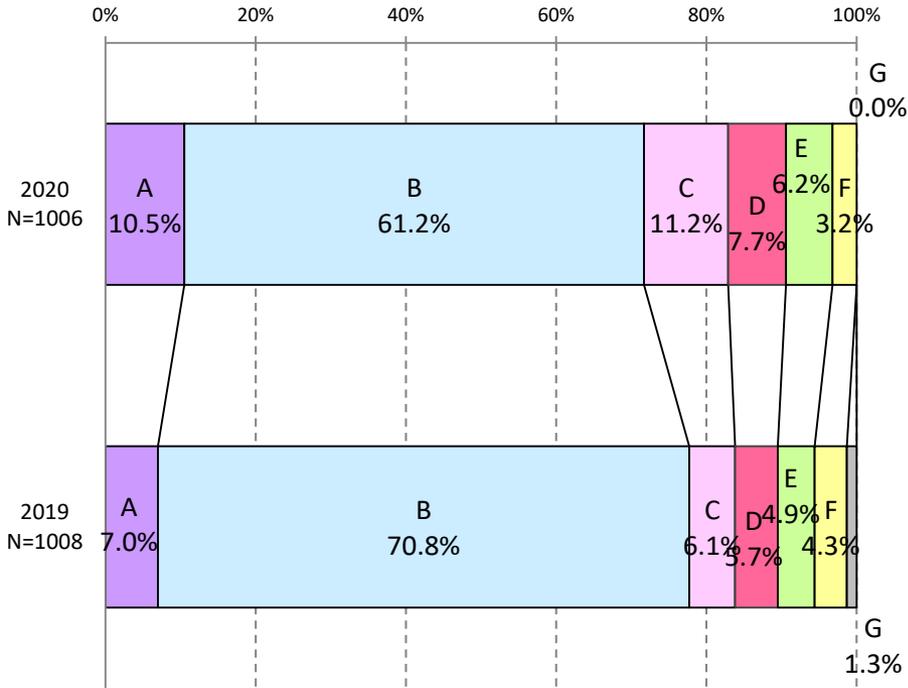
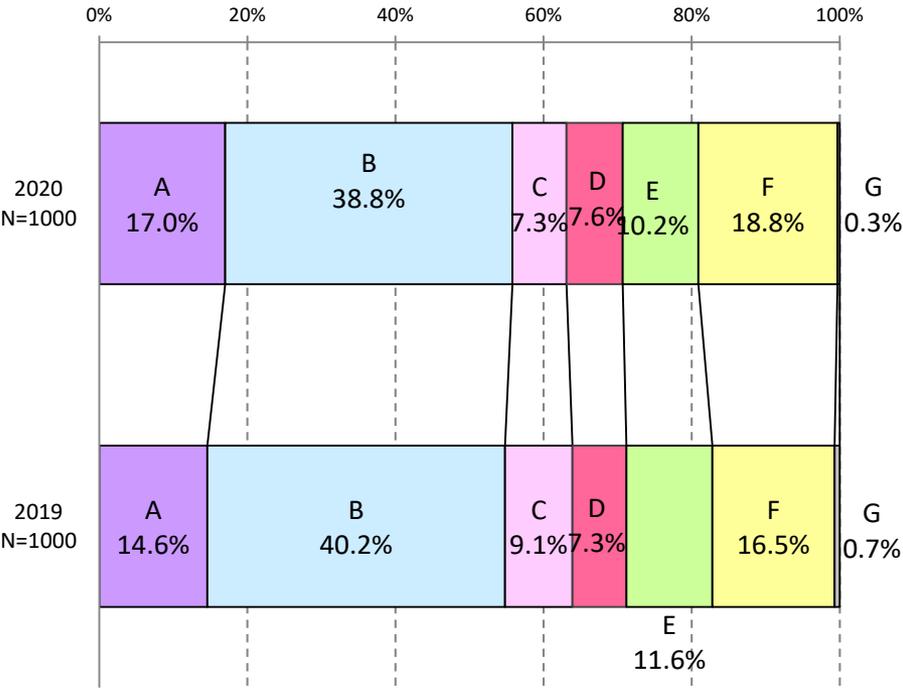
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Will improve	Will slightly improve	Will stay the same	Will slightly worsen	Will worsen	Not sure	No response
'20	1.3%	16.2%	49.0%	15.8%	11.6%	6.1%	0.0%
'19	5.2%	18.2%	50.0%	11.4%	7.3%	7.5%	0.4%

Efforts to Improve South Korea-Japan Relations

Q11. What should be done to improve South Korea-Japan relations which have been deteriorated due to historical issues? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

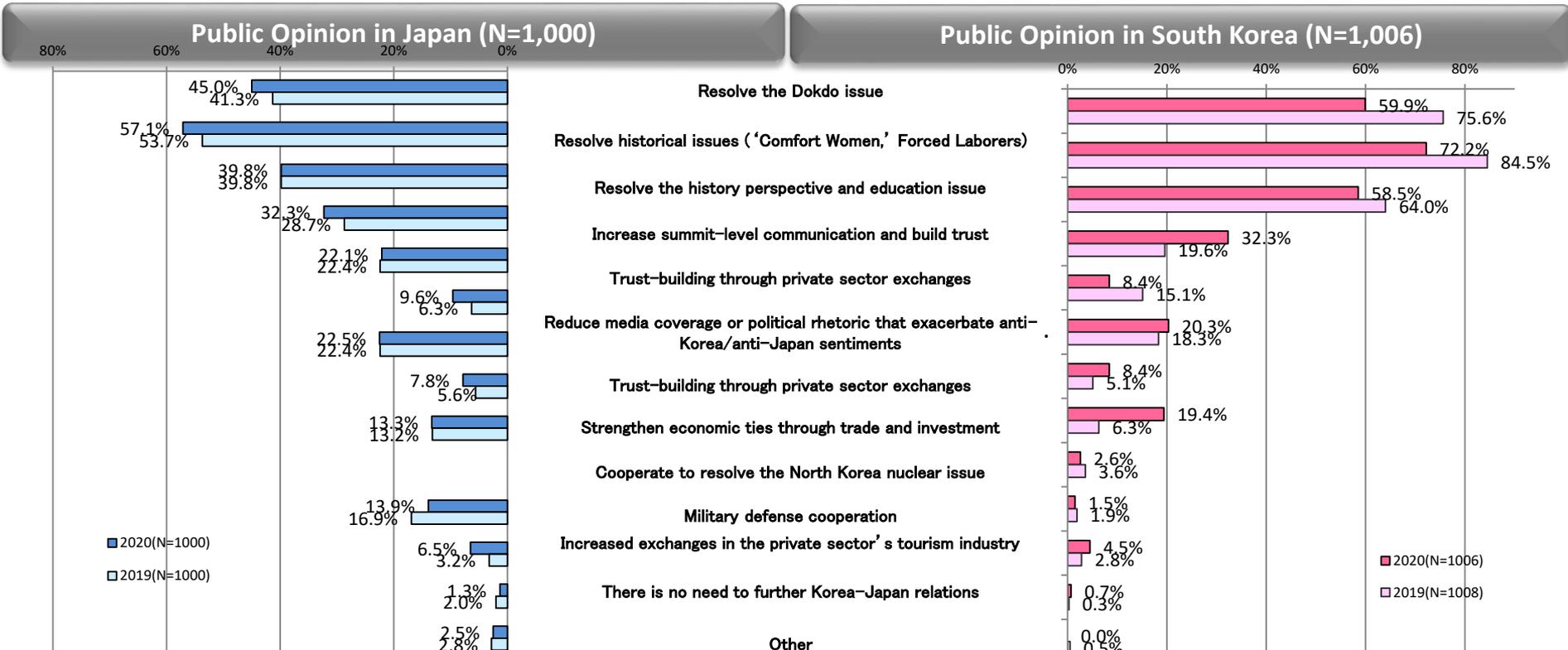
Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	They should not be dealt with for now	Efforts should be made to improve the relations	There is no need to place efforts to improve the relations	No interest in the future of South Korea-Japan relations	Neither	Not Sure	No response		They should not be dealt with for now	Efforts should be made to improve the relations	There is no need to place efforts to improve the relations	No interest in the future of South Korea-Japan relations	Neither	Not Sure	No response
'20	17.0%	38.8%	7.3%	7.6%	10.2%	18.8%	0.3%	'20	10.5%	61.2%	11.2%	7.7%	6.2%	3.2%	0.0%
'19	14.6%	40.2%	9.1%	7.3%	11.6%	16.5%	0.7%	'19	7.0%	70.8%	6.1%	5.7%	4.9%	4.3%	1.3%

Ways to Improve South Korea-Japan Relations

Q12. What should both countries do to further South Korea-Japan relations? 【Choose up to three】



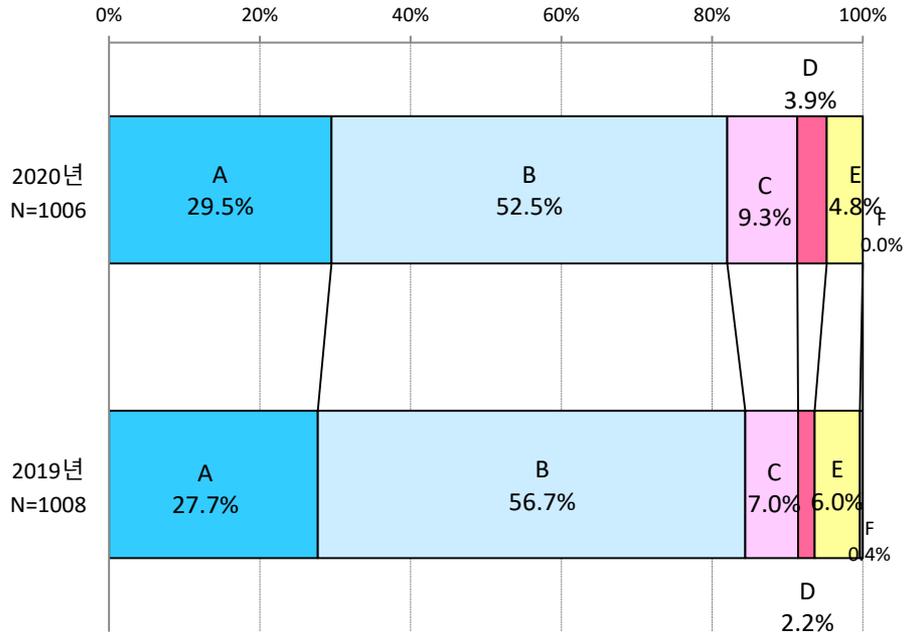
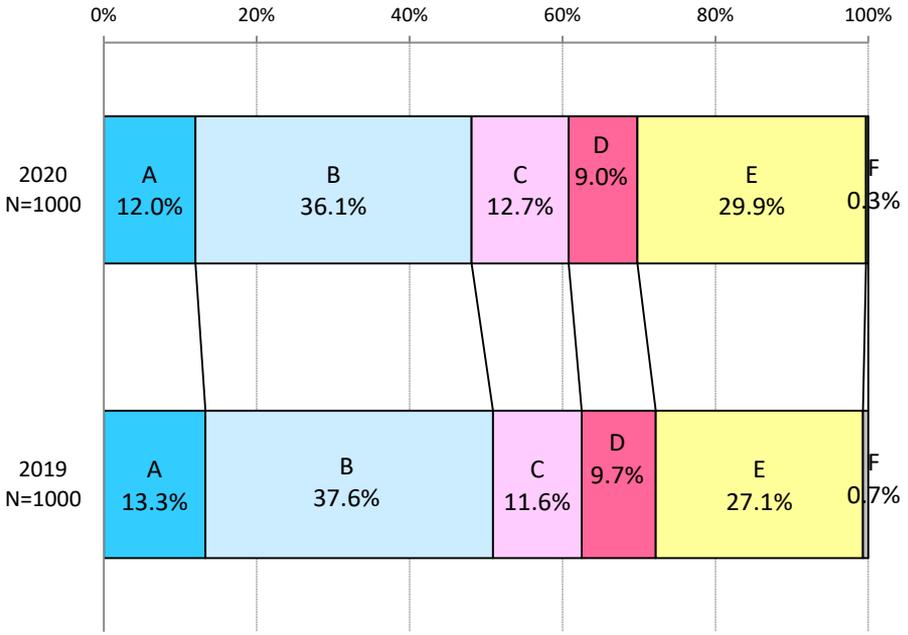
		Resolve the Dokdo issue	Resolve historical issues (Comfort women, forced laborers)	Resolve the history perspective and education issue	Increase summit-level communication and build trust	Trust-building through private sector exchanges	Strengthen economic ties through trade and investment	Cooperate to resolve the North Korea nuclear issue	Military defense cooperation	Increased exchanges in the private sector's tourism industry	Reduce media coverage or political rhetoric that exacerbate anti-Japan sentiments	Reduce media coverage or political rhetoric that exacerbate anti-Korea sentiments	There is no need to further Korea-Japan relations	Other	No response
Japan	'20	45.0%	57.1%	39.8%	32.3%	22.1%	9.6%	22.5%	7.8%	13.3%	-	13.9%	6.5%	1.3%	2.5%
	'19	41.3%	53.7%	39.8%	28.7%	22.4%	6.3%	22.4%	5.6%	13.2%	-	16.9%	3.2%	2.0%	2.8%
South Korea	'20	59.9%	72.2%	58.5%	32.3%	8.4%	19.4%	2.6%	1.5%	4.5%	18.9%	20.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
	'19	75.6%	84.5%	64.0%	19.6%	15.1%	18.3%	5.1%	6.3%	3.6%	15.5%	18.3%	2.8%	0.3%	0.5%

The Importance of South Korea-Japan Relations

Q13. How important are South Korea-Japan relations? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

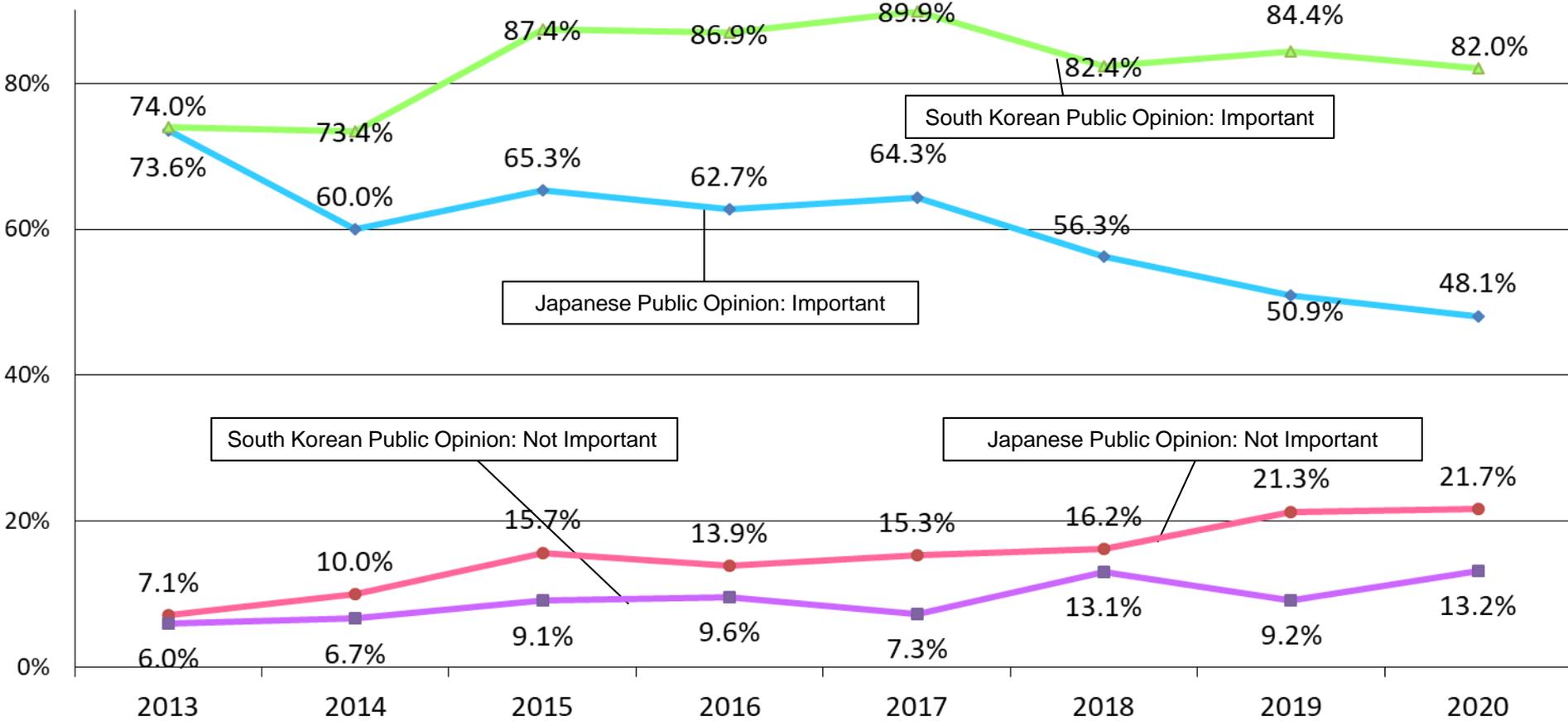


	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Important	Relatively important	Relatively not important	Not important	Not sure	No response
'20	12.0%	36.1%	12.7%	9.0%	29.9%	0.3%
'19	13.3%	37.6%	11.6%	9.7%	27.1%	0.7%

