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Survey Overview

	Korean Survey	Japanese Survey
Region	Regions throughout South Korea	Regions throughout Japan
Target	Adults aged 18 and over	Adults aged 18 and over
Sampling Methods	Proportional allocation by gender, age, region, and random sampling (Resident registration population data presented by the Ministry of Interior and Safety, July 2022)	50 spots on the entire region of Japan, 20 samples per a spot, allocated by gender and age
Survey Methods	Face-to-face Interviews (Personal Interview: PI)	Visiting and Collecting Survey
Time Period	July 21 ~ August 8, 2022	July 23 ~ August 14, 2022
Valid Sample Size	1,028	1,000
Composition of Respondents	Male 49.3%, Female 50.7%	Male 48.3%, Female 50.9%
	Middle School Graduate and Under: 12.7% High School Graduate: 38.9% Junior College Graduate and Over: 48.3%	Middle School Graduate and Under: 5.5% High School Graduate: 42.0% Junior College Graduate or Technical College Graduate: 21.5% University: 28.% Graduate School: 1.2% Other: 1.1% No Response: 0.7%
	Under 20: 2.7% 20 to 29: 16.0% 30 to 39: 14.9% 40 to 49: 18.5% 50 to 59: 19.5% Over 60: 28.5%	Under 20: 2.3% 20 to 29: 11.9% 30 to 39: 14.8% 40 to 49: 17.3% 50 to 59: 14.7% Over 60: 39.0%

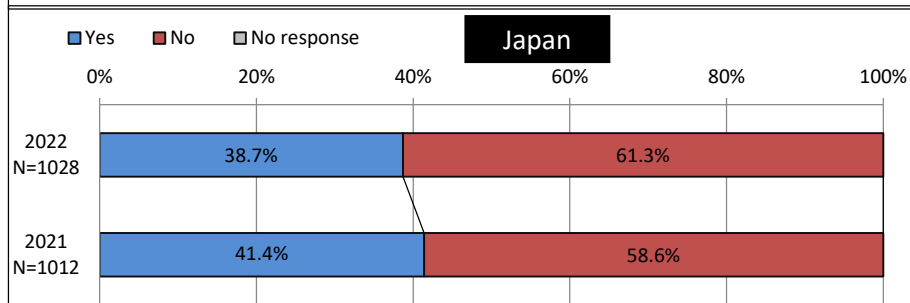
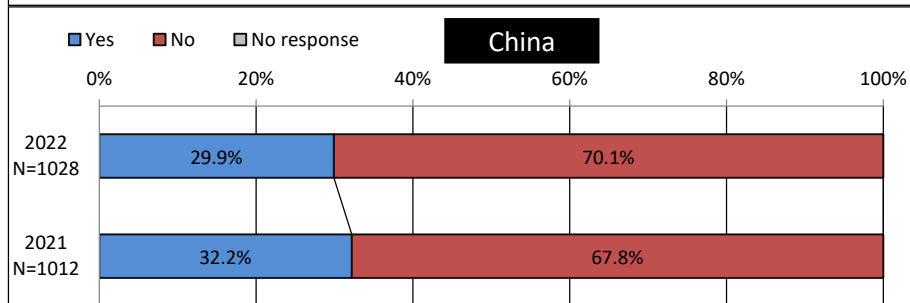
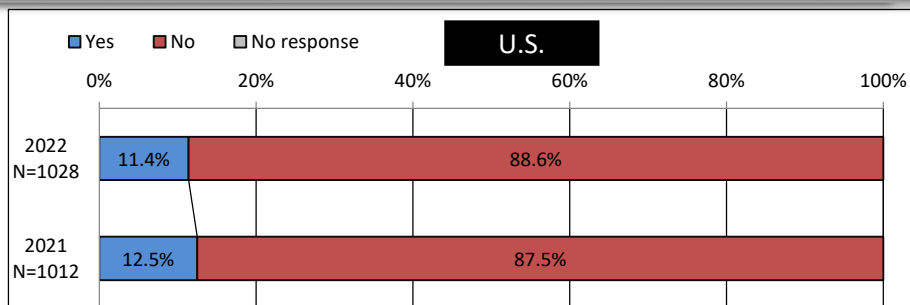
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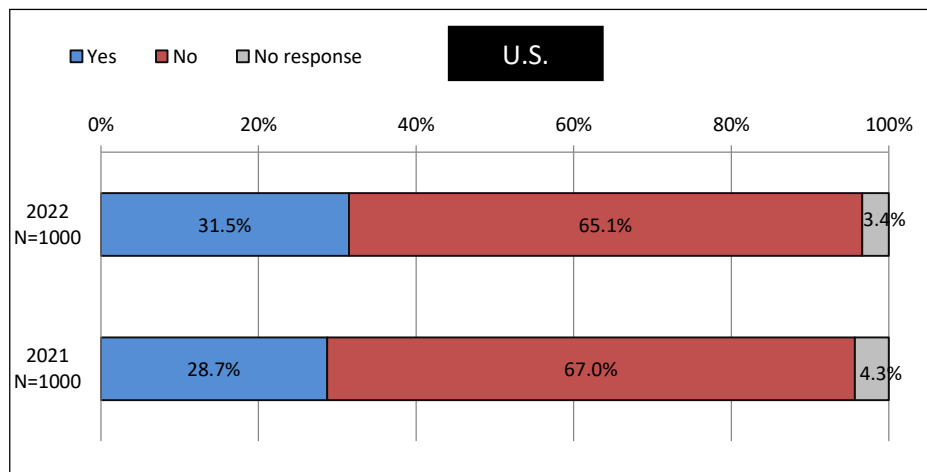
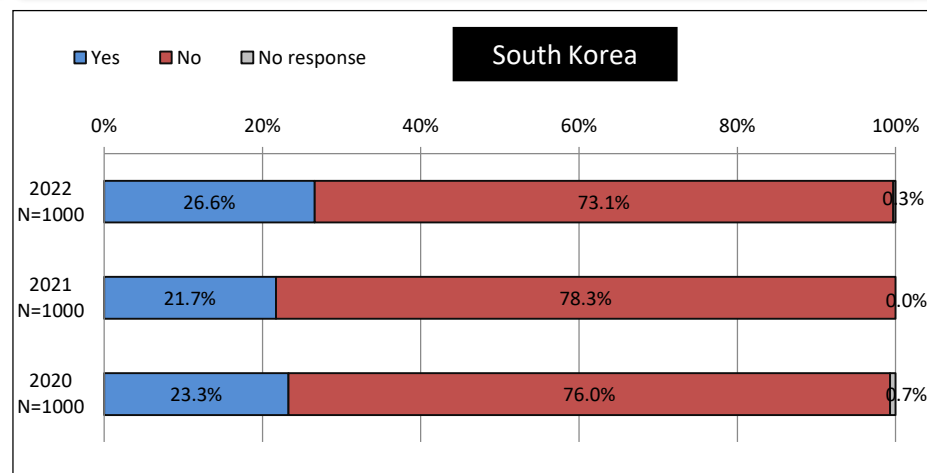
Experience of Visiting the Other Country

Q1. Have you ever visited any of the following countries? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



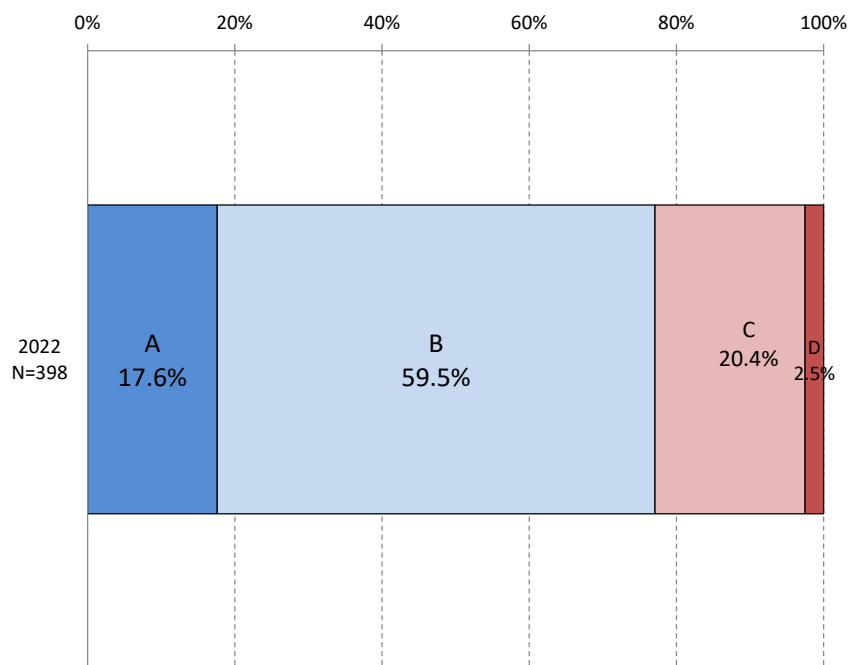
Japan (N=1,000)



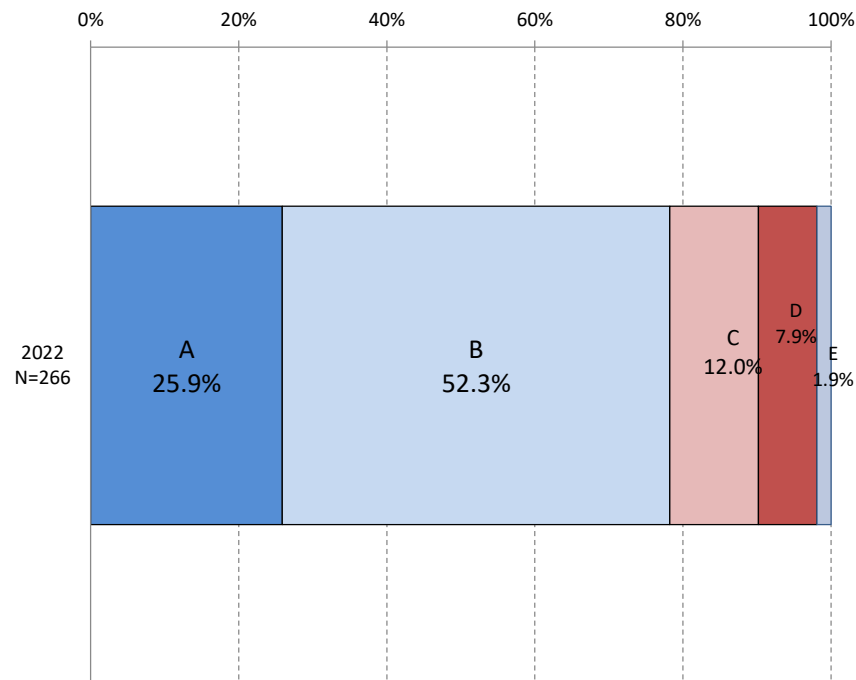


Q1-d (Only those who answered that they have visited the other country in Q1-3) Was there a change in your perception of the other country (Japan / South Korea) following your visit? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=398)



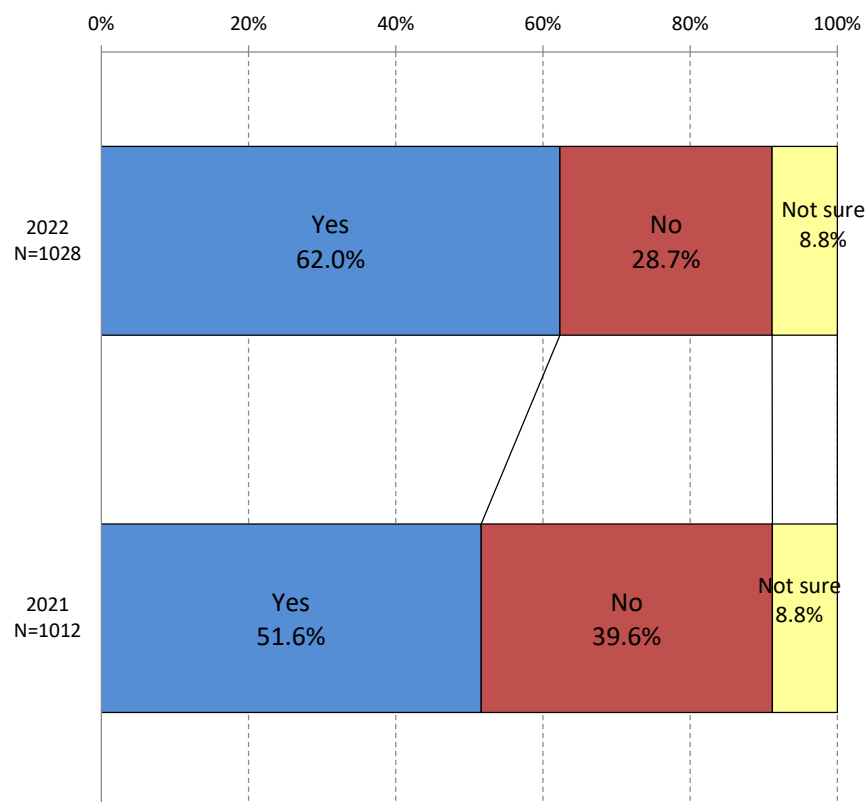
Japan (N=266)



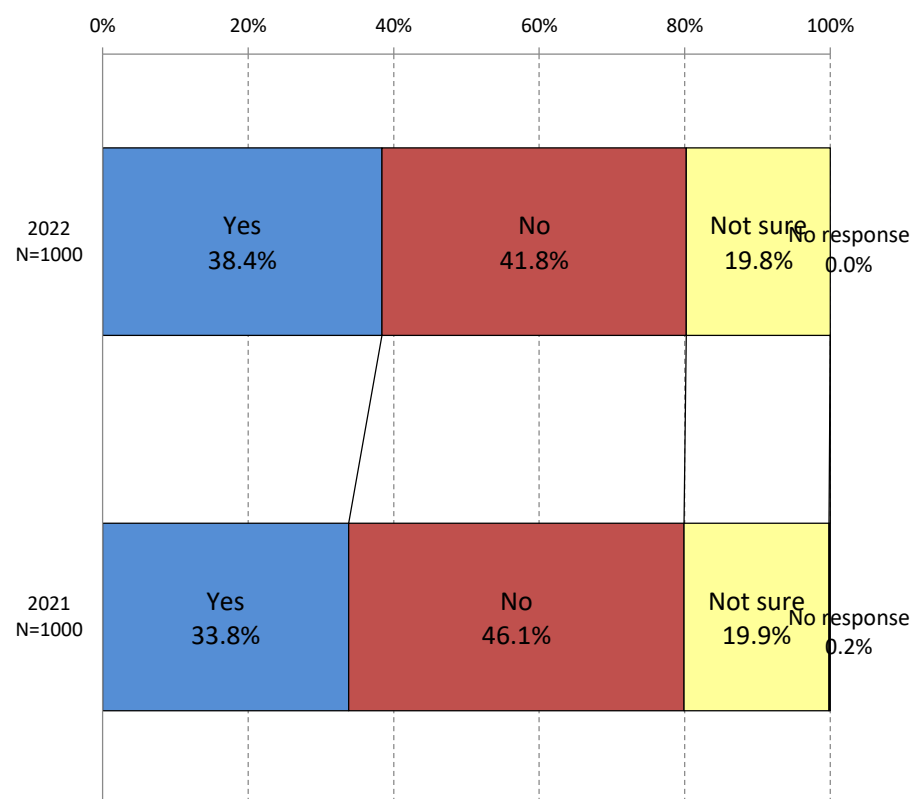
A	B	C	D	E
Became more favorable	No change to already favorable opinion	No change to already unfavorable opinion	Became more unfavorable	No Response

Q3. Would you like to visit the other country (Japan/ South Korea) if you had the chance?【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



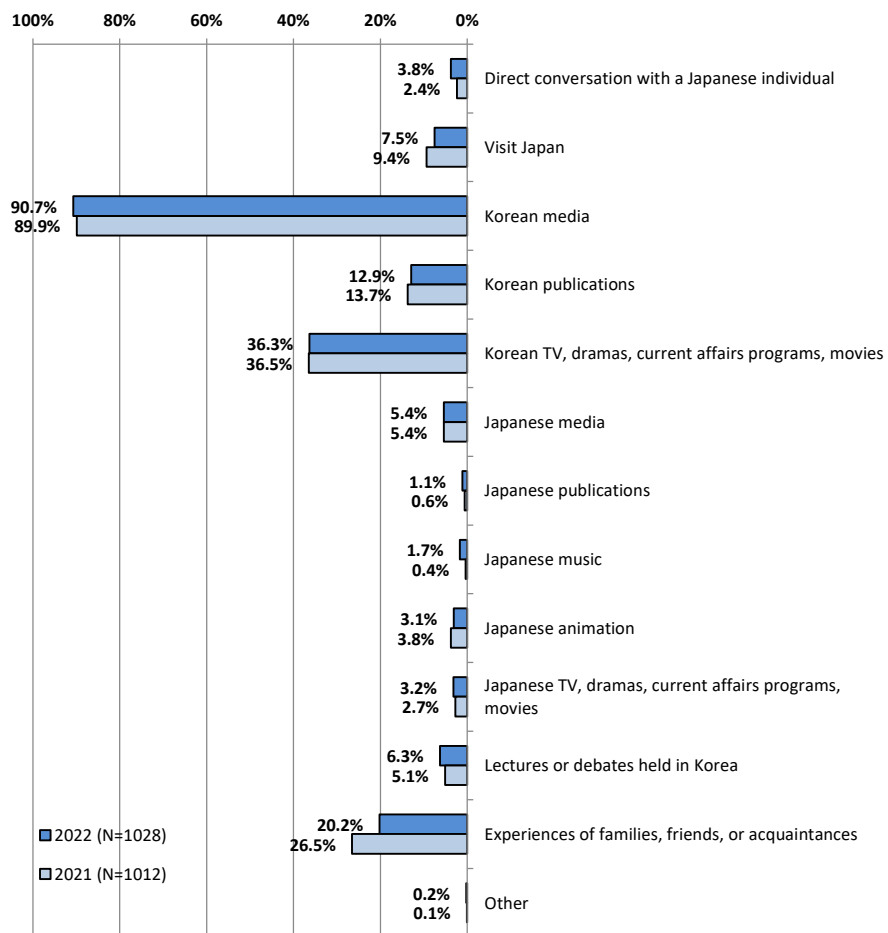
Japan (N=1,000)



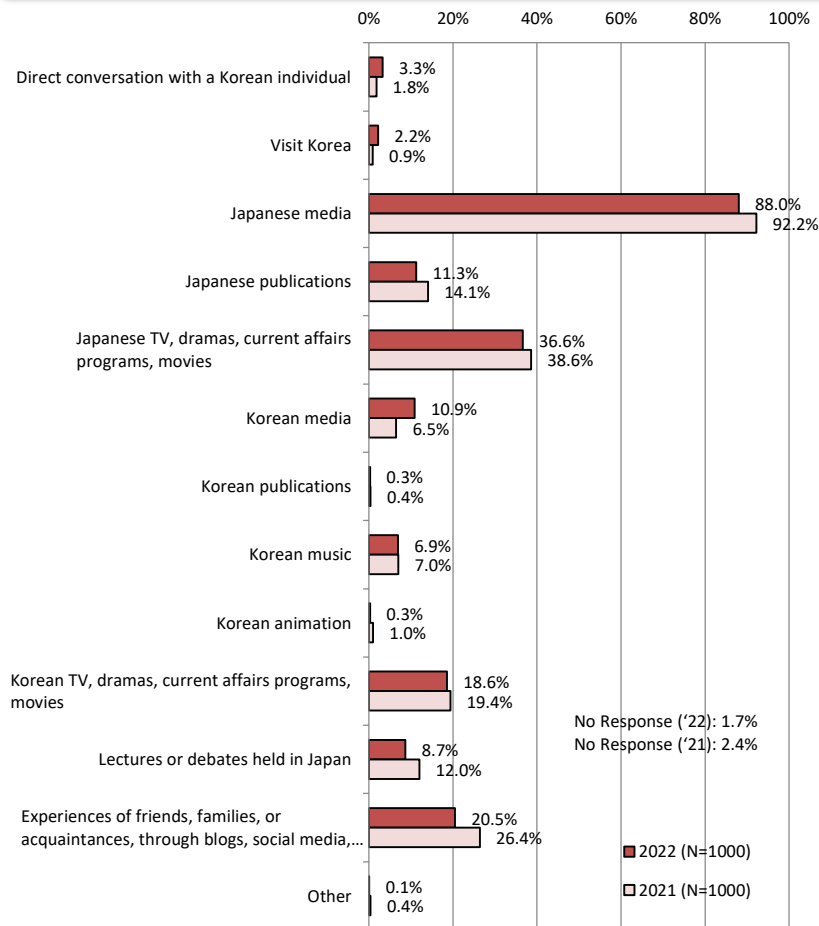


Q4. How do you usually get information about the other country or ROK-Japan relations?