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Important	Relatively important	Relatively not important	Not important	Not sure	No response
'20	29.5%	52.5%	9.3%	3.9%	4.8%	0.0%
'19	27.7%	56.7%	7.0%	2.2%	6.0%	0.4%

The Importance of South Korea-Japan Relations ('13~'20)

Q13. How important are the current bilateral relations for South Korea and Japan? 【Choose one】

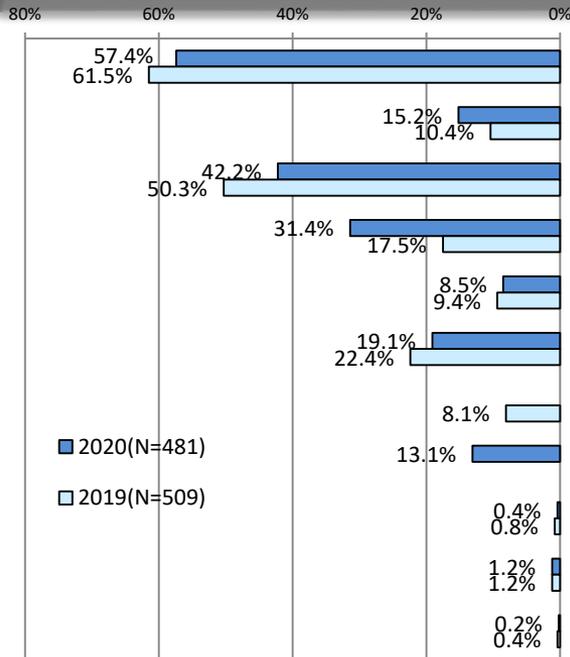


- ◆ Japanese Public Opinion: Important
- Japanese Public Opinion: Not Important
- ▲ South Korean Public Opinion: Important
- South Korean Public Opinion: Not Important

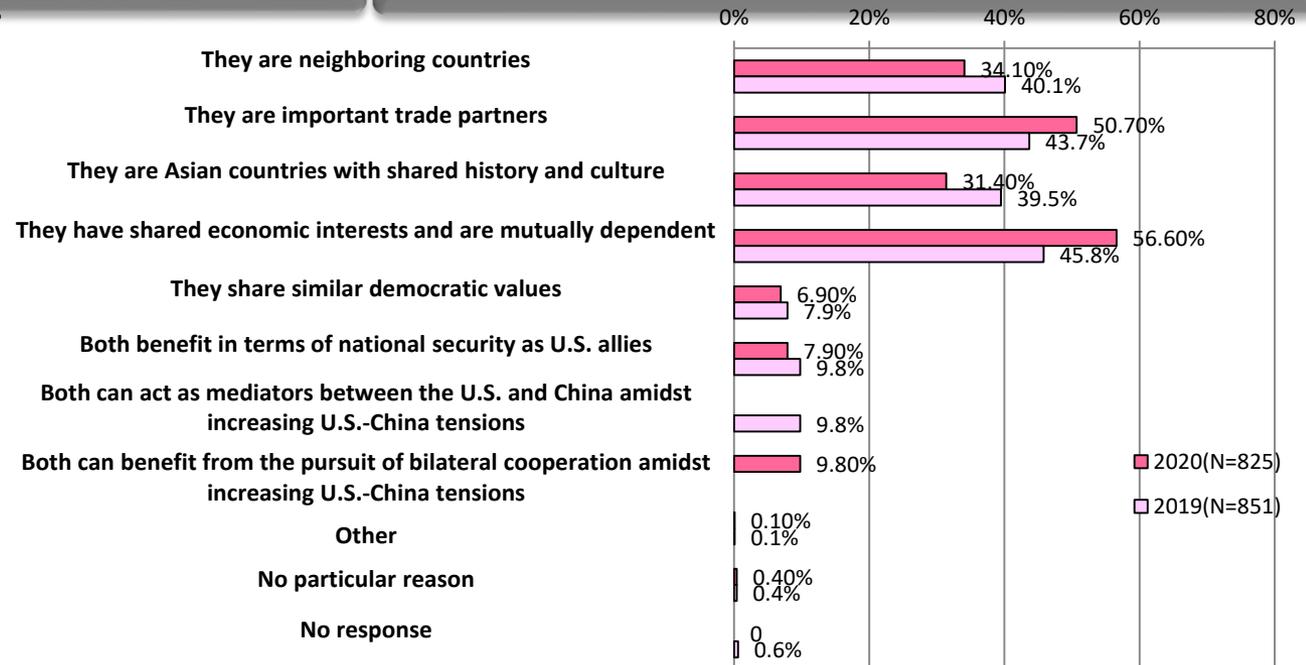
The Reasons for the Importance of South Korea-Japan Relations

Q13-a. (If you answered "important" in the previous question) Why are South Korea-Japan relations important? 【Choose up to two】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

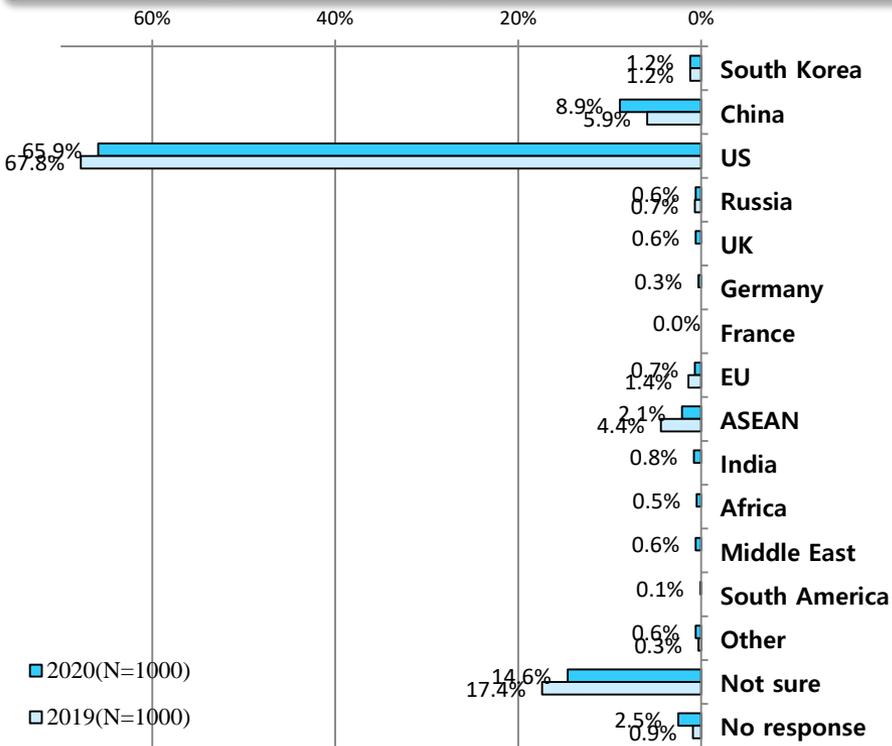


		They are neighboring countries	They are important trade partners	They are Asian countries with shared history and culture	They have shared economic interests and are mutually dependent	They share similar democratic values	Both benefit in terms of national security as U.S. allies	Both can act as mediators between the U.S. and China	Both can benefit from the pursuit of bilateral cooperation amidst increasing U.S.-China tensions	Other	No Particular reason	No Response
Japanese	2020	57.4%	15.2%	42.2%	31.4%	8.5%	19.1%	-	13.1%	0.4%	1.2%	0.2%
	2019	61.5%	10.4%	50.3%	17.5%	9.4%	22.4%	8.1%	-	0.8%	1.2%	0.4%
Korean	2020	34.1%	50.7%	31.4%	56.6%	6.9%	7.9%	-	9.8%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%
	2019	40.1%	43.7%	39.5%	45.8%	7.9%	9.8%	9.8%	-	0.1%	0.4%	0.6%

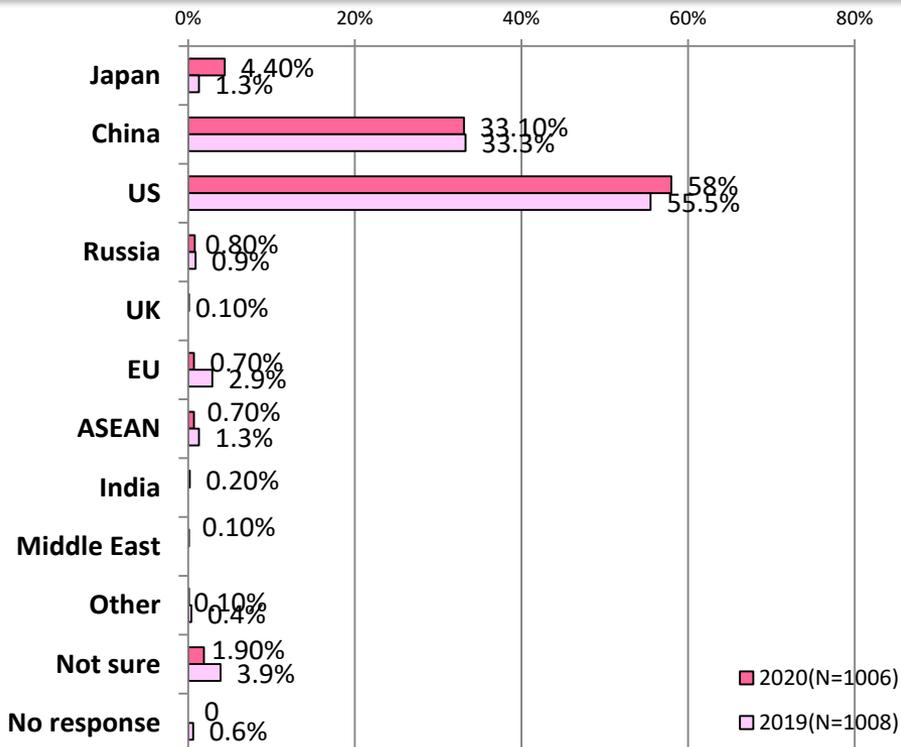
Important Country for the Future of the Nation

Q15. Which country or region is the most important to the future of your own? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	South Korea	China	US	Russia	UK	Germany	France	EU	ASEAN	India	Africa	Middle East	South America	Other	Not sure	No response
'20	1.2%	8.9%	65.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%	0.7%	2.1%	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%	0.1%	0.6%	14.6%	2.5%
'19	1.2%	5.9%	67.8%	0.7%	-	-	-	1.4%	4.4%	-	-	-	-	0.3%	17.4%	0.9%

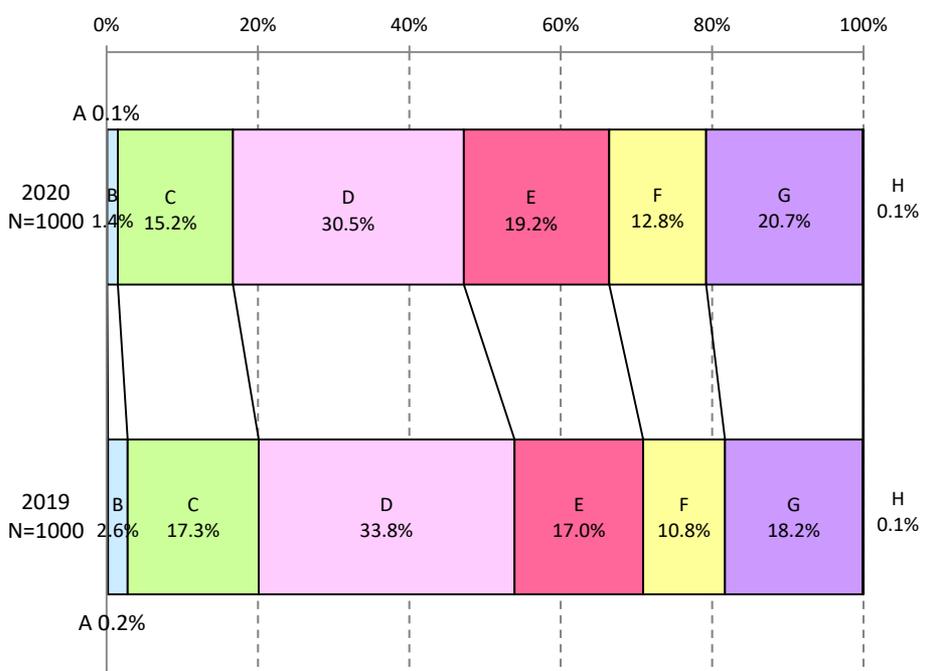
	Japan	China	US	Russia	UK	EU	ASEAN	India	Middle East	Other	Not sure	No response
'20	4.4%	33.1%	58%	0.8%	0.1%	0.7%	0.7%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	1.9%	0.0%
'19	1.3%	33.3%	55.5%	0.9%	-	2.9%	1.3%	-	-	0.4%	3.9%	0.6%

Views of South Korea-Japan Political Leaders

Q18. What are your impressions of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (for South Korean respondents) / President Moon Jae-in? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	Very favorable	Relatively favorable	Neither	Relatively unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure	No interest	No response
'20	0.1%	1.4%	15.2%	30.5%	19.2%	12.8%	20.7%	0.1%
'19	0.2%	2.6%	17.3%	33.8%	17.0%	10.8%	18.2%	0.1%