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)

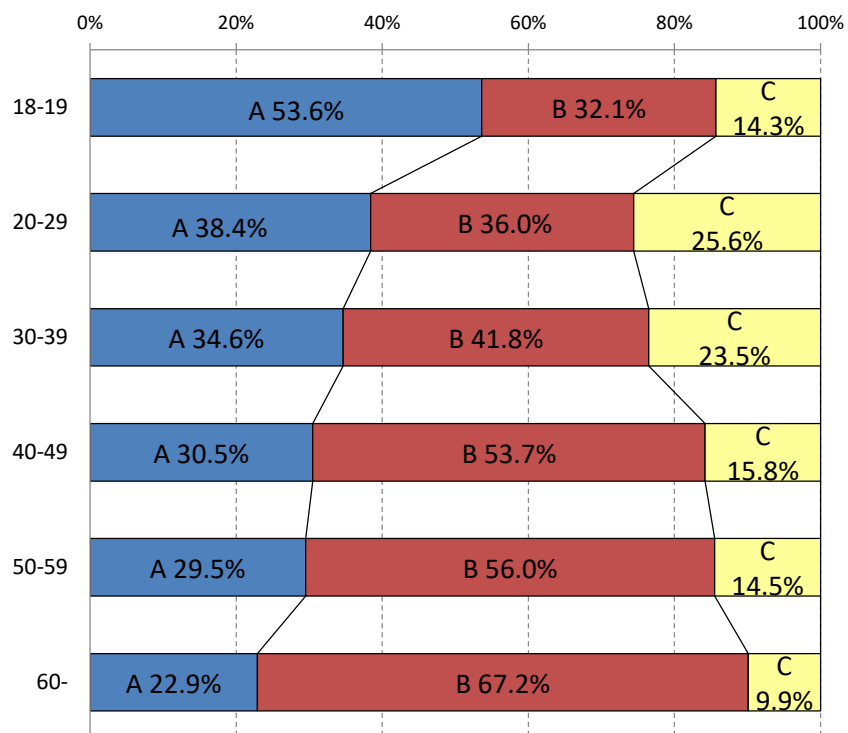




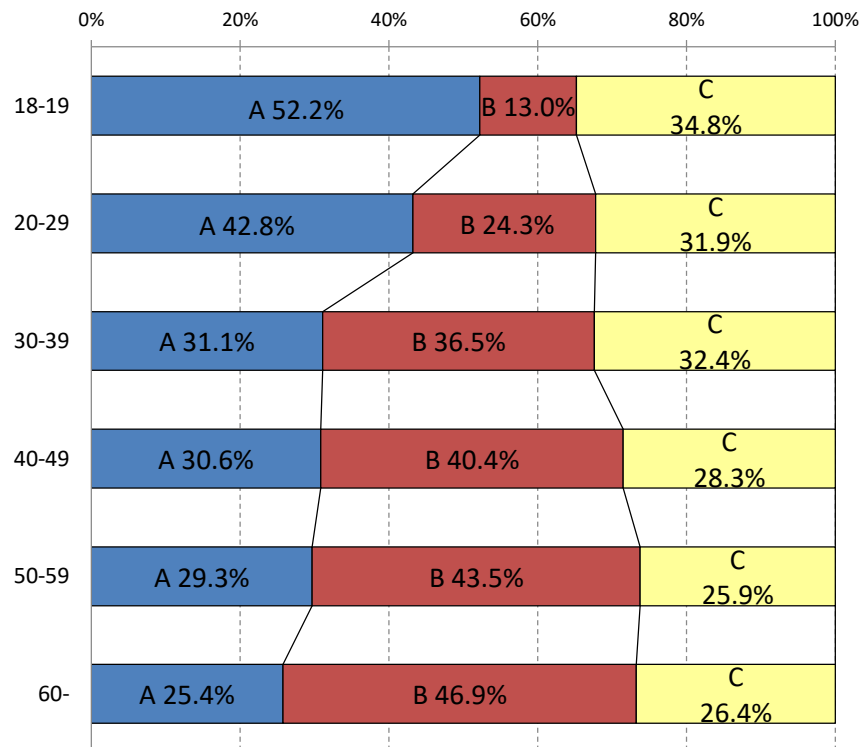
Perception of the Other Country (by Age)

Q5. What is your impression of the other country (Japan/ South Korea)? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



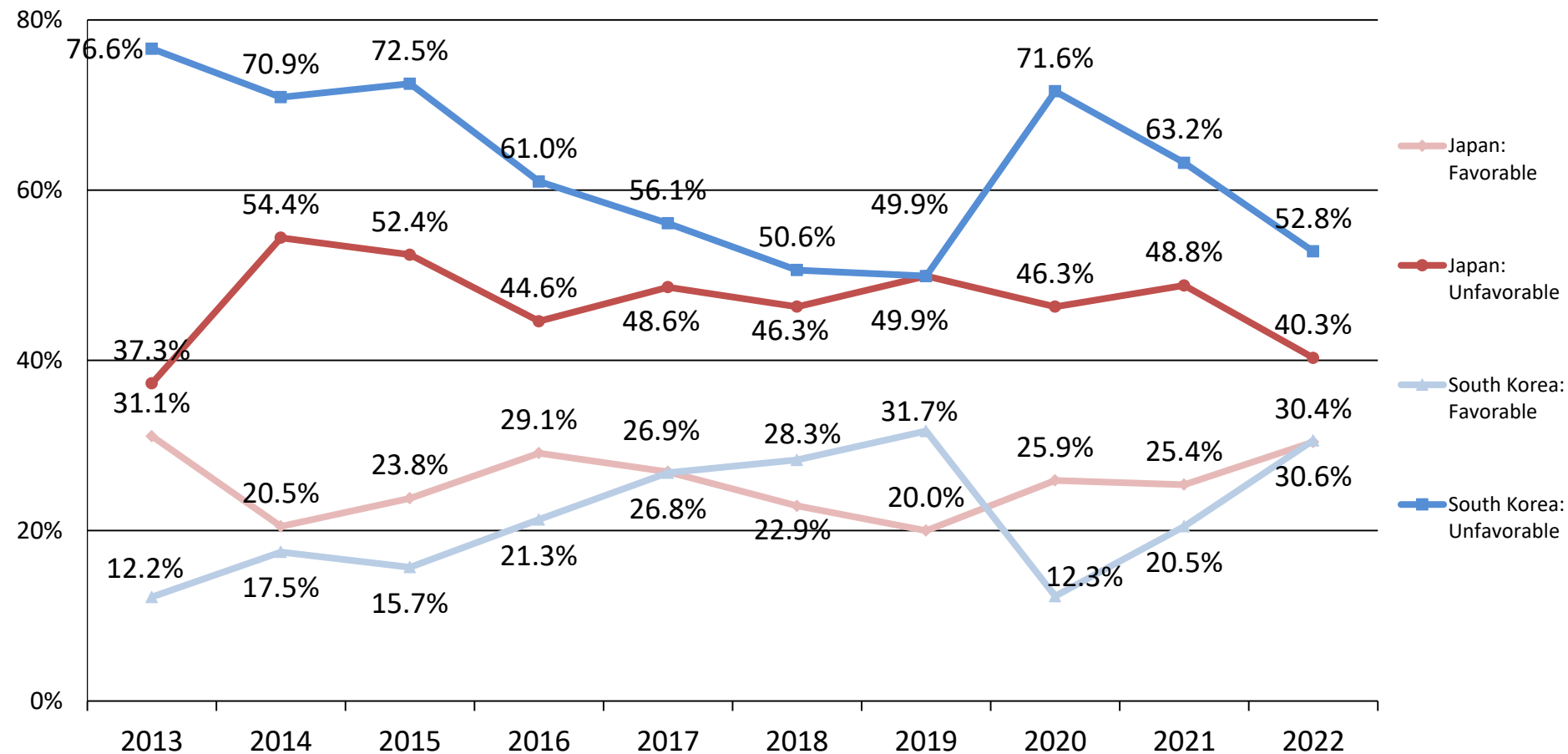
Japan (N=1,000)



A	B	C
Favorable + Mostly Favorable	Unfavorable + Mostly Unfavorable	Neither



Q5. What is your impression of the other country (Japan/ South Korea)? 【Single response】

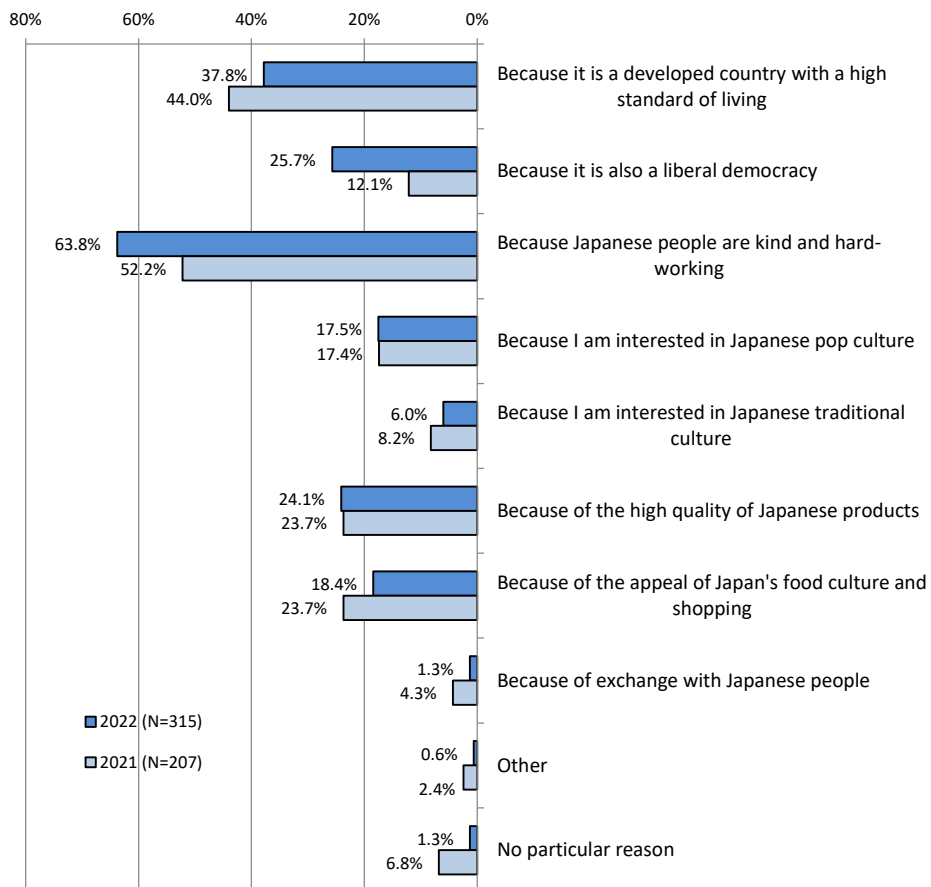




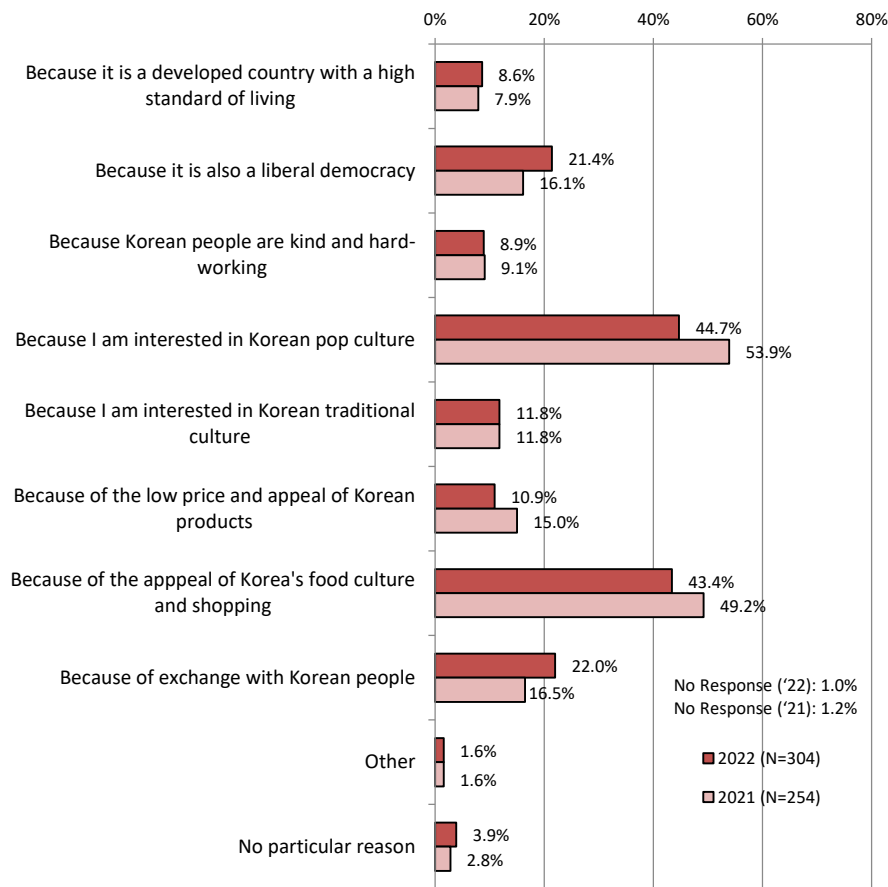
Reasons for Favorable Impressions

Q5- a. (Only those who answered that they had a favorable impression in Q5) Why do you have a favorable impression of the other country (Japan / South Korea)? 【Up to 2 responses】