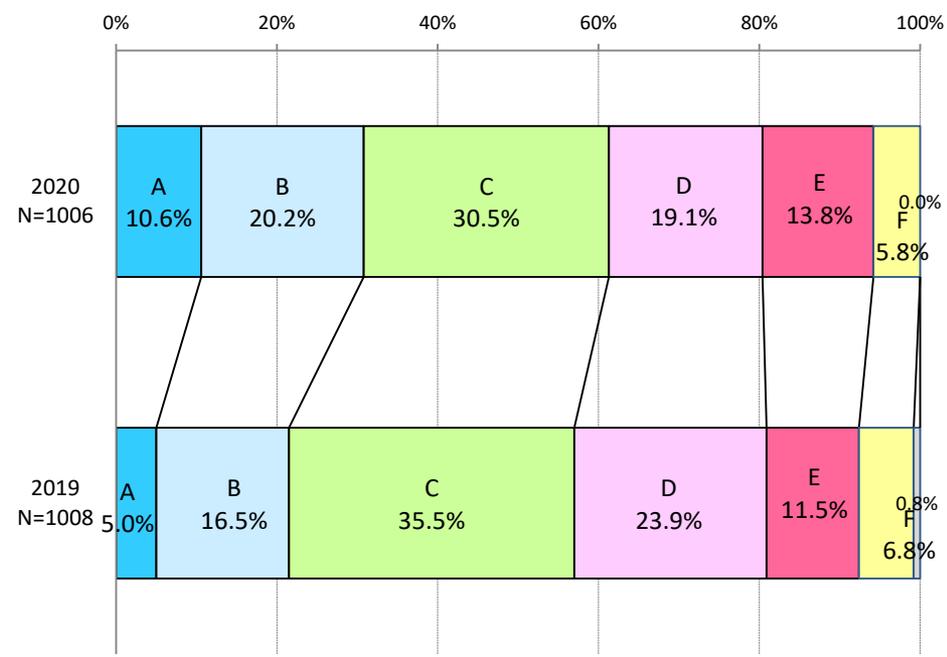
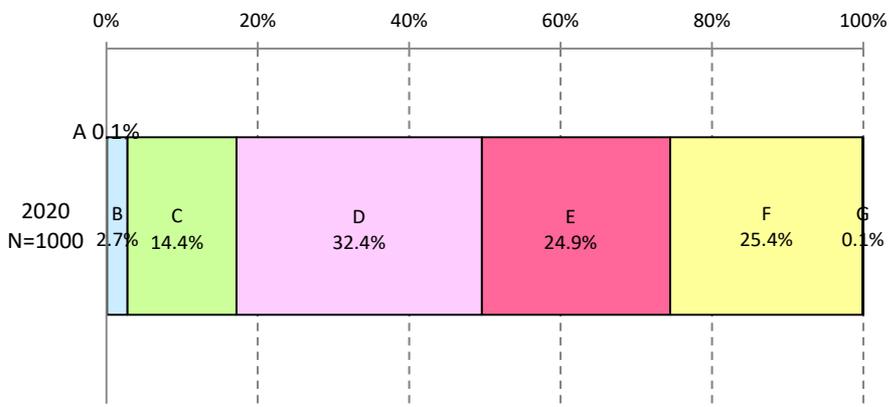
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	Very favorable	Relatively favorable	Neither	Relatively unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure	No interest	No response
'20	0.1%	1.0%	4.5%	32.8%	57.2%	1.3%	3.2%	0.0%
'19	0.6%	2.4%	11.7%	39.4%	39.9%	1.2%	4.4%	0.5%

Assessment on Moon administration's policy towards Japan

Q19. What is your assessment on Moon Jae-In administration's policy and attitude towards Japan?
 【Choose One】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



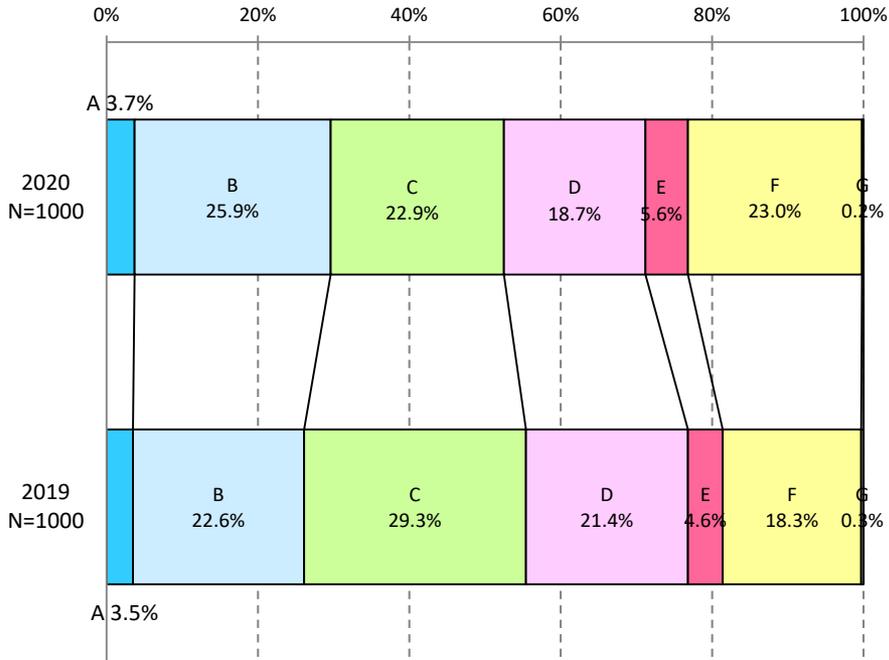
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Very Good	Quite Good	Neither	Not Good	Very Bad	Not Sure	No Response
20'	0.1%	2.7%	14.4%	32.4%	24.9%	25.4%	0.1%

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Very Good	Quite Good	Neither	Not Good	Very Bad	Not Sure	No Response
20'	10.6%	20.2%	30.5%	19.1%	13.8%	5.8%	0.0%
19'	5.0%	16.5%	35.5%	23.9%	11.5%	6.8%	0.8%

Assessment on Abe administration's policy toward Korea

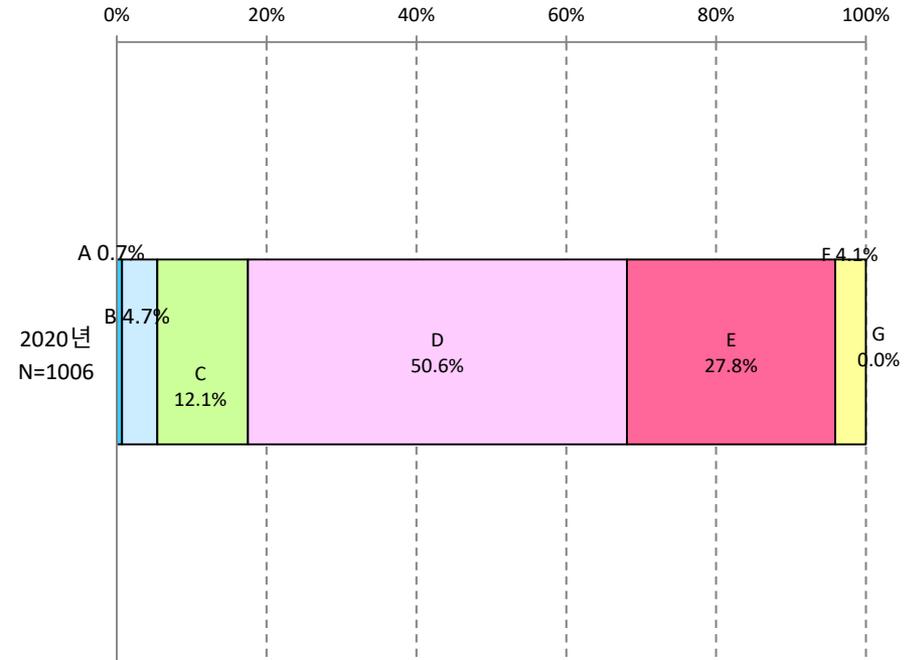
Q20. What is your assessment on Abe administration's policy and attitude toward South Korea?
【Choose One】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	F
	Very Good	Quite Good	Neither	Not Good	Bad	Very Bad	Not Sure
20'	3.7%	25.9%	22.9%	18.7%	5.6%	23.0%	0.2%
19'	3.5%	22.6%	29.3%	21.4%	4.6%	18.3%	0.3%

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



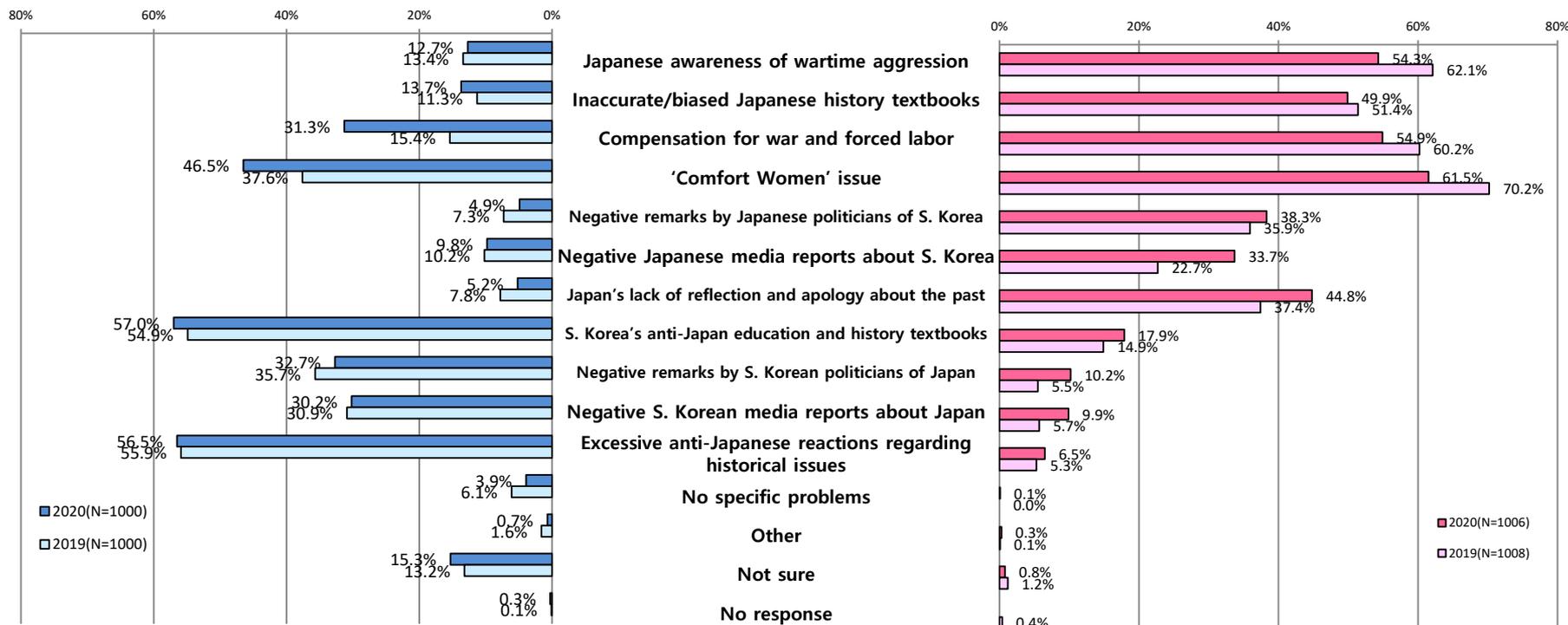
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Very Good	Quite Good	Neither	Not Good	Very Bad	Not Sure
20'	0.7%	4.7%	12.1%	50.6%	27.8%	4.1%

Views of Historical Issues between Japan and South Korea

Q21. What issues must be resolved to further South Korea-Japan relations? 【Choose all that apply】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



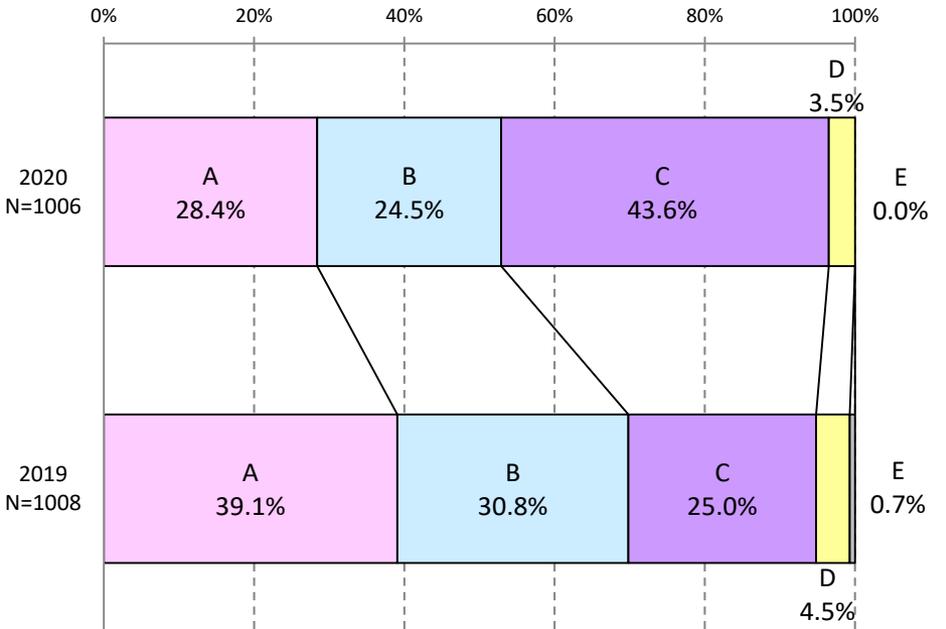
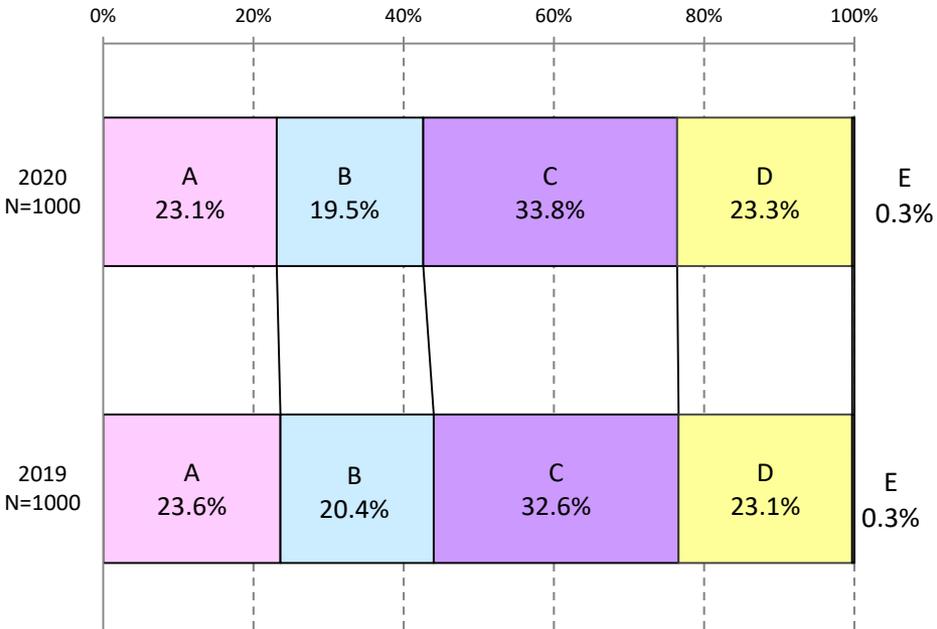
		Japanese awareness of wartime aggression	Inaccurate/biased Japanese history textbooks	Compensation for war and forced labor	'Comfort Women' issue	Negative remarks by Japanese politicians of S. Korea	Negative Japanese media reports about S. Korea	Japan's lack of reflection and apology about the past	S. Korea's anti-Japan education and history textbooks	Negative remarks by S. Korean politicians of Japan	Negative S. Korean media reports about Japan	Excessive anti-Japanese reactions regarding historical issues	No specific problems	Other	Not sure	No response
Japan	'20	12.7%	13.7%	31.3%	46.5%	4.9%	9.8%	5.2%	57.0%	32.7%	30.2%	56.5%	3.9%	0.7%	15.3%	0.3%
	'19	13.4%	11.3%	15.4%	37.6%	7.3%	10.2%	7.8%	54.9%	35.7%	30.9%	55.9%	6.1%	1.6%	13.2%	0.1%
S. Korea	'20	54.3%	49.9%	54.9%	61.5%	38.3%	33.7%	44.8%	17.9%	10.2%	9.9%	6.5%	0.1%	0.3%	0.8%	
	'19	62.1%	51.4%	60.2%	70.2%	35.9%	22.7%	37.4%	14.9%	5.5%	5.7%	5.3%	0.0%	0.1%	1.2%	0.4%

South Korea-Japan Relations and the History Issue

Q22. What do you think of South Korea-Japan relations and the bilateral history problem? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D	E
	It will be difficult for relations to move forward without resolving the history issue	As relations improve, the history issue will be gradually resolved	Even if relations improve it will still be difficult to resolve the history issue	Not sure	No response
'20	23.1%	19.5%	33.8%	23.3%	0.3%
'19	23.6%	20.4%	32.6%	23.1%	0.3%

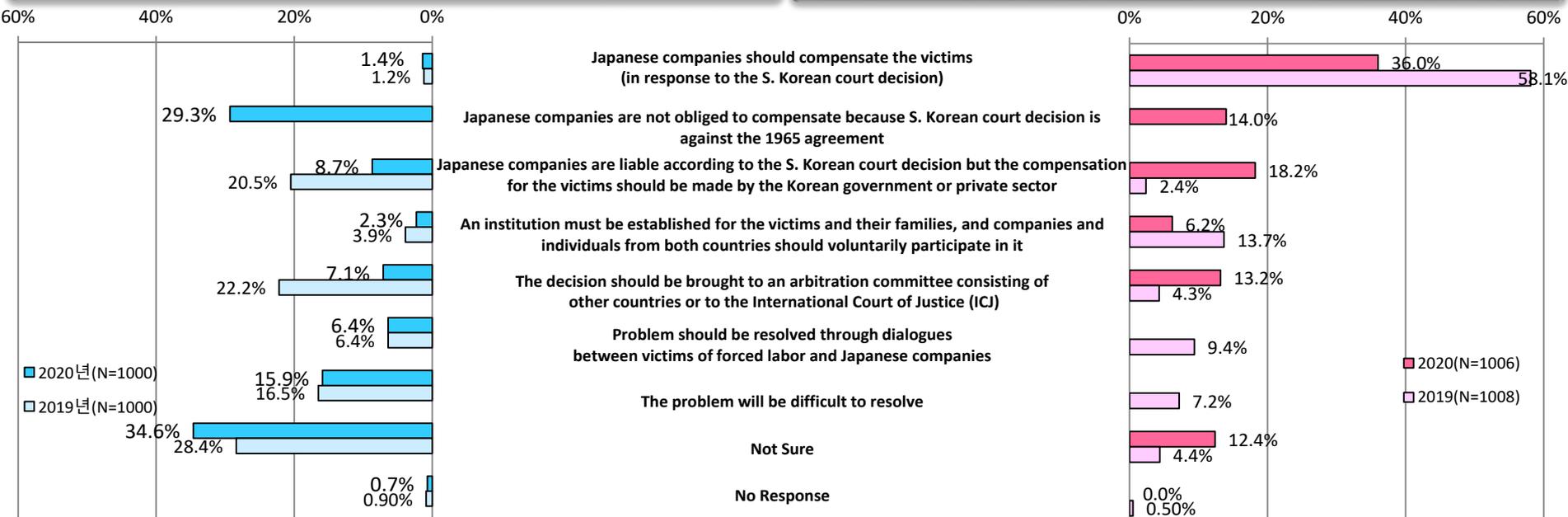
	A	B	C	D	E
	It will be difficult for relations to move forward without resolving the history issue	As relations improve, the history issue will be gradually resolved	Even if relations improve it will still be difficult to resolve the history issue	Not sure	No response
'20	28.4%	24.5%	43.6%	3.5%	0.0%
'19	39.1%	30.8%	25.0%	4.5%	0.7%

22 Ways to Resolve Bilateral Tensions Resulting from the South Korean Supreme Court Decision

Q23. In October 2018, the South Korean Supreme Court ruled that victims of forced labor under Japan from WWII should be compensated by Japanese companies. The Japanese government are strongly against this decision. How should increased bilateral tensions from the South Korean Supreme Court decision be resolved? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

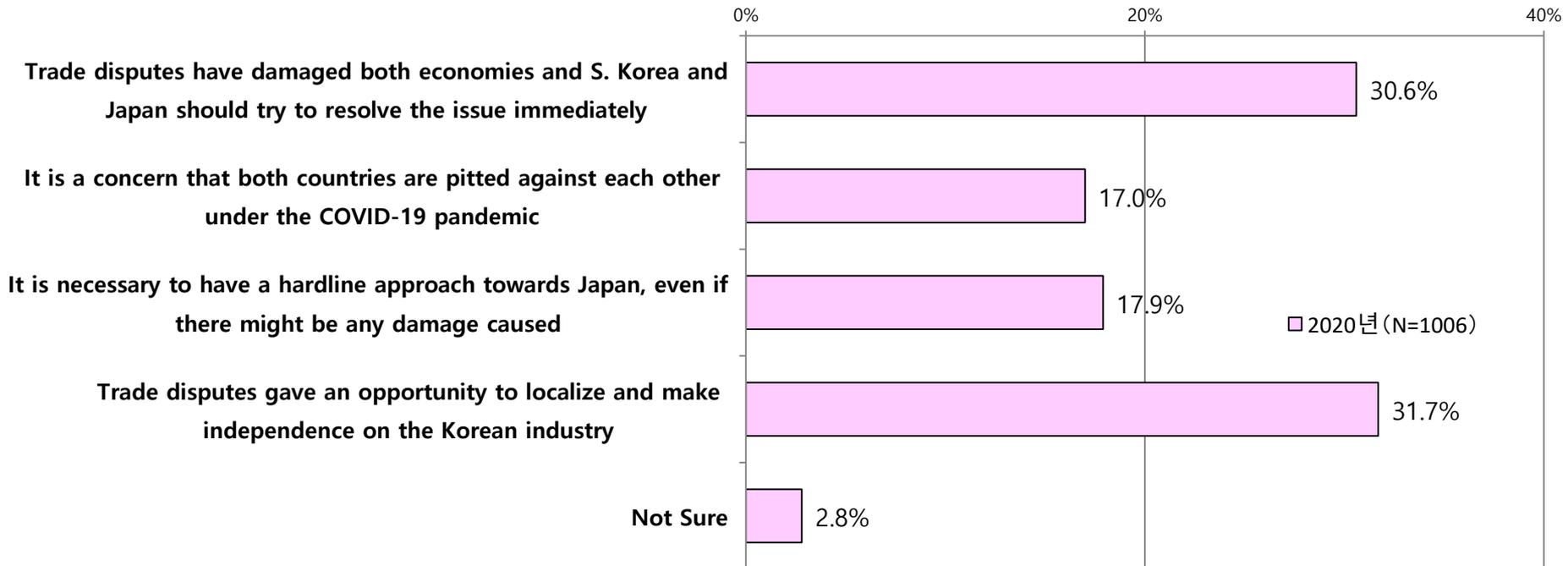


		Japanese companies should compensate the victims (in response to the S. Korean court decision)	Japanese companies are not obliged to compensate because S. Korean court decision is against the 1965 agreement	Japanese companies are liable according to the S. Korean court decision but the compensation for the victims should be made by the Korean government or private sector	An institution must be established for the victims and their families and companies and individuals from both countries should voluntarily participate in it	The decision should be brought to an arbitration committee consisting of other countries or to the International Court of Justice (ICJ)	Problem should be resolved through dialogues between victims of forced labor and Japanese companies	The problem will be difficult to resolve	Not Sure	No Response
20'	Korean	36.0%	14.0%	18.2%	6.2%	13.2%	-	-	12.4%	0.0%
	Japanese	1.4%	29.3%	8.7%	2.3%	7.1%	6.4%	15.9%	34.6%	0.7%
		Japanese companies should compensate the victims (in response to the S. Korean court decision)	-	S. Korean government should compensate the victims	S. Korean government should establish an institution for the victims and their families and Japanese companies should voluntarily	The decision should be brought to an arbitration committee consisting of other countries or to the international	Problem should be resolved through dialogues between victims of forced labor and Japanese companies	The problem will be difficult to resolve	Not Sure	No Response

Assessment on the trade dispute between the two countries

Q25. Over the year, governments of Japan and South Korea have had thorny relations over trade disputes, which damaged trade relations between the two countries. What is your assessment on this?

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

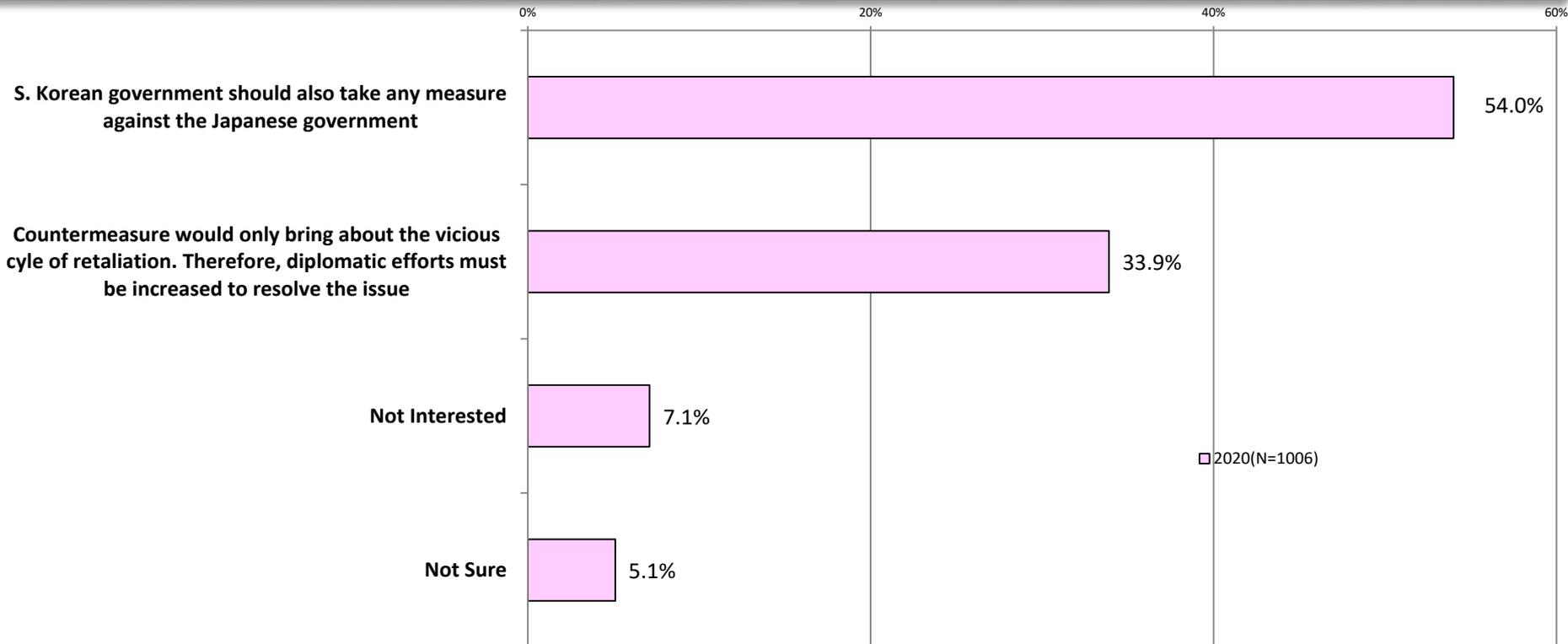


	Trade disputes have damaged both economies and S. Korea and Japan should try to resolve the issue immediately	Trade disputes have damaged both economies and S. Korea and Japan should try to resolve the issue immediately	It is necessary to have a hardline approach towards Japan, even if there might be any damage caused	Trade disputes gave an opportunity to localize and make independence on the Korean industry	Not Sure
20'	30.6%	17.0%	17.9%	31.7%	2.8%

S. Korean Government's Response to the Japanese Government's action

Q26. Following the South Korean court decision on forced laborers, the Japanese government considers countermeasures including tariff increase. How should the S. Korean government respond?

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

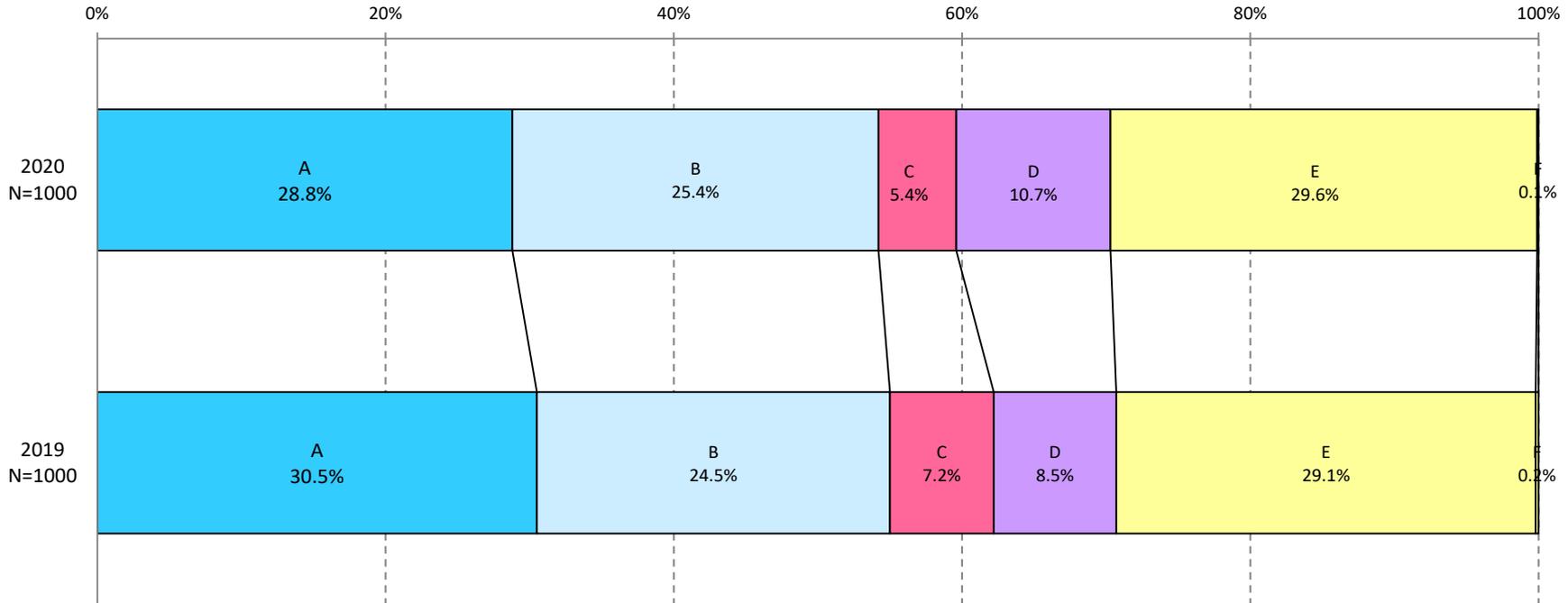


	S. Korean government should also take any measure against the Japanese government	Countermeasure would only bring about the vicious cycle of retaliation. Therefore, diplomatic efforts must be increased to resolve the issue	Not Interested	Not Sure
20'	54.0%	33.9%	7.1%	5.1%

Japan's Countermeasure against S. Korean Court Decision(Japan Survey)

Q26. Following the South Korean court decision on forced laborers, the Japanese government considers countermeasures including tariff increase. What is your assessment on this issue?
 【Choose One】

Public Opinions in Japan (N=1,000)