South Korea (N=315)



Japan (N=304)

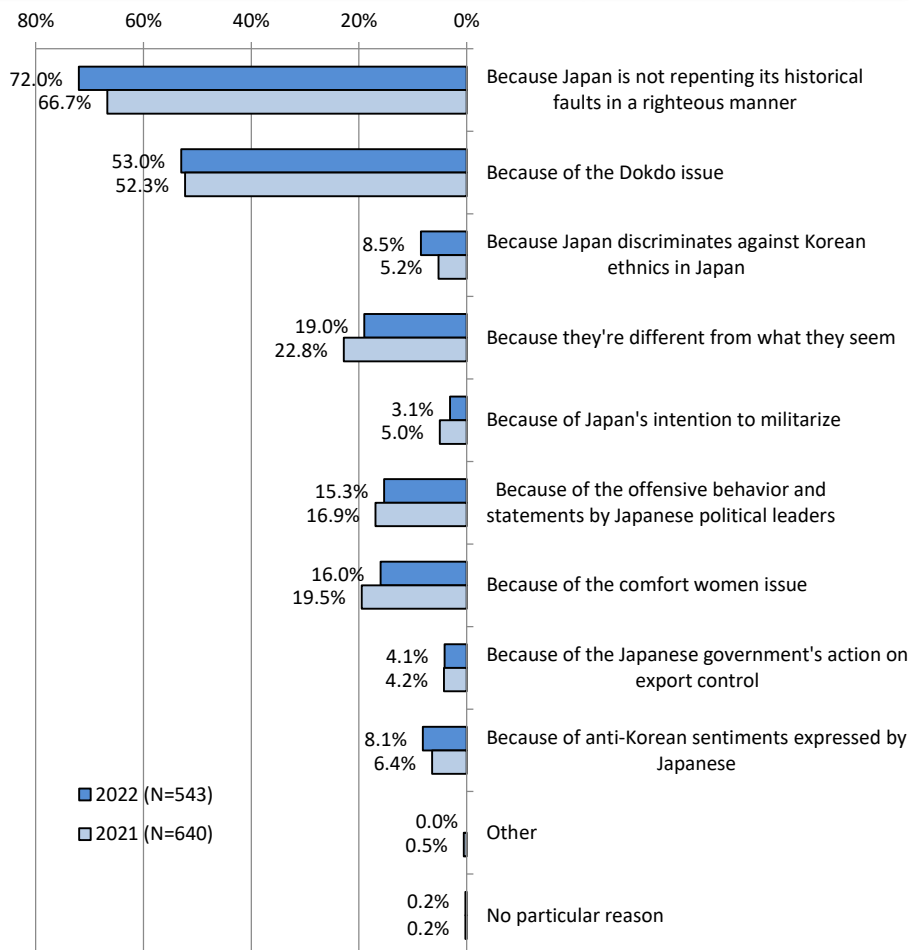




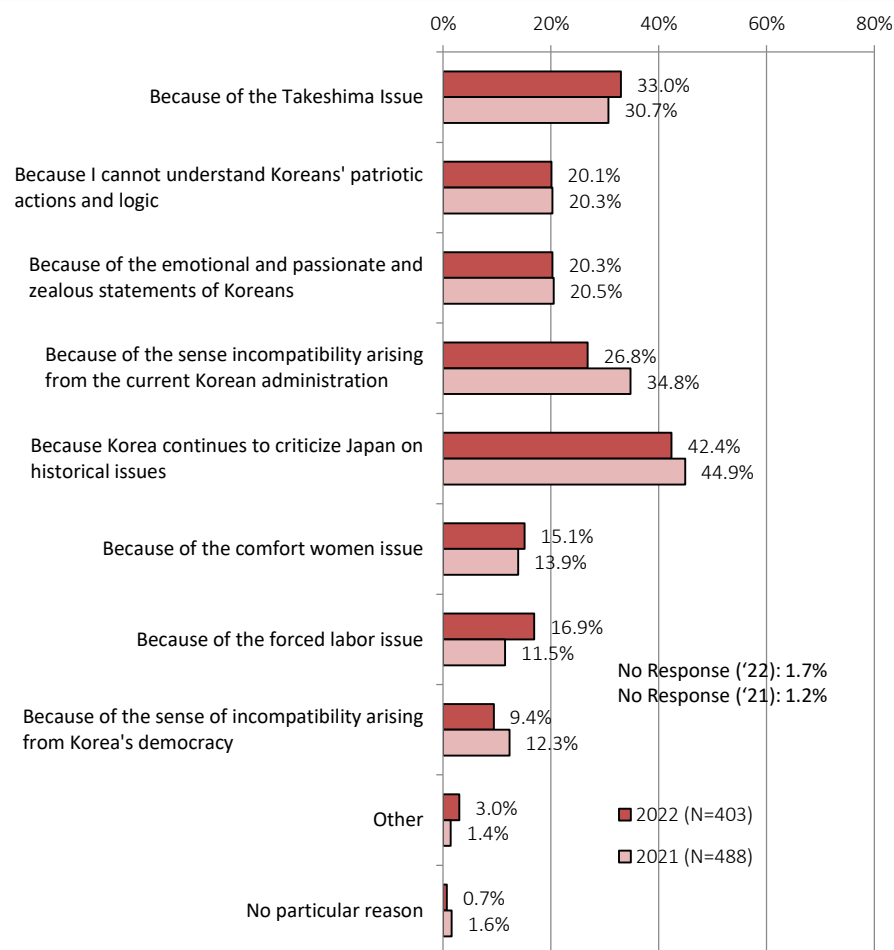
Reasons for Unfavorable Impressions

Q5- b. (Only those who answered that they had an unfavorable impression in Q5) Why do you have an unfavorable impression of the other country (Japan / South Korea)? 【Up to 2 responses】

South Korea (N=543)

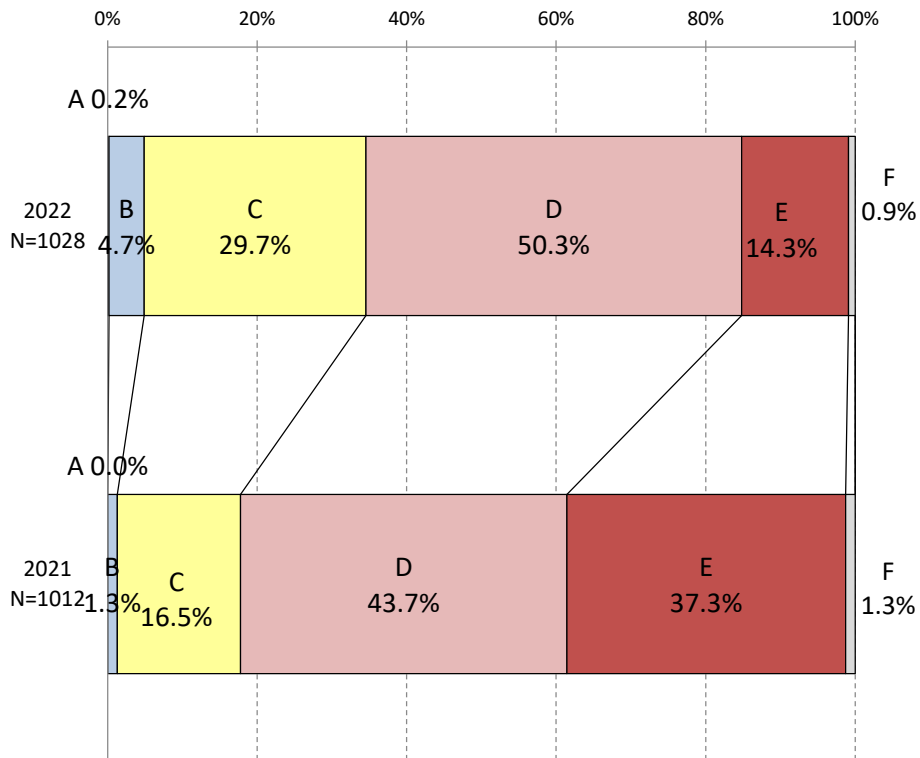


Japan (N=403)

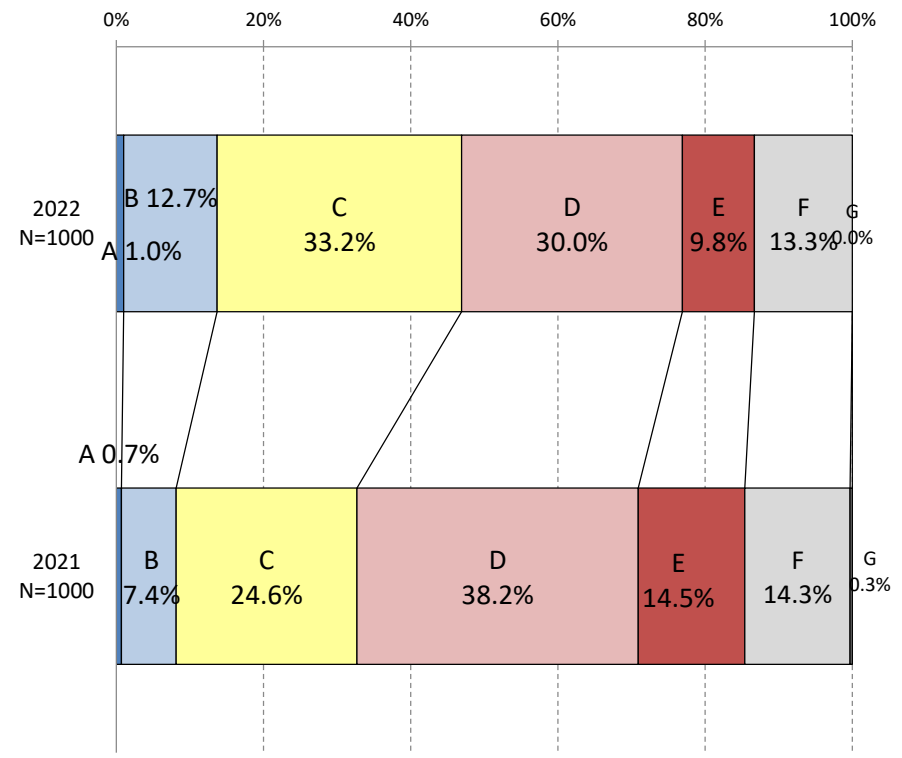


Q7. What do you think current relations between Korea and Japan are like? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)

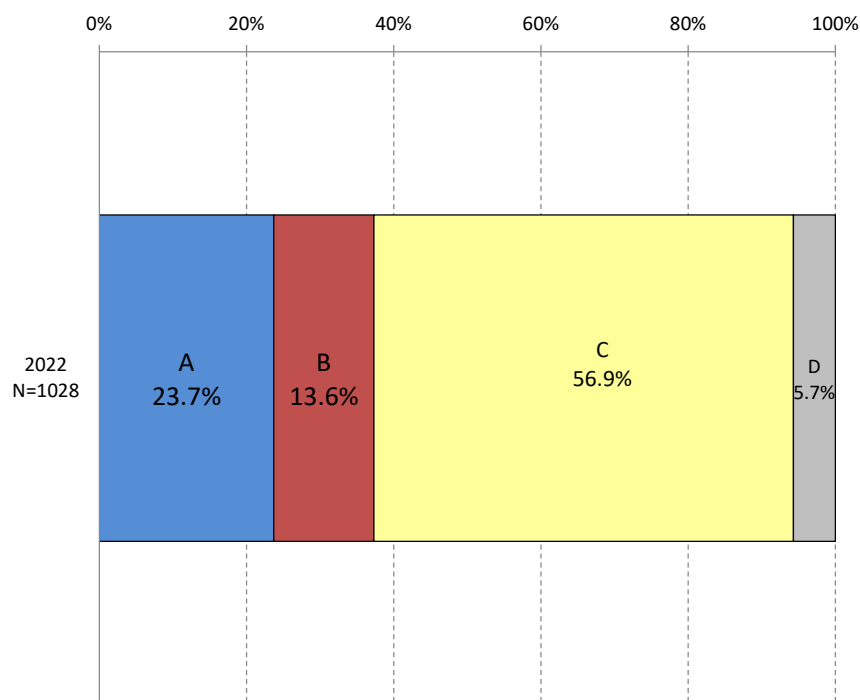


A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Very good	Good	Fair	Bad	Very Bad	Not sure	No response

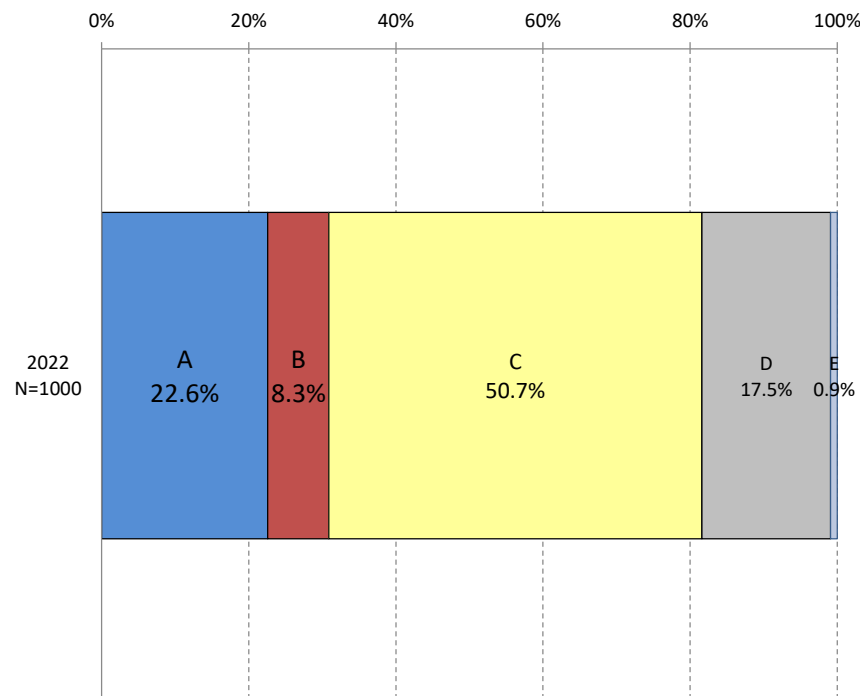


Q8-2. Relations with which country do you consider more important for the future of your country: (For Korean respondents) China or Japan?; (For Japanese respondents) China or Korea? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



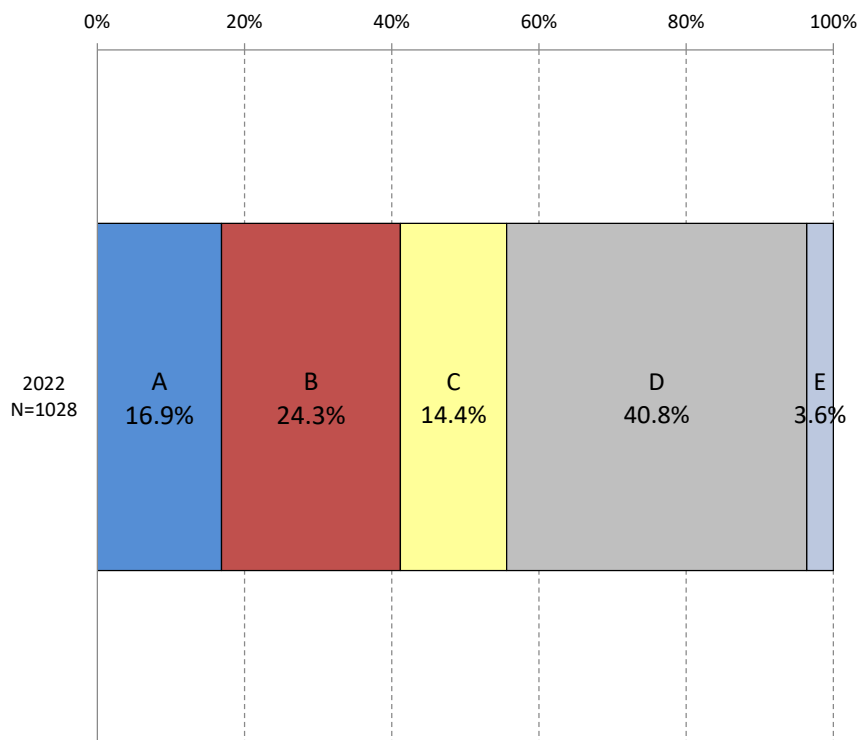
Japan (N=1,000)



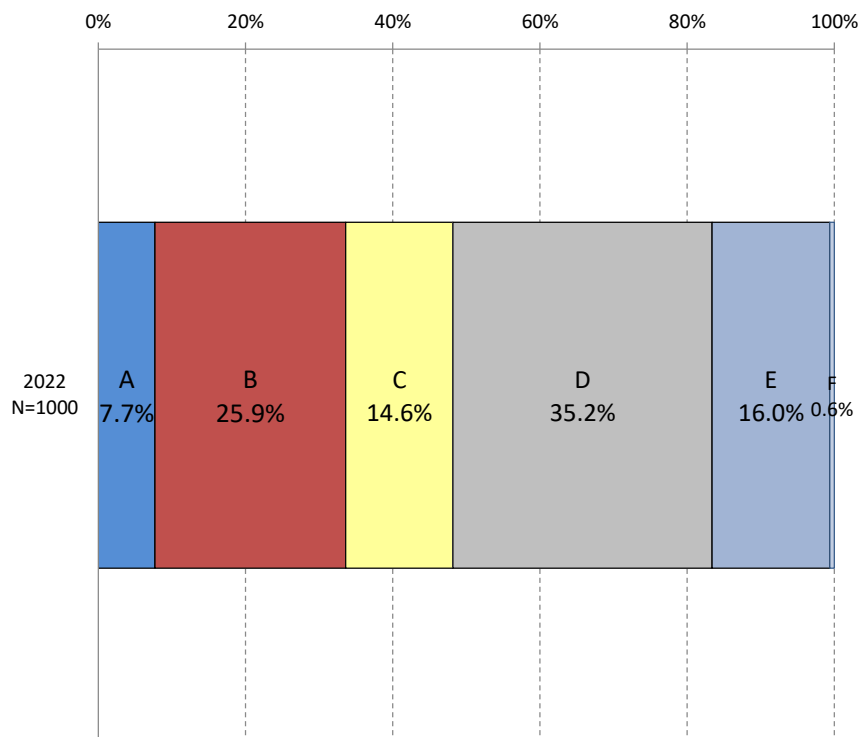
A	B	C	D	E
Relations with China is more important	Relations with Japan / South Korea is more important	Both are important	Not Sure	No Response

Q9-2. Which country do you feel more affinity; China or the other country (Japan / South Korea)?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)

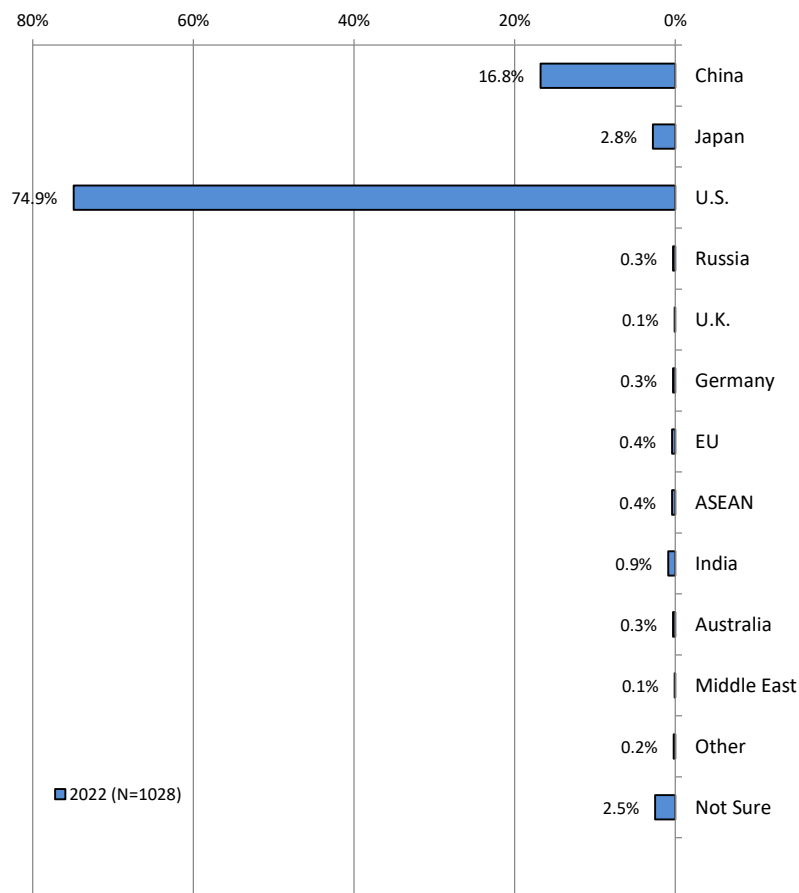


A	B	C	D	E	F
More affinity for China	More affinity for Japan/Korea	Equal affinity for both	Feel affinity for neither	Not Sure	No Response