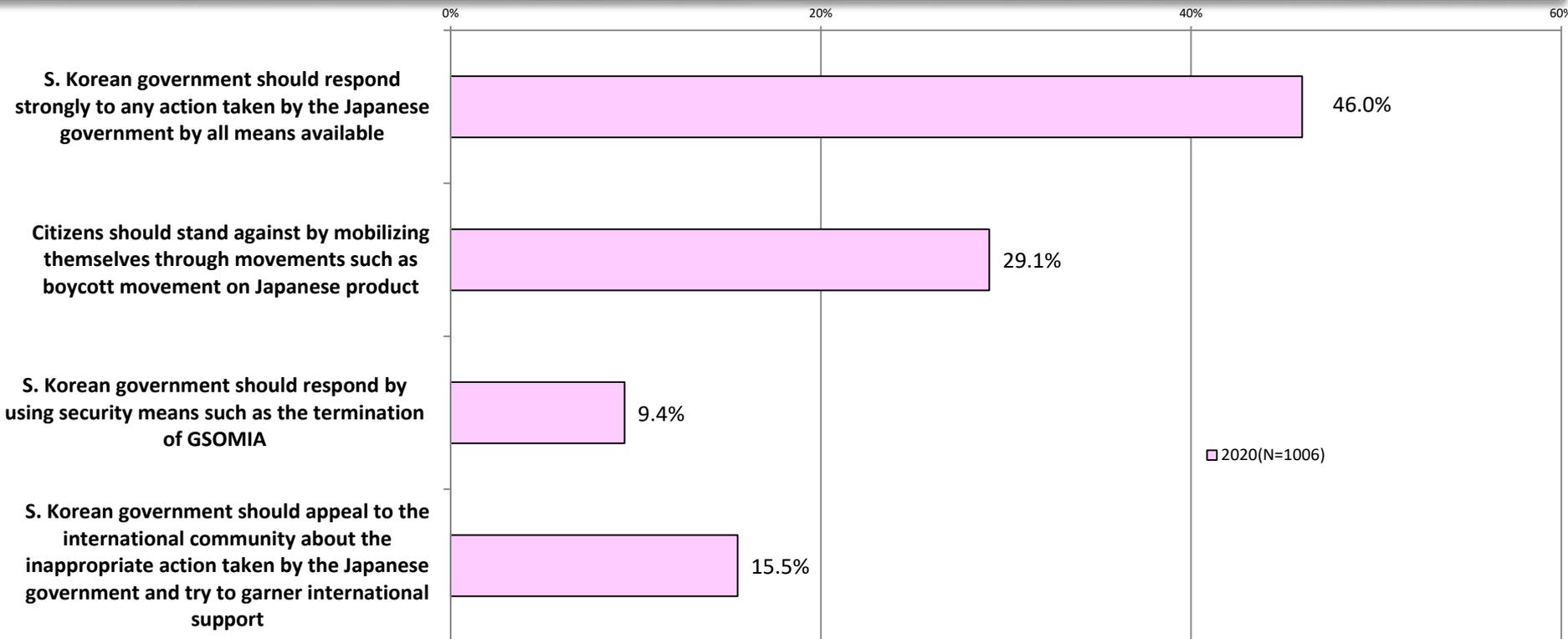


	A	B	C	D	E	F
	It is necessary for the Japanese government to take countermeasure	Countermeasure is inevitable	Countermeasure should not be taken	Not interested	Not Sure	No Response
20'	28.8%	25.4%	5.4%	10.7%	29.6%	0.1%
19'	30.5%	24.5%	7.2%	8.5%	29.1%	0.2%

Measures taken to respond to the Japanese government

Q26-a. What kind of measures S. Korean government should take in response to the Japanese government's action on export control?

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=543)



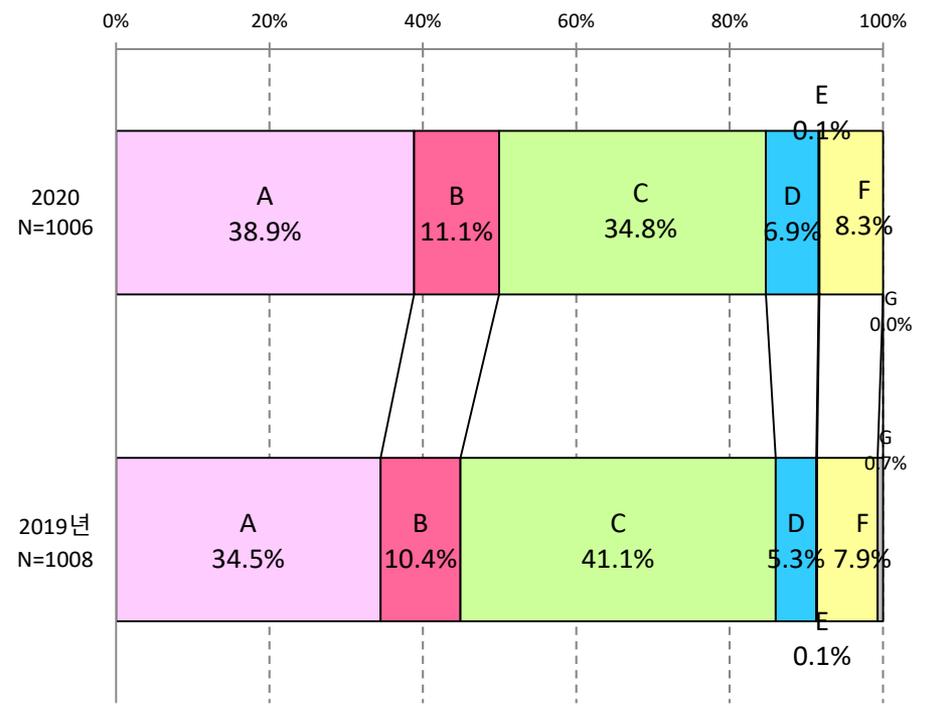
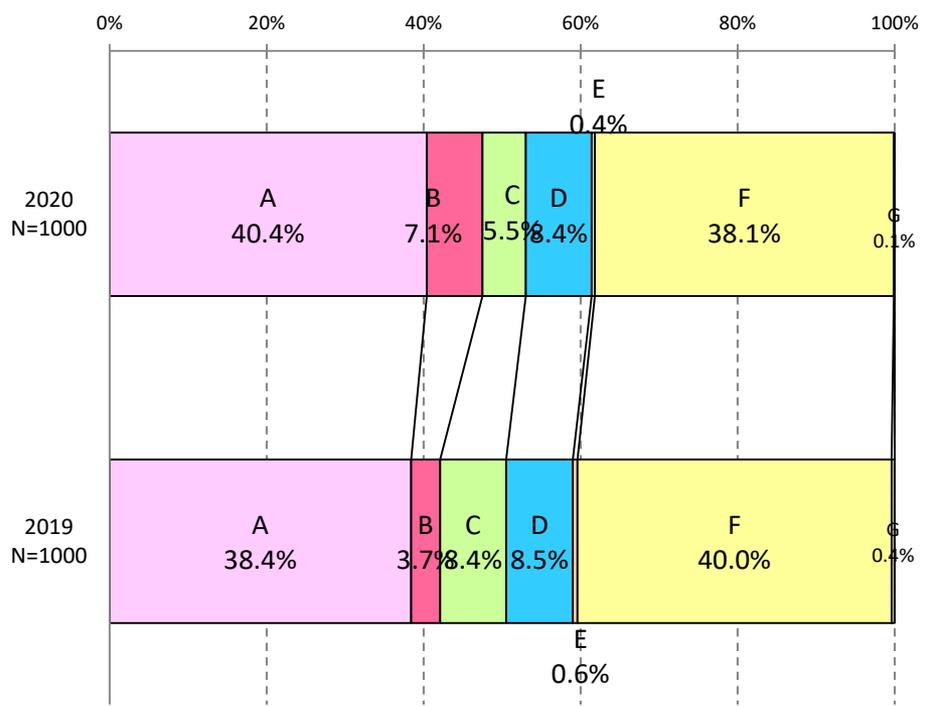
	S. Korean government should respond strongly to any action taken by the Japanese government by all means available	Citizens should stand against by mobilizing themselves through movements such as boycott movement on Japanese product	S. Korean government should respond by using security means such as the termination of GSOMIA	S. Korean government should appeal to the international community about the inappropriate action taken by the Japanese government and try to garner international support
20'	46.0%	29.1%	9.4%	15.5%

The State of Affairs on the Korean Peninsula in a Decade

Q27. What will the Korean Peninsula look like in a decade?【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

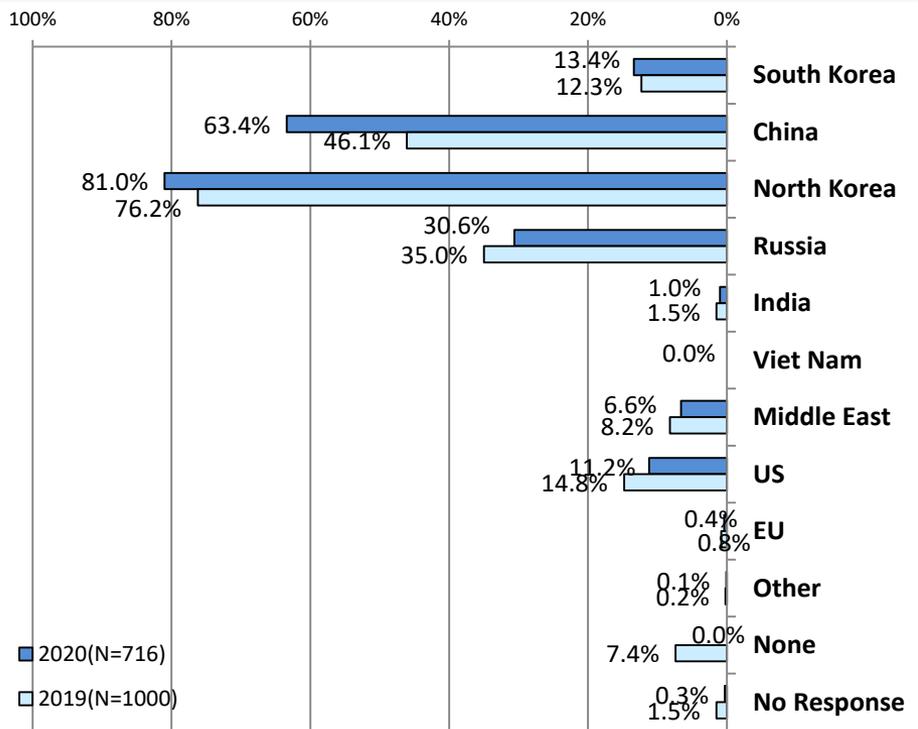


	A	B	C	D	E	F	G		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	The current instability will continue	Inter-Korean conflict will exacerbate	Inter-Korean relations will improve	There will be progress toward unification	Other	Not sure	No response		The current instability will continue	Inter-Korean conflict will exacerbate	Inter-Korean relations will improve	There will be progress toward unification	Other	Not sure	No response
'20	40.4%	7.1%	5.5%	8.4%	0.4%	38.1%	0.1%	'20	38.9%	11.1%	34.8%	6.9%	0.1%	8.3%	0.0%
'19	38.4%	3.7%	8.4%	8.5%	0.6%	40.0%	0.4%	'19	34.5%	10.4%	41.1%	5.3%	0.1%	7.9%	0.7%

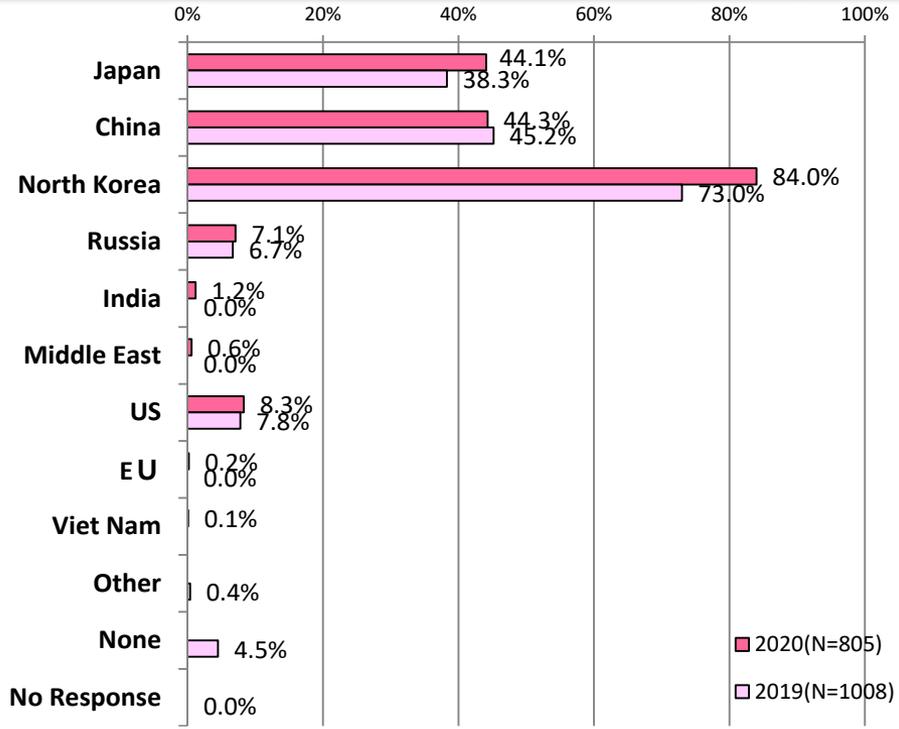
Perceived Military Threats by Country and Region

Q31-a. Which countries or regions do you perceive as a military threat to your country?【Choose all that apply】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Public Opinion in South Korea (N=805)



	South Korea	China	North Korea	Russia	India	Viet Nam	Middle East	US	EU	Other	None	No Response
2020	13.4%	63.4%	81.0%	30.6%	1.0%	0.0%	6.6%	11.2%	0.4%	0.1%	-	0.3%
2019	12.3%	46.1%	76.2%	35.0%	1.5%	-	8.2%	14.8%	0.8%	0.2%	7.4%	1.5%

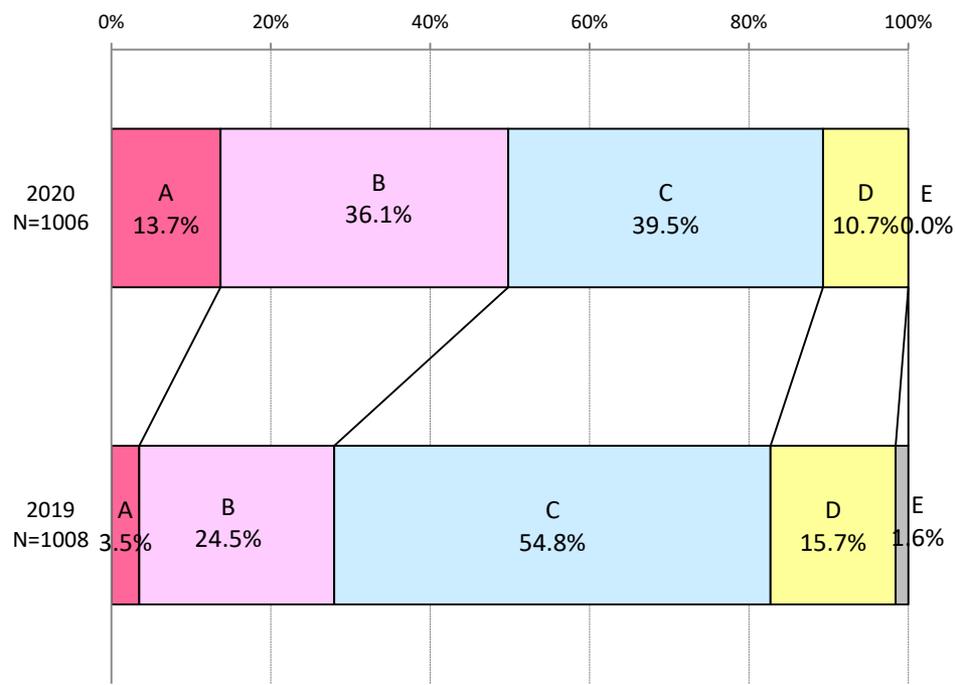
	Japan	China	North Korea	Russia	India	Viet Nam	Middle East	US	E U	None	No Response
2020	44.1%	44.3%	84.0%	7.1%	1.2%	0.1%	0.6%	8.3%	0.2%	-	0.0%
2019	38.3%	45.2%	73.0%	6.7%	-	-	-	7.8%	-	4.5%	0.0%