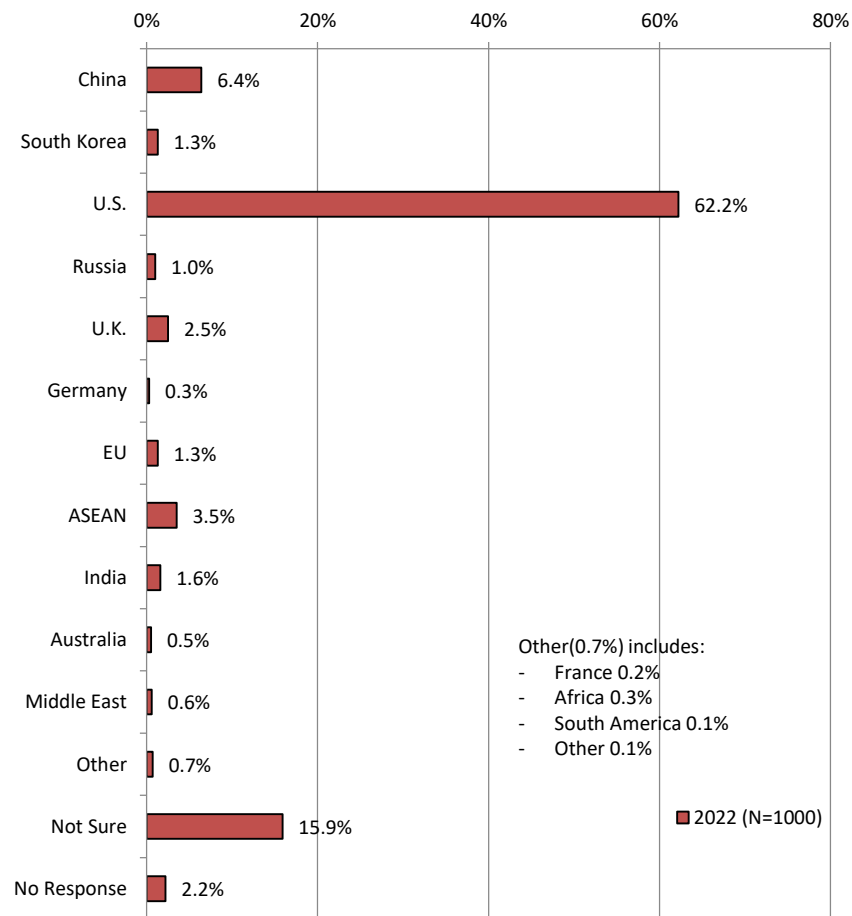
The Most Important Relationship for Future of Own Country

Q10. Which of the following regions or countries do you consider to have the most important relationship with your country when thinking of your country's future? 【Single response】

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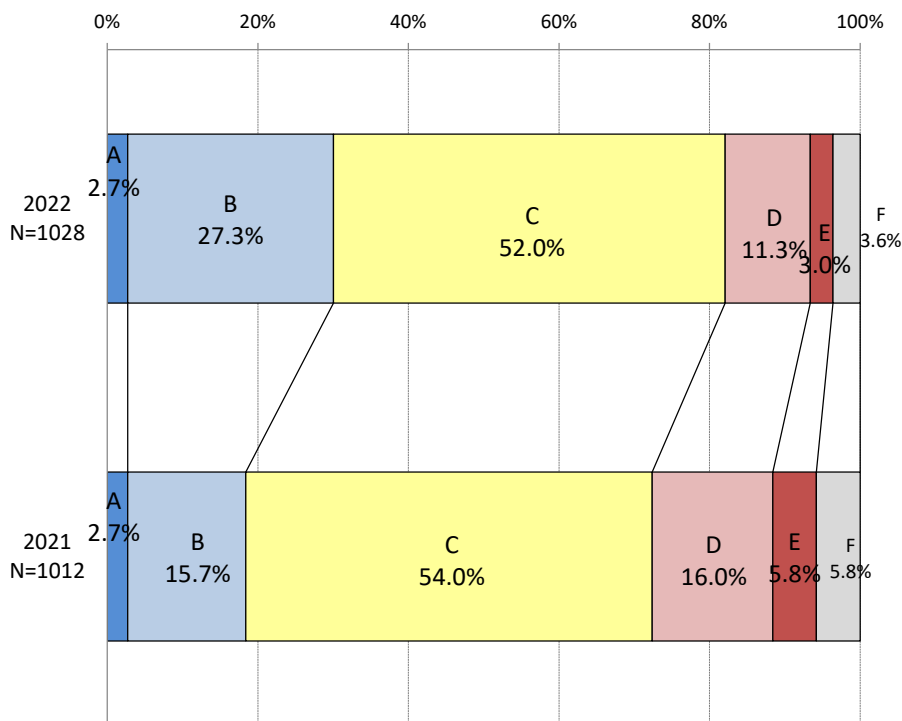


Japan (N=1,000)

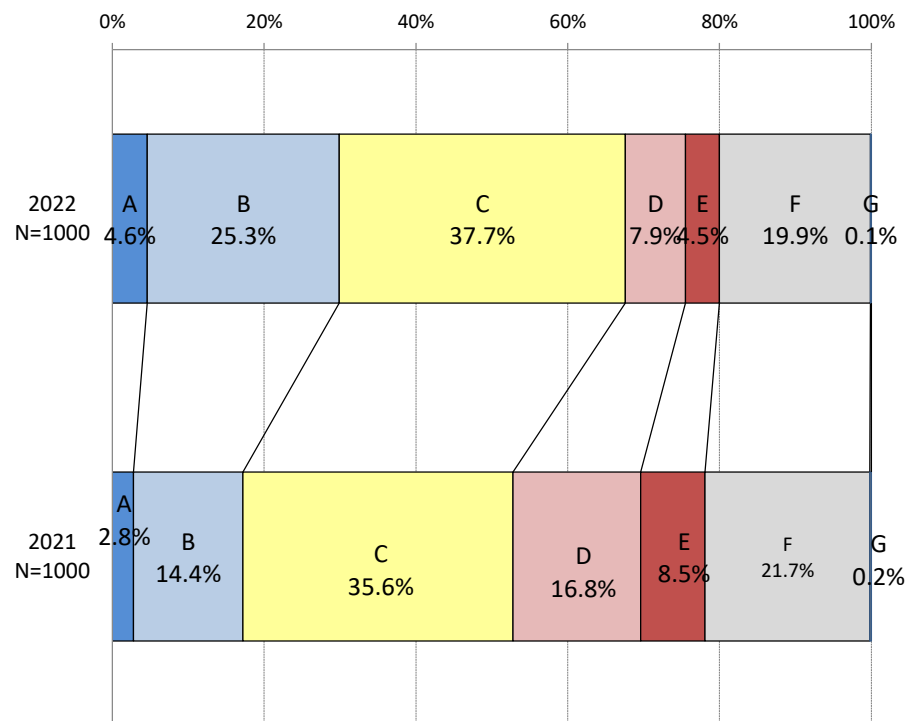


Q11. What is your assessment of the future state of bilateral relations between South Korea and Japan?
 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



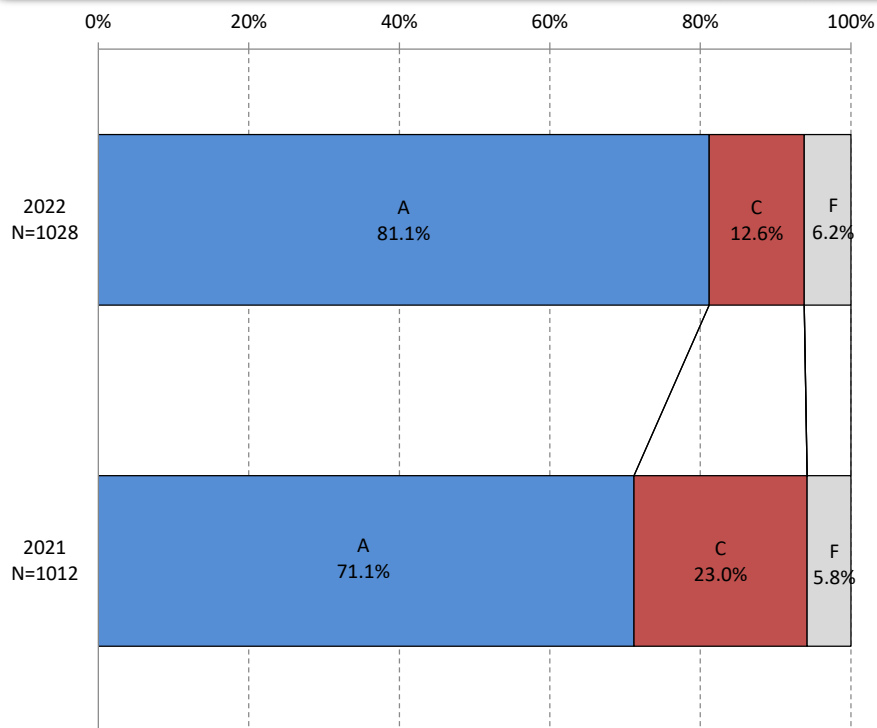
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Will improve	Will slightly improve	Will stay the same	Will slightly worsen	Will worsen	Not sure	No response



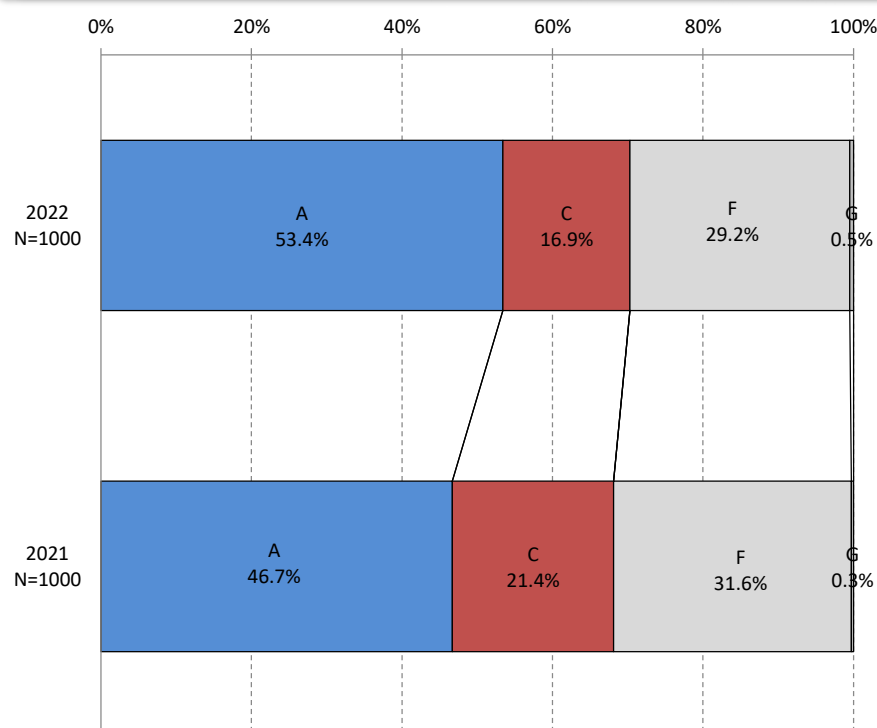
Efforts to Improve ROK-Japan Relations

Q12. Do you think efforts need to be made to improve ROK-Japan relations, which have deteriorated due to historical issues? 【Multiple response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