Prospects of a Military Conflict between South Korea and Japan

Q32. Do you think that a military conflict between South Korea and Japan is likely in the future, particularly around the Dokdo Island? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D	E
	It will happen within a few years	It will happen in the distant future	It will not happen	Not sure	No response
'20	0.8%	19.0%	40.9%	38.7%	0.6%
'19	0.6%	8.0%	57.4%	33.5%	0.5%

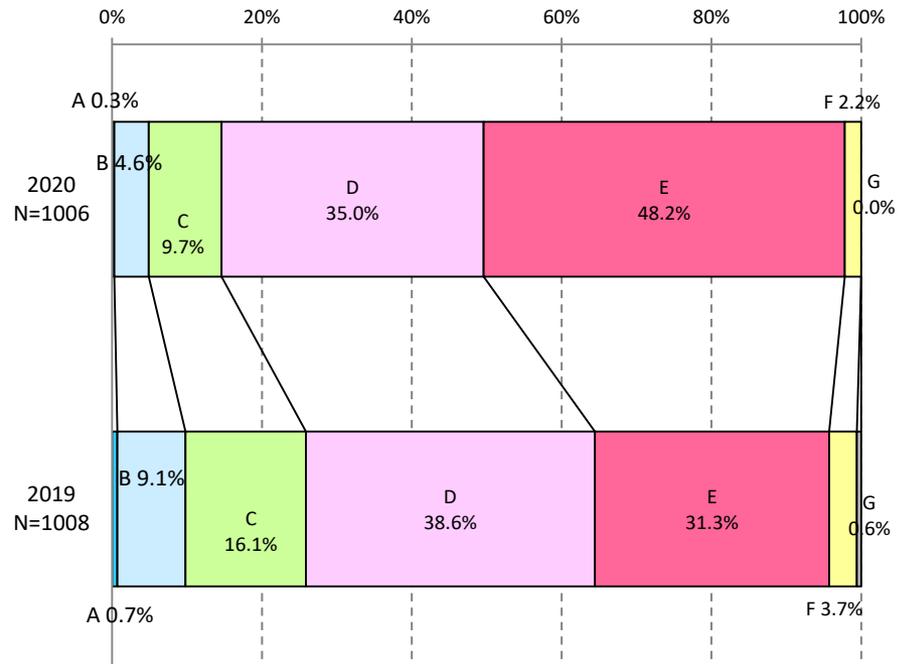
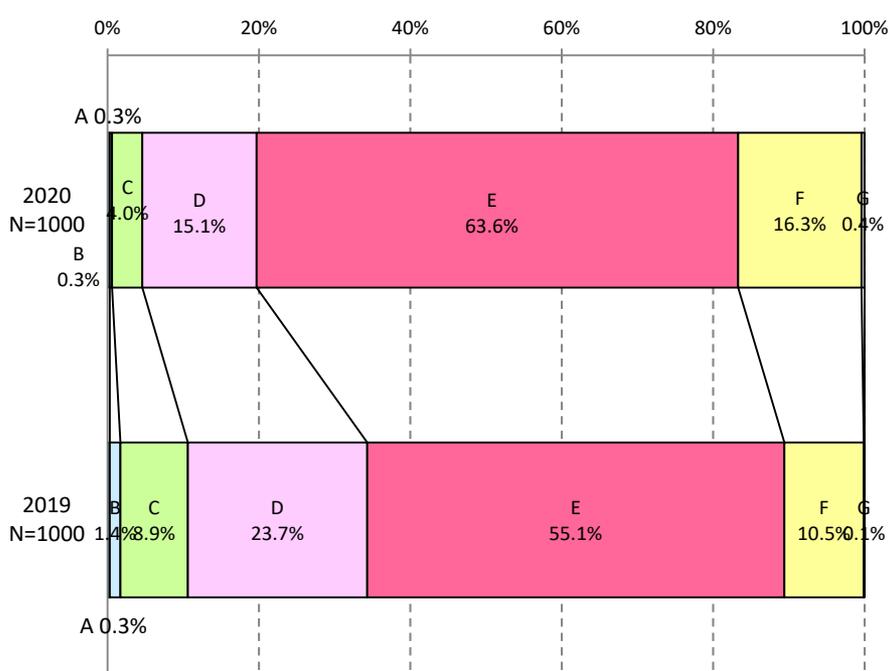
	A	B	C	D	E
	It will happen within a few years	It will happen in the distant future	It will not happen	Not sure	No response
'20	13.7%	36.1%	39.5%	10.7%	0.0%
'19	3.5%	24.5%	54.8%	15.7%	1.6%

Confidence in Kim Jong Un's Commitment towards Denuclearization

Q34. Are you confident in Kim Jong Un's commitment towards denuclearization? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



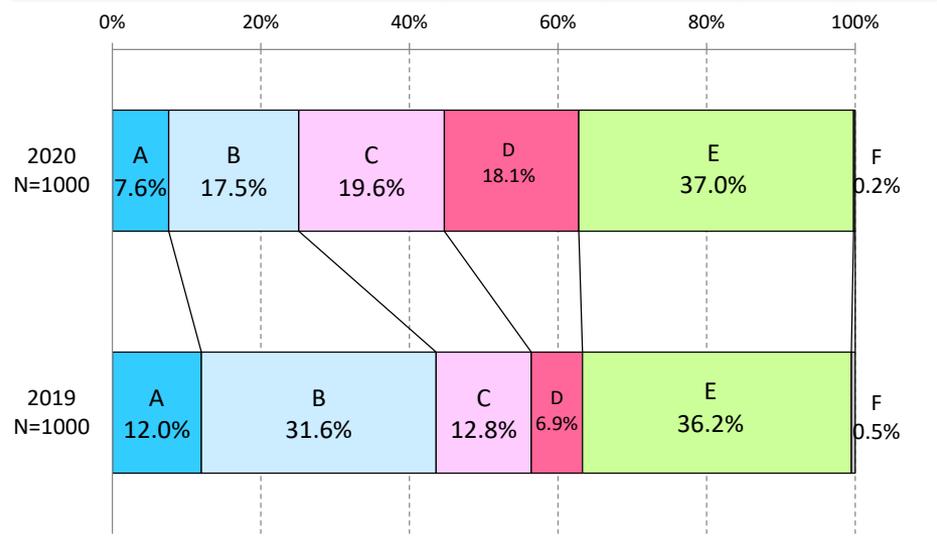
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Highly confident	Relatively confident	Neither	Relatively not confident	Not confident at all	Not sure	No response
'20	0.3%	0.3%	4.0%	15.1%	63.6%	16.3%	0.4%
'19	0.3%	1.4%	8.9%	23.7%	55.1%	10.5%	0.1%

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Highly confident	Relatively confident	Neither	Relatively not confident	Not confident at all	Not sure	No response
'20	0.3%	4.6%	9.7%	35.0%	48.2%	2.2%	0.0%
'19	0.7%	9.1%	16.1%	38.6%	31.3%	3.7%	0.6%

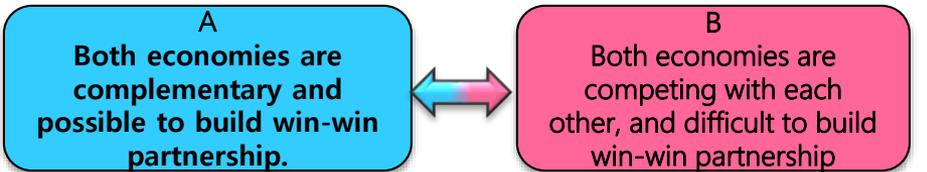
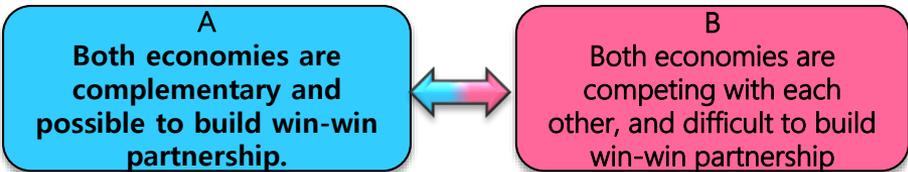
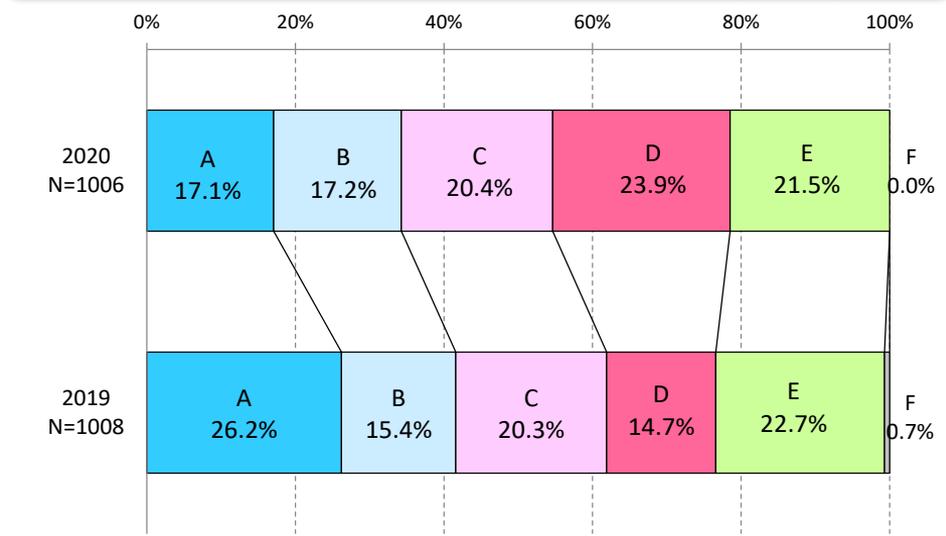
31 Assessment on Economic Relations between the two countries

Q37. How do you consider economic relations between South Korea and Japan? Is your assessment close to either A or B? 【Choose One】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Close to A	Generally Close to A	Generally Close to B	Close to B	Neither	No Response
20'	7.6%	17.5%	19.6%	18.1%	37.0%	0.2%
19'	12.0%	31.6%	12.8%	6.9%	36.2%	0.5%

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Close to A	Generally Close to A	Generally Close to B	Close to B	Neither	No Response
20'	17.1%	17.2%	20.4%	23.9%	21.5%	0.0%
19'	26.2%	15.4%	20.3%	14.7%	22.7%	0.7%

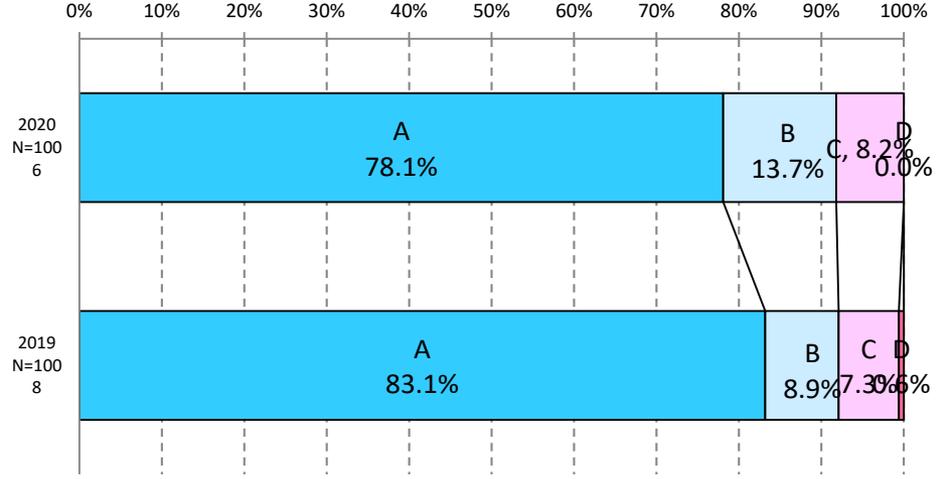
The Need for South Korea-Japan Economic Cooperation

Q38. How conducive is South Korea-Japan economic cooperation to your own nation? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



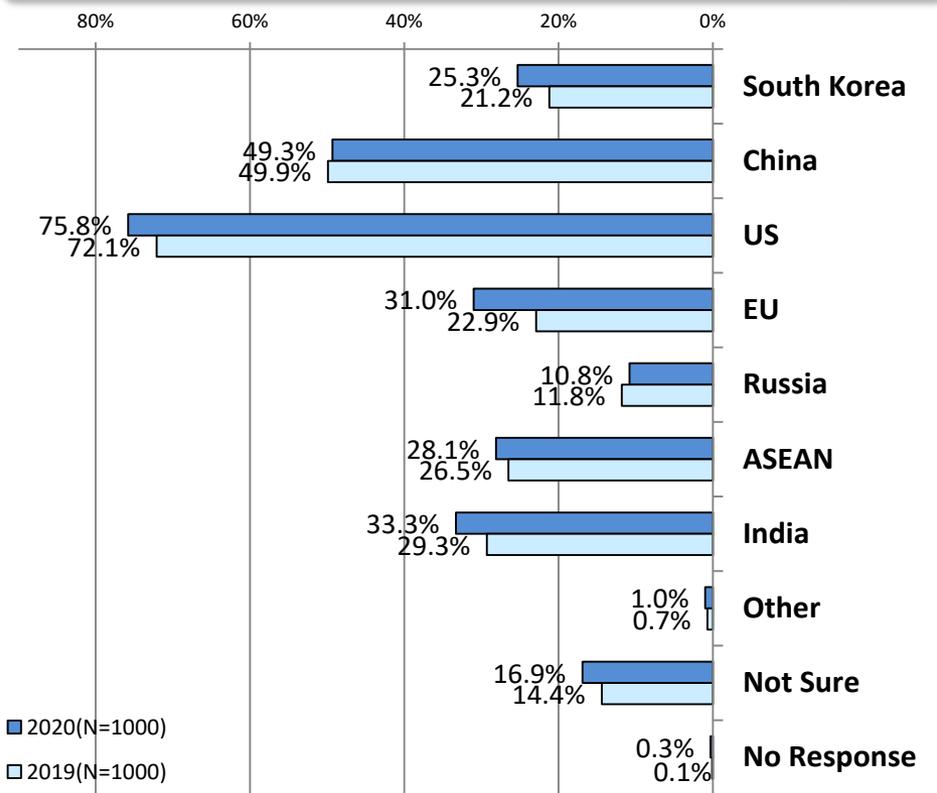
	A	B	C	D
	Economic cooperation is necessary	Economic cooperation is not necessary	Not sure	No response
'20	47.1%	20.8%	29.0%	3.1%
'19	43.4%	23.9%	32.2%	0.5%

	A	B	C	D
	Economic cooperation is necessary	Economic cooperation is not necessary	Not sure	No response
'20	78.1%	13.7%	8.2%	0.0%
'19	83.1%	8.9%	7.3%	0.6%

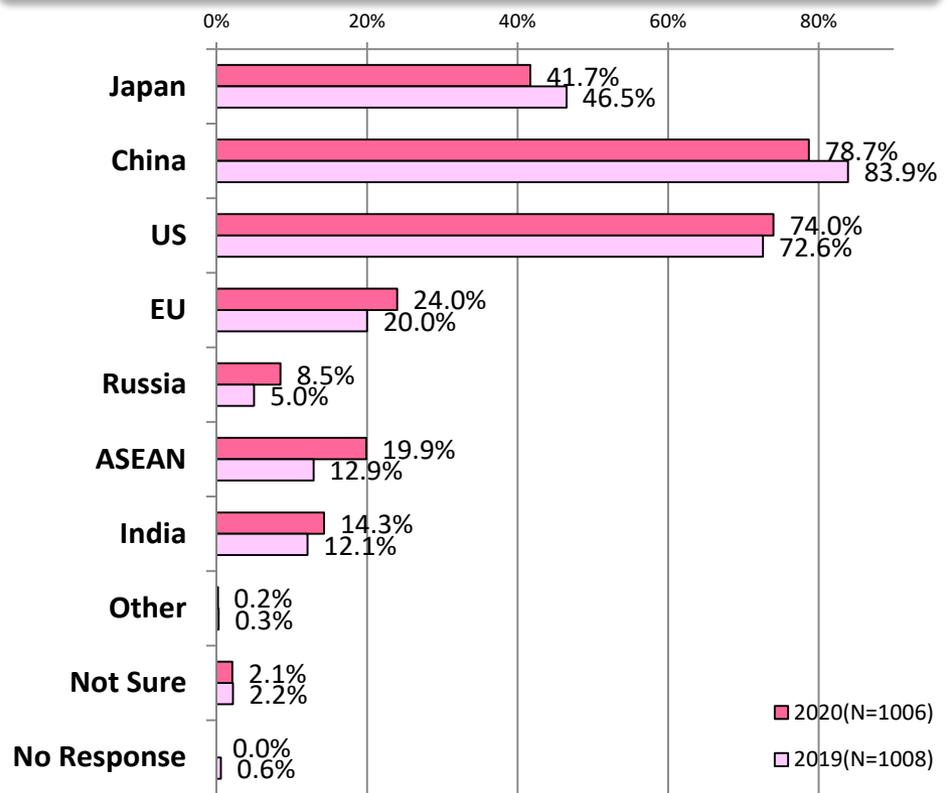
Countries or Regions of Economic Importance

Q40. Which countries or regions are of particular economic importance to your own? 【Choose all that apply】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	S. Korea	China	US	EU	Russia	ASEAN	India	Other	Not sure	No response
'20	25.3%	49.3%	75.8%	31.0%	10.8%	28.1%	33.3%	1.0%	16.9%	0.3%
'19	21.2%	49.9%	72.1%	22.9%	11.8%	26.5%	29.3%	0.7%	14.4%	0.1%

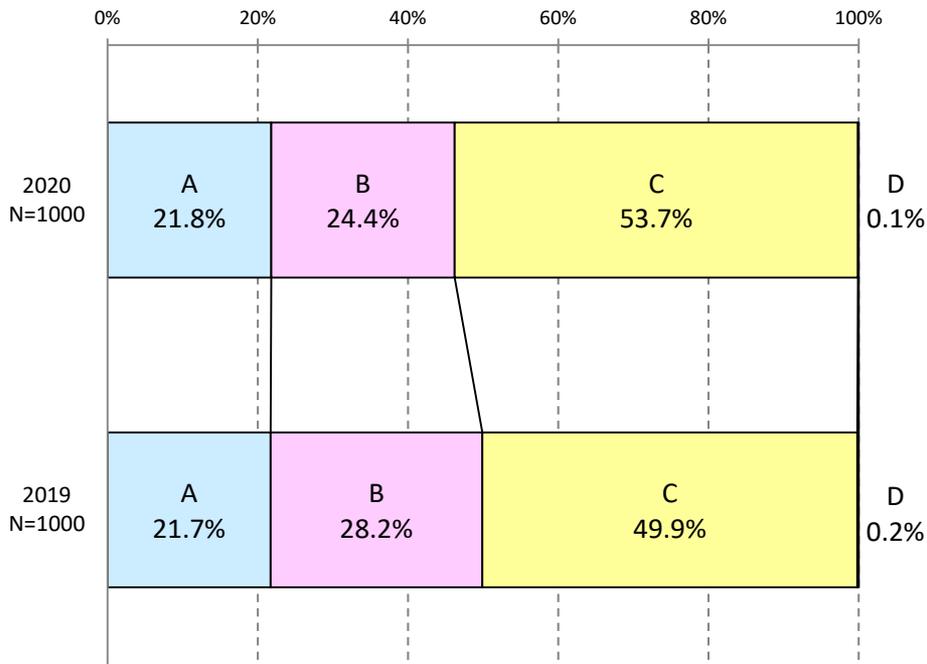
	Japan	China	US	EU	Russia	ASEAN	India	Other	Not sure	No response
'20	41.7%	78.7%	74.0%	24.0%	8.5%	19.9%	14.3%	0.2%	2.1%	0.0%
'19	46.5%	83.9%	72.6%	20.0%	5.0%	12.9%	12.1%	0.3%	2.2%	0.6%

Objectivity and Fairness of Media Reports

Q41. Are media reports on South Korea-Japan relations provided in your country objective and fair?
 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D
	Yes	No	Neither	No response
'20	21.8%	24.4%	53.7%	0.1%
'19	21.7%	28.2%	49.9%	0.2%

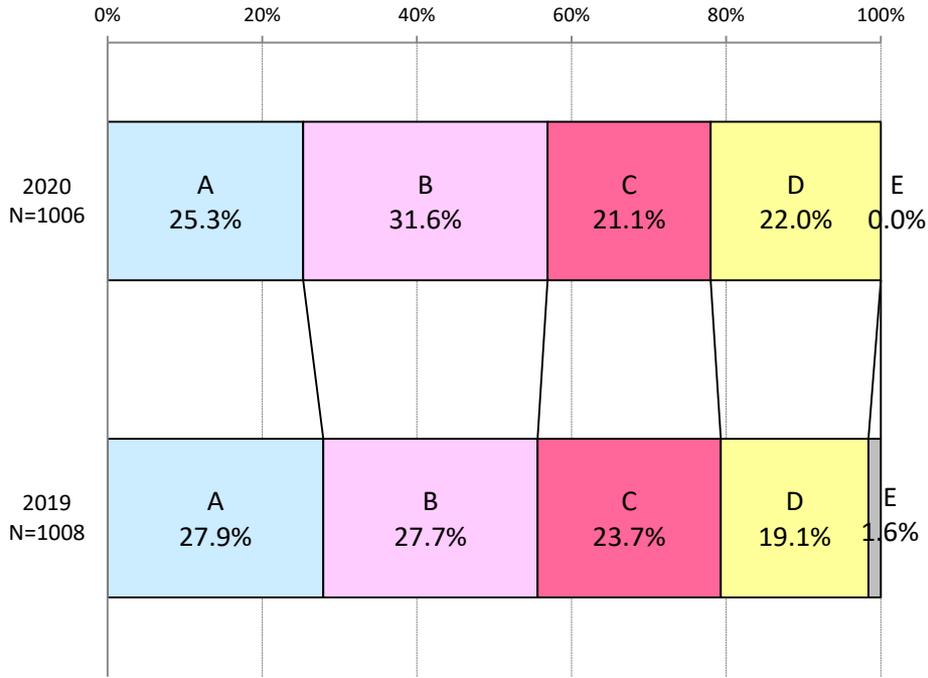
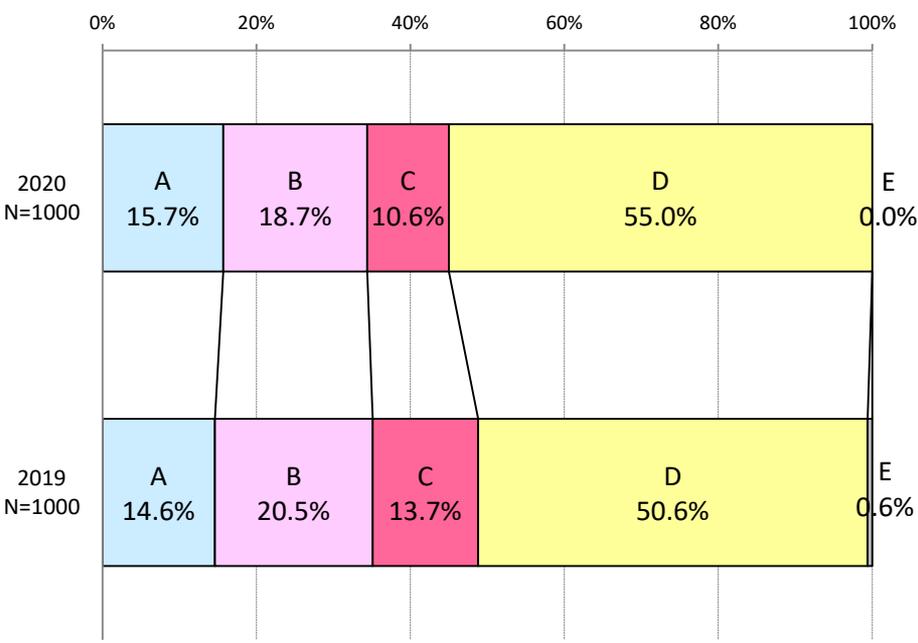
	A	B	C	D
	Yes	No	Neither	No response
'20	23.2%	47.5%	29.3%	0.0%
'19	21.8%	47.7%	30.1%	0.4%

Public Opinion about the Internet

Q42. There are many negative comments about South Korea and Japan on the Internet. Do you believe that these opinions accurately reflect South Koreans/Japanese opinions? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



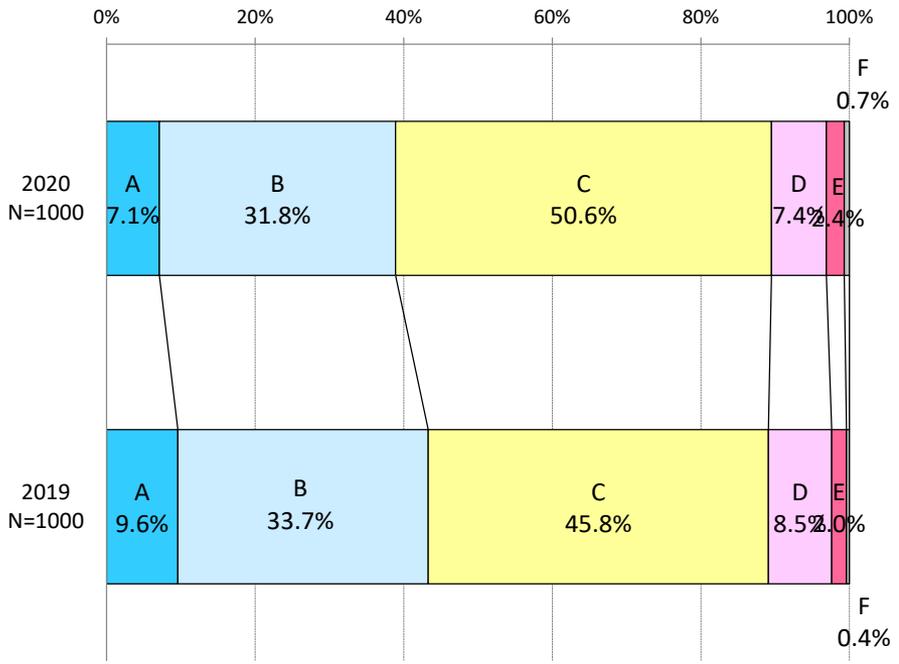
	A	B	C	D	E
	Yes	Not really	No	Neither (Not sure)	No response
'20	15.7%	18.7%	10.6%	55.0%	0.0%
'19	14.6%	20.5%	13.7%	50.6%	0.6%

	A	B	C	D	E
	Yes	Not really	No	Neither (Not sure)	No response
'20	25.3%	31.6%	21.1%	22.0%	0.0%
'19	27.9%	27.7%	23.7%	19.1%	1.6%

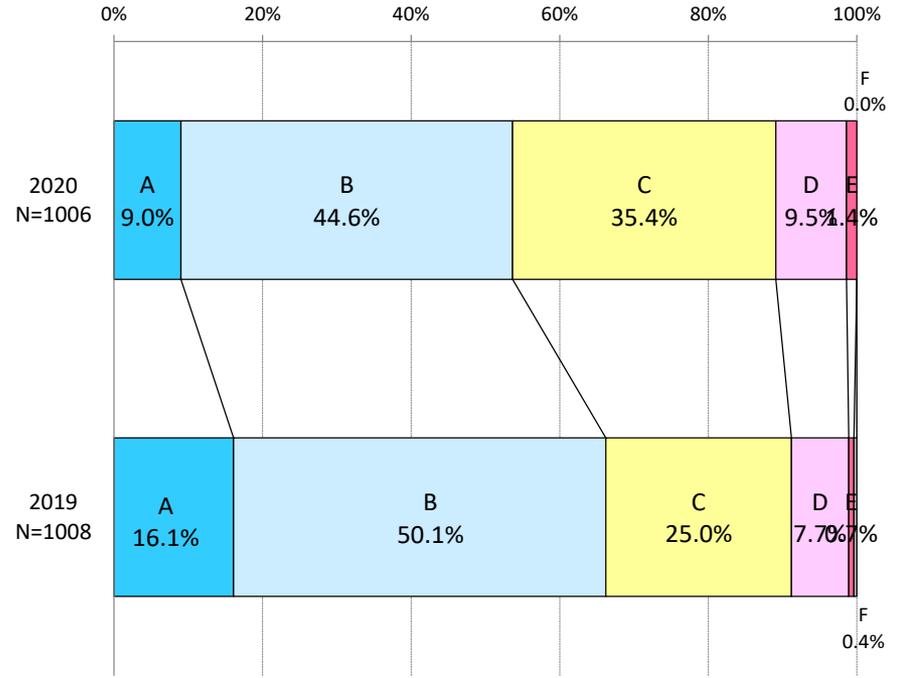
36 Views on Strengthening Security Alliance between South Korea-US-Japan

Q43. Do you think the security alliance between South Korea, US, and Japan must be strengthened?
【Choose One】

Public Opinions in Japan (N=1,000)



Public Opinions in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Very Positive	Quite Positive	Neither	Quite Negative	Very Negative	No Response
20'	7.1%	31.8%	50.6%	7.4%	2.4%	0.7%
19'	9.6%	33.7%	45.8%	8.5%	2.0%	0.4%

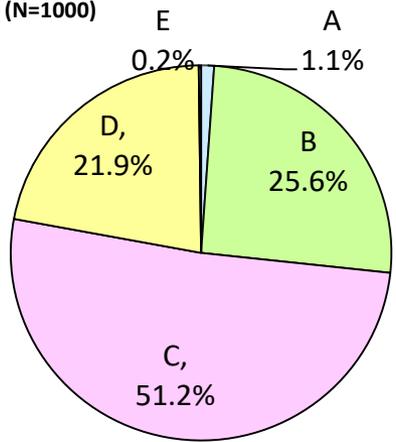
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Very Positive	Quite Positive	Neither	Quite Negative	Very Negative	No Response
20'	9.0%	44.6%	35.4%	9.5%	1.4%	0.0%
19'	16.1%	50.1%	25.0%	7.7%	0.7%	0.4%

Prospects of Denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula

Q44. Do you believe that denuclearization can be realized on the Korean Peninsula? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