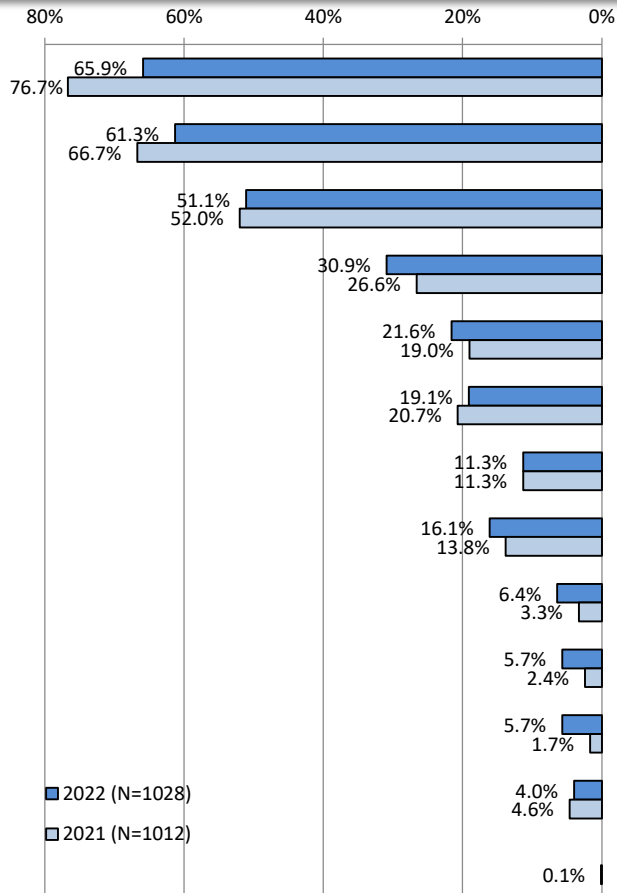
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Efforts should be made to improve relations	For now, things should remain the same	There is no need for efforts to be made	No interest in the future of ROK- Japan relations	Neither	Not sure	No Response

*In the 2020 survey, the wording of the question was as follows: “What should be done to improve South Korea- Japan relations which have been deteriorated due to historical issues?” In the 2021 survey, the question was changed to the one above and choices “ For now, things should remain the same” and “No interest in the future of South Korea-Japan relations” were omitted.

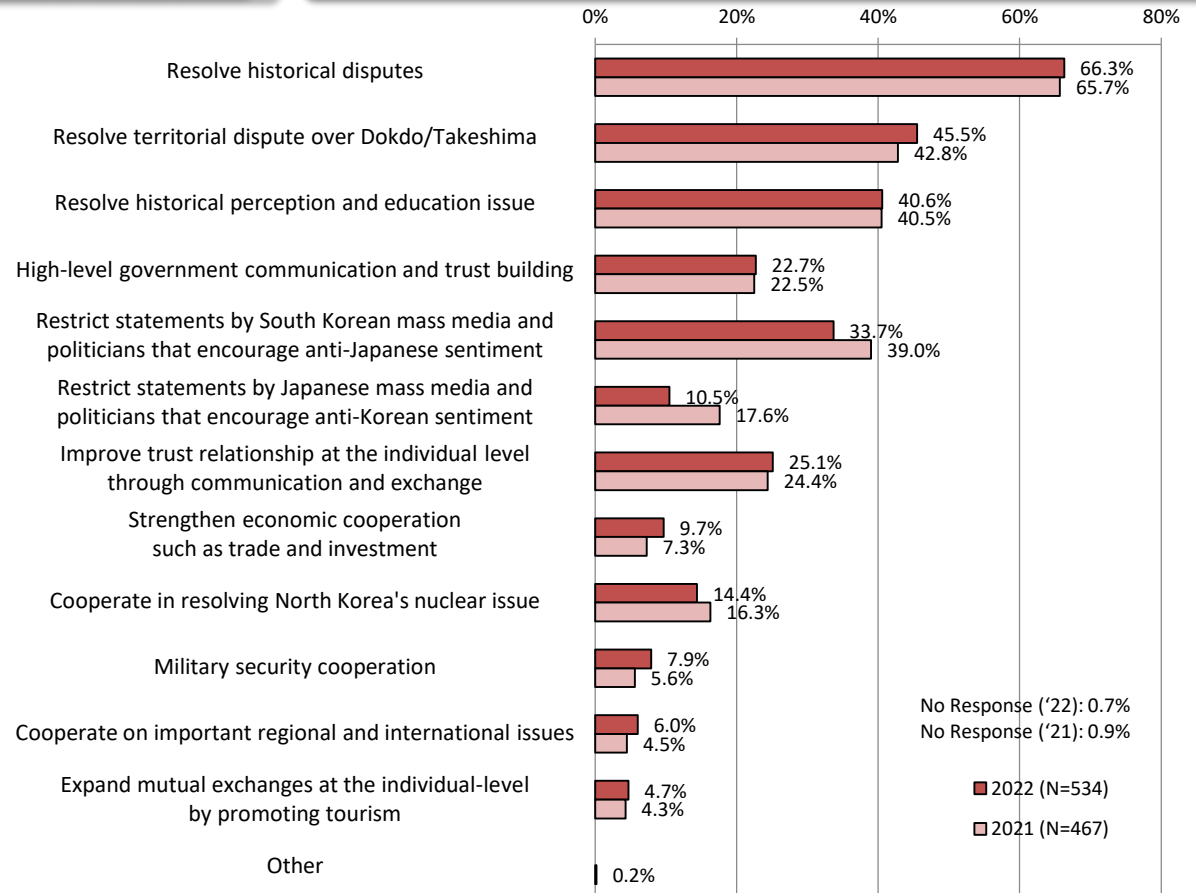
Ways to Improve ROK-Japan Relations

Q13. What should both countries do to improve ROK-Japan relations? 【Up to 3 responses】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=534)

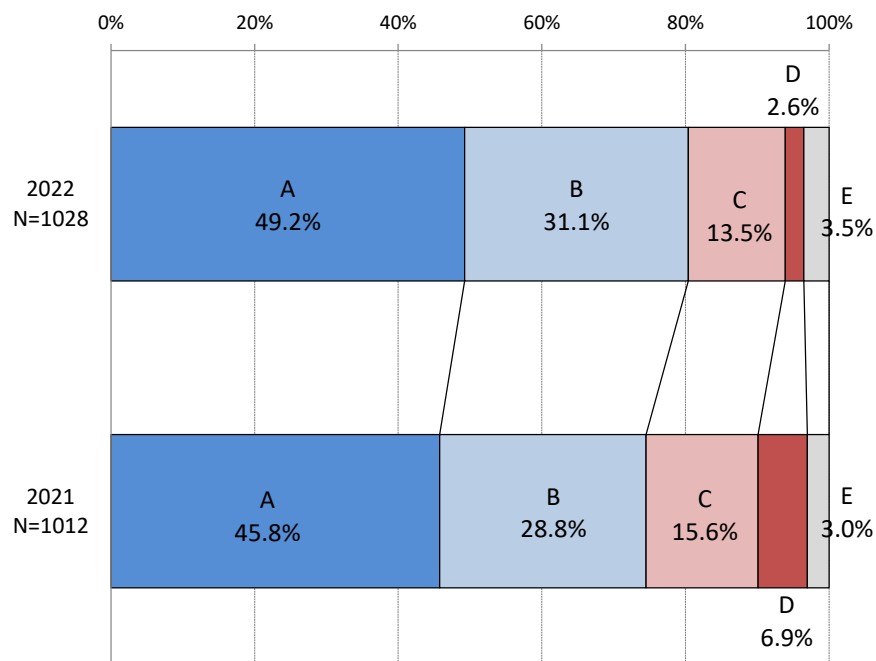


* All South Korean respondents answered; Japanese respondents who answered “Efforts should be made to improve relations” on Q12 answered

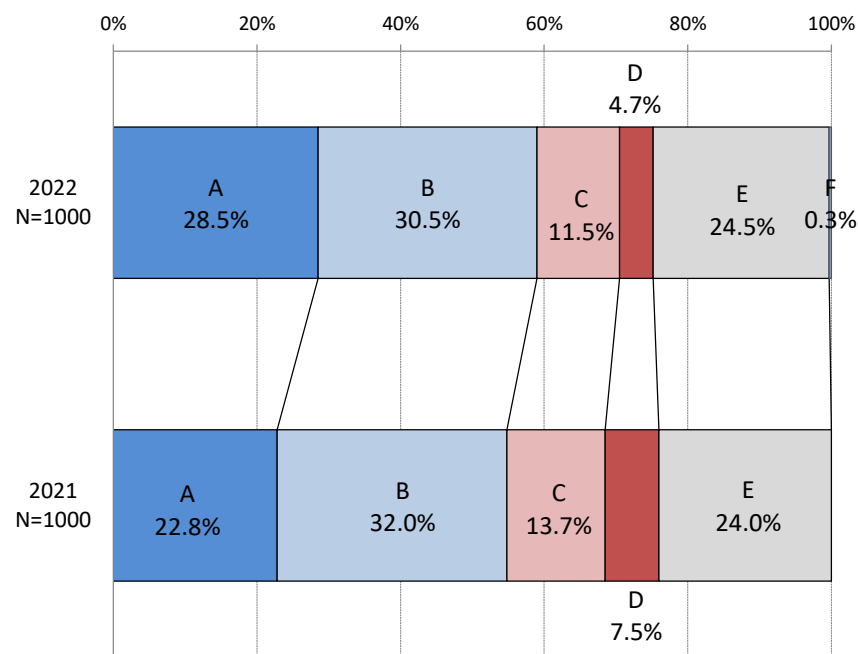
Position the Two Countries Should Take on ROK-Japan Relations

Q15. What kind of relationship do you think your own country (South Korea/Japan) should have with the other country (Japan/South Korea) in the future? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