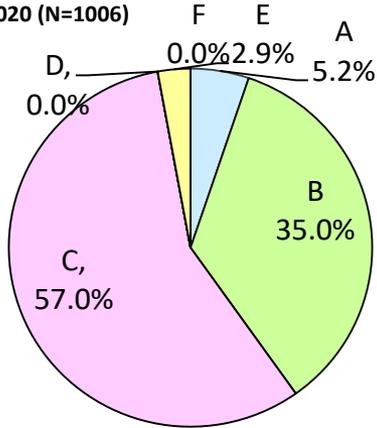
2020 (N=1000)



A	Denuclearization will be achieved
B	It would be difficult but there is still a possibility of realizing denuclearization
C	Denuclearization will not be achieved
D	Not Sure
E	No Response

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

2020 (N=1006)



A	Denuclearization will be achieved
B	It would be difficult but there is still a possibility of realizing denuclearization
C	Denuclearization will not be achieved
D	I thought that denuclearization was not achievable from the very beginning
F	Not Sure
E	No Response

	A	B	C	D	E
	Denuclearization will be achieved	It would be difficult but there is still a possibility of realizing denuclearization	Denuclearization will not be achieved	Not sure	No response
2020	1.1%	25.6%	51.2%	21.9%	0.2%

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Denuclearization will be achieved	It would be difficult but there is still a possibility of realizing denuclearization	Denuclearization will not be achieved	I thought that denuclearization was not achievable from the very beginning	Not Sure	No Response
2020	5.2%	35.0%	57.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%

(2019 Survey) Throughout the past year, there were three inter-Korean summits two U.S.-DPRK summits. Do you believe that denuclearization can be realized on the Korean Peninsula? 【Choose One】

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Denuclearization will be achieved in the short-run	Denuclearization will be achieved, but it will take a long time	No decision can be made as of now	Denuclearization efforts will eventually be proven as unsuccessful	Denuclearization was not achievable from the very beginning	Not sure	No response
'19	0.8%	13.2%	23.9%	29.0%	18.4%	14.6%	0.1%

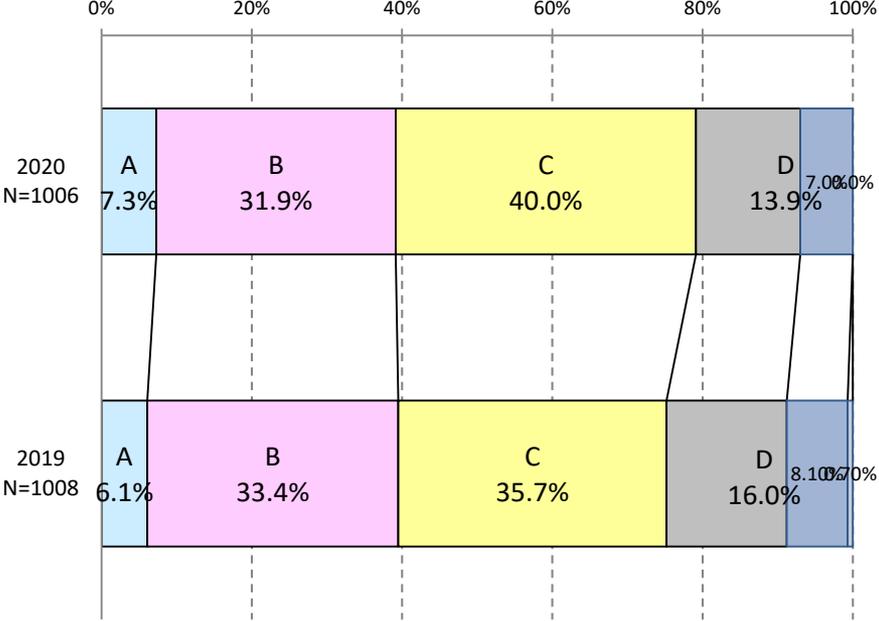
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Denuclearization will be achieved in the short-run	Denuclearization will be achieved, but it will take a long time	No decision can be made as of now	Denuclearization efforts will eventually be proven as unsuccessful	Denuclearization was not achievable from the very beginning	Not sure	No response
'19	1.7%	29.7%	31.6%	25.0%	9.5%	2.0%	0.5%

Japan's Contribution to Denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula

Q46. How much should Japan contribute to the denuclearization process on the Korean Peninsula?
 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)



	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Japan should highly contribute	Japan should contribute to a certain degree	Japan should not contribute	Neither	Not sure	No response
'20	8.3%	38.0%	8.2%	18.0%	27.1%	0.4%
'19	10.3%	39.2%	9.5%	17.0%	23.5%	0.5%

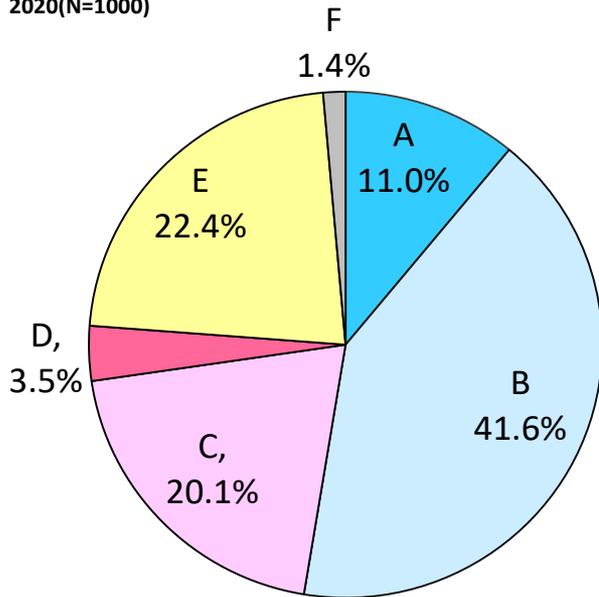
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Japan should highly contribute	Japan should contribute to a certain degree	Japan should not contribute	Neither	Not sure	No response
'20	7.3%	31.9%	40.0%	13.9%	7.0%	0.0%
'19	6.1%	33.4%	35.7%	16.0%	8.1%	0.7%

Assessment on Korea's Response to COVID-19

Q48_1. What is your assessment on the Korean government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic?
 【Choose One】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

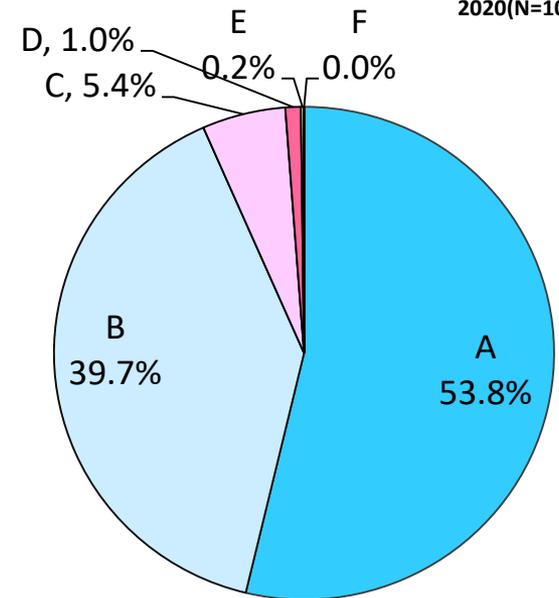
2020(N=1000)



A	Very Good
B	Quite Good
C	Not So Good
D	Very Inappropriate
E	Not Sure
F	No Response

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

2020(N=1006)



	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Very Good	Quite Good	Not So Good	Very Inappropriate	Not Sure	No Response
2020	11.0%	41.6%	20.1%	3.5%	22.4%	1.4%

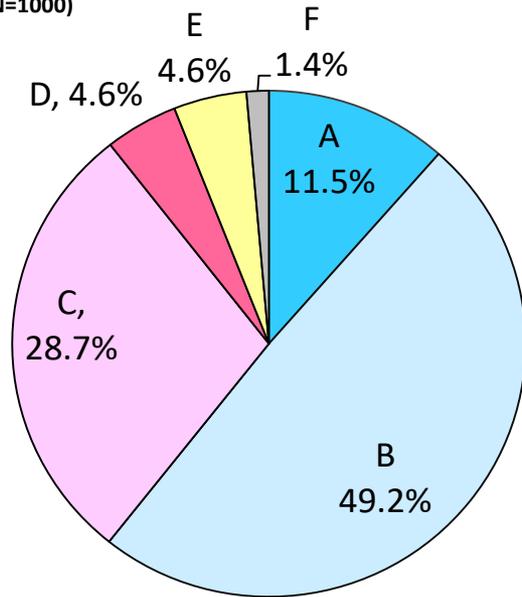
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Very Good	Quite Good	Not So Good	Very Inappropriate	Not Sure	No Response
2020	53.8%	39.7%	5.4%	1.0%	0.2%	0.0%

Assessment on Japan's Response to the COVID-19

Q48_2. What is your assessment on the Japanese government's response to the COVID-19? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

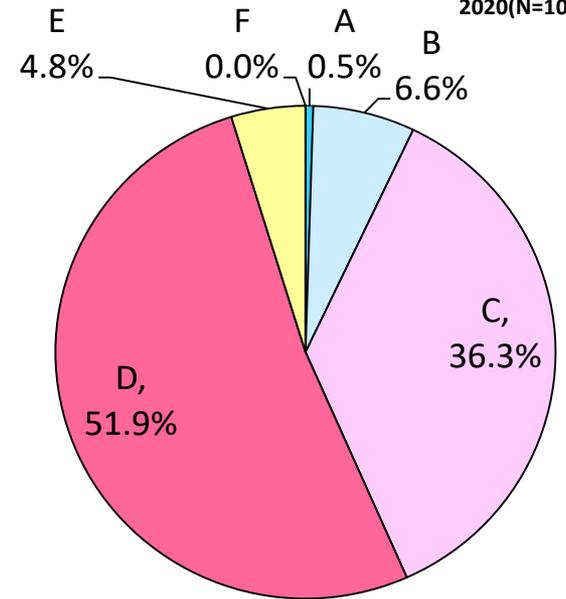
2020(N=1000)



A	Very Good
B	Quite Good
C	Not So Good
D	Very Inappropriate
E	Not Sure
F	No Response

Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

2020(N=1006)



	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Very Good	Quite Good	Not So Good	Very Inappropriate	Not Sure	No Response
2020	0.5%	6.6%	36.3%	51.9%	4.8%	0.5%

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Very Good	Quite Good	Not So Good	Very Inappropriate	Not Sure	No Response
2020	11.5%	49.2%	28.7%	4.6%	4.6%	1.4%

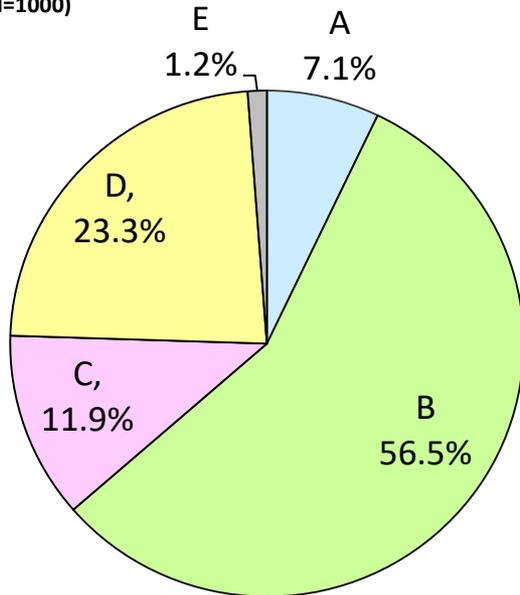
Trust towards Government after the COVID-19

Q49_1. Has your trust towards the Korean government changed after the COVID-19 pandemic? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

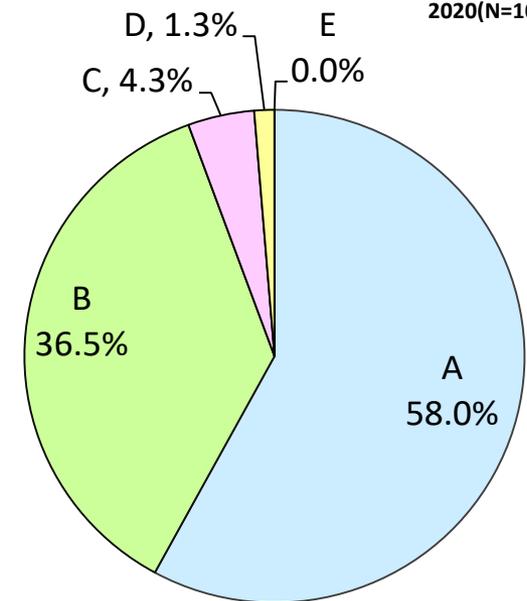
Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

2020(N=1000)



A	Trust has increased
B	Trust has not changed
C	Trust has decreased
D	Not Sure
E	No Response

2020(N=1006)



	A	B	C	D	E
	Trust has increased	Trust has not changed	Trust has decreased	Not Sure	No Response
20	7.1%	56.5%	11.9%	23.3%	1.2%

	A	B	C	D	E
	Trust has increased	Trust has not changed	Trust has decreased	Not Sure	No Response
20	58.0%	36.5%	4.3%	1.3%	0.0%

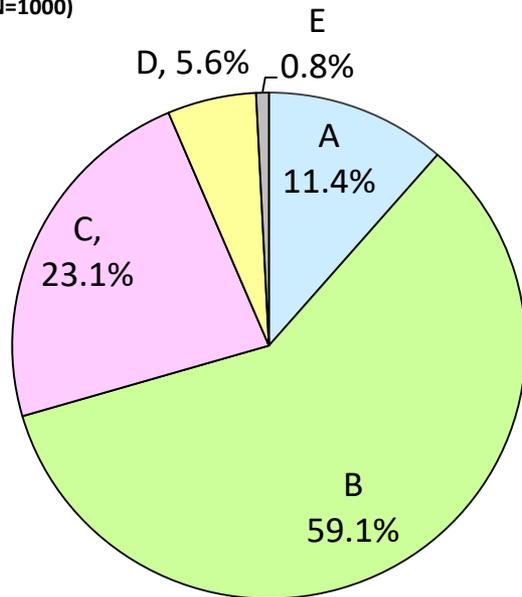
Trust towards Government after the COVID-19

Q49_2. Has your trust towards the Korean government changed after the COVID-19 pandemic? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)

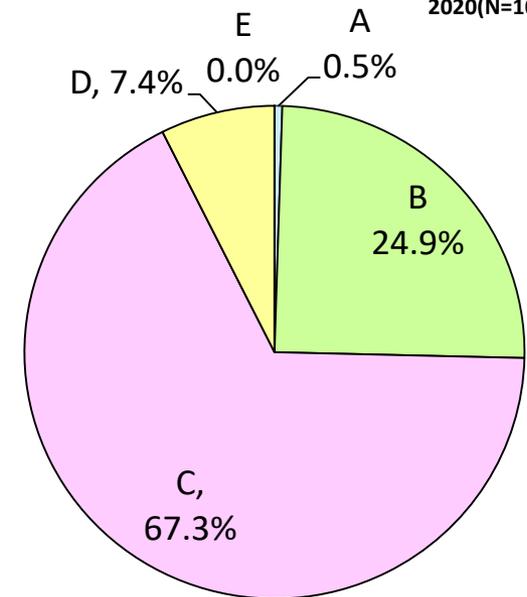
Public Opinion in South Korea (N=1,006)

2020(N=1000)



A	Trust has increased
B	Trust has not changed
C	Trust has decreased
D	Not Sure
E	No Response

2020(N=1006)



	A	B	C	D	E
	Trust has increased	Trust has not changed	Trust has decreased	Not Sure	No Response
20	11.4%	59.1%	23.1%	5.6%	0.8%

	A	B	C	D	E
	Trust has increased	Trust has not changed	Trust has decreased	Not Sure	No Response
20	0.5%	24.9%	67.3%	7.4%	0.0%