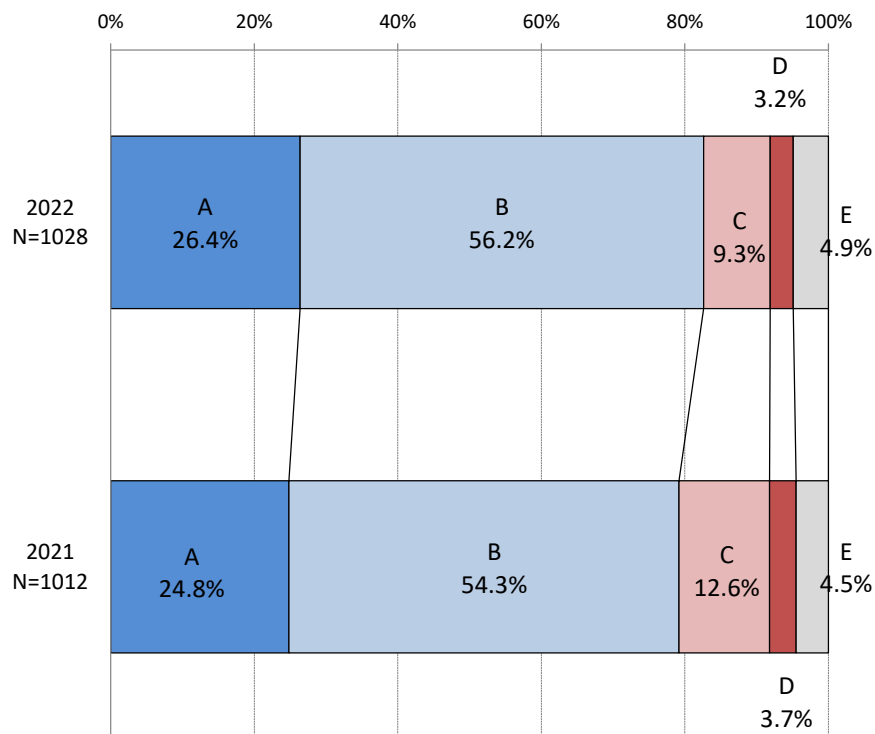
Japan (N=1,000)



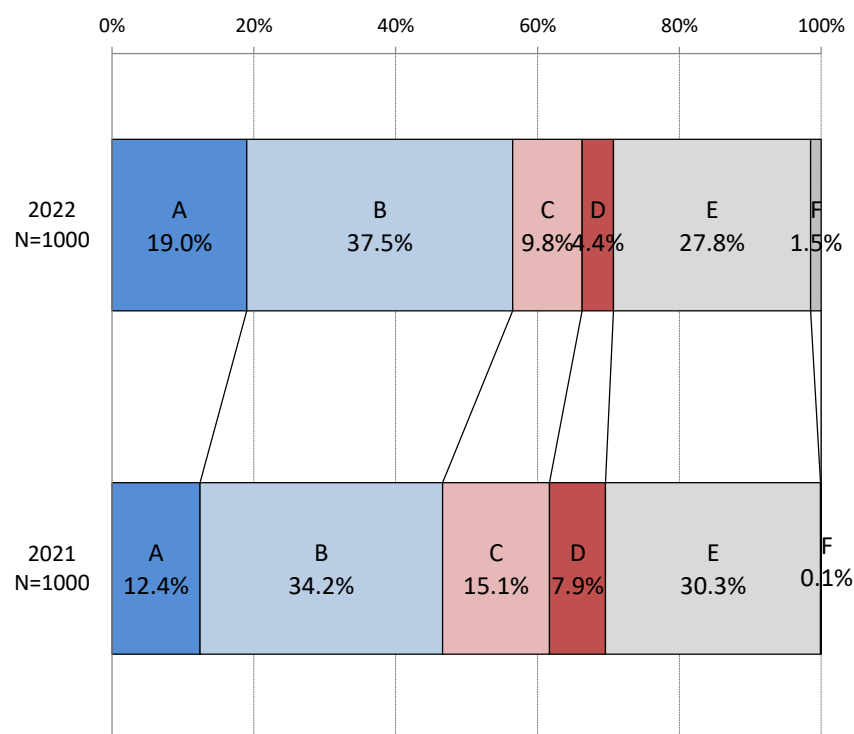
A	B	C	D	E	F
The conflict between South Korea and Japan must somehow be overcome in a future-oriented way	Political conflict, at the least, should be avoided	Unless the Japanese/Korean government's response change, Japan/Korea should be ignored and be kept at a distance	Since establishing a future-oriented relationship with Japan/Korea is difficult itself, distance should be kept with Korea/ Japan	Not sure	No Response

Q16. Currently, how important are ROK-Japan relations to your own country (South Korea/ Japan)?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)

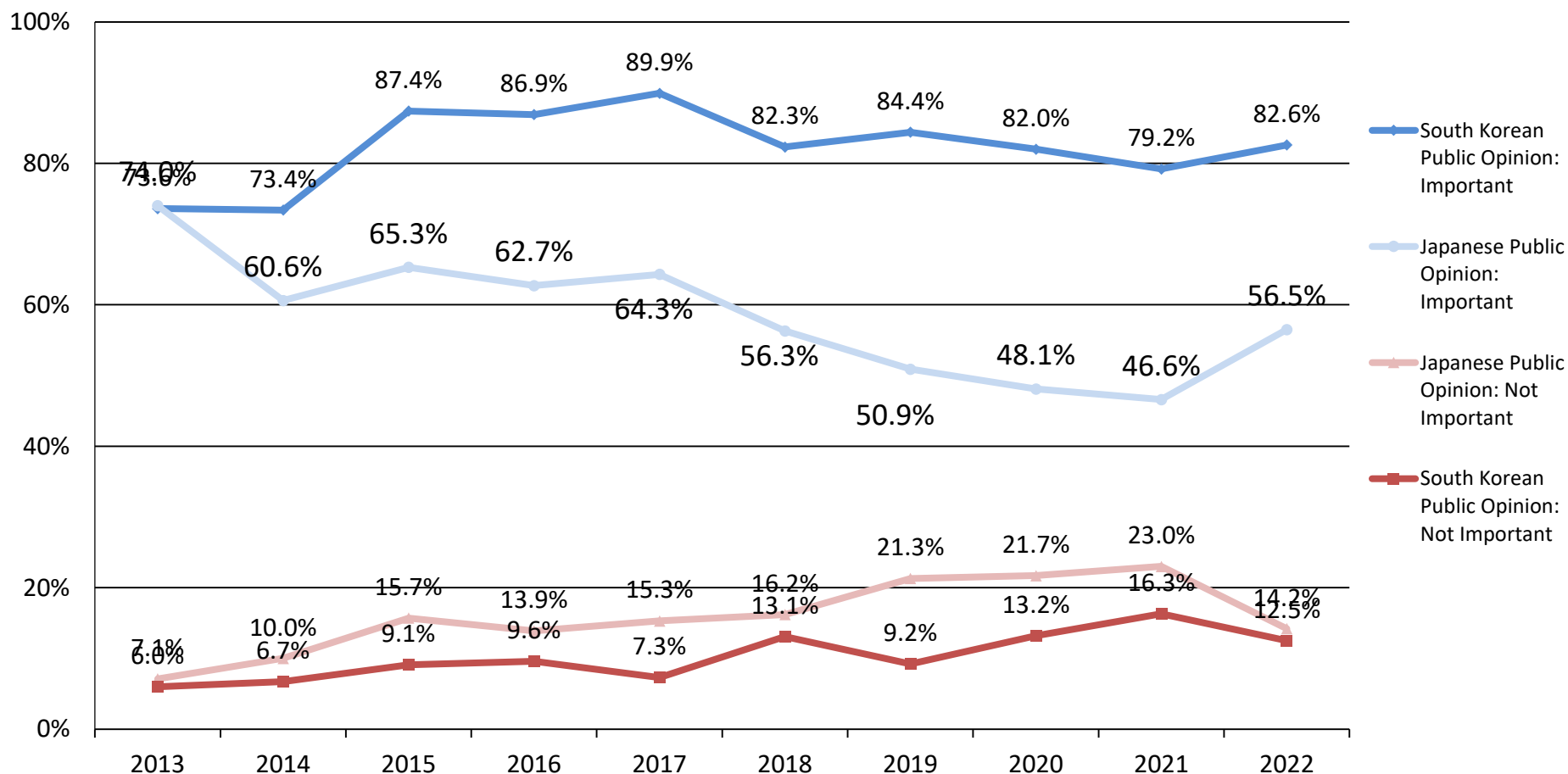


Japan (N=1,000)



A	B	C	D	E	F
Important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	Unimportant	Not sure	No Response

Q16. Currently, how important are ROK-Japan relations to your own country (South Korea/ Japan)?
【Single response】

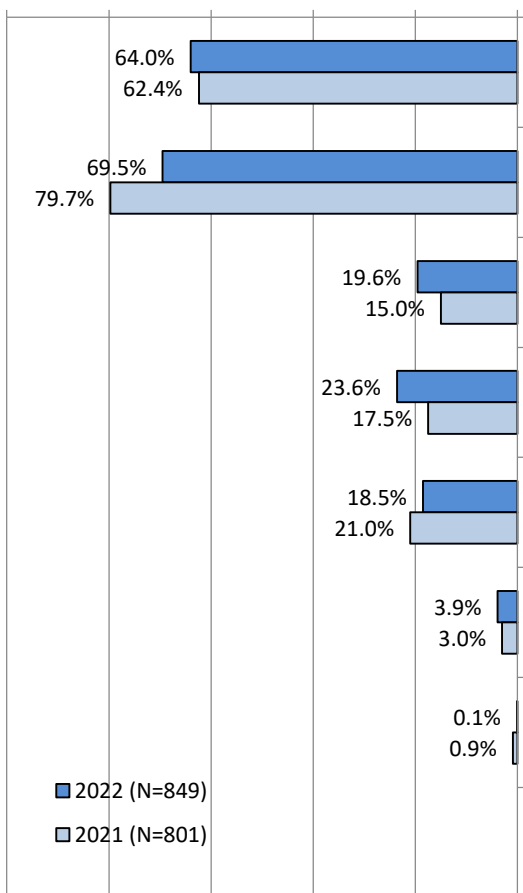




Q16-a. (Only for those who responded 1 or 2 in Q16) Why are ROK-Japan relations important for the future of the country? 【Up to 2 responses】

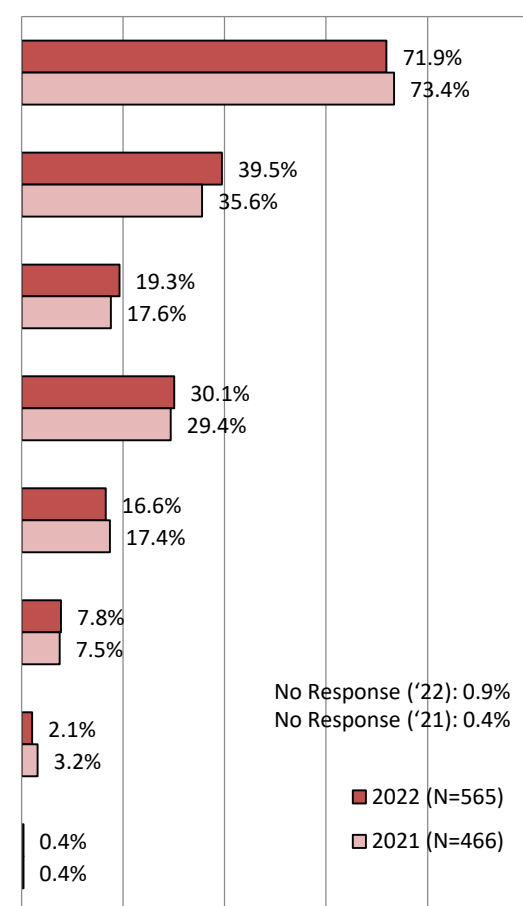
South Korea (N=849)

100% 80% 60% 40% 20% 0%



Japan (N=565)

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



No Response ('22): 0.9%
No Response ('21): 0.4%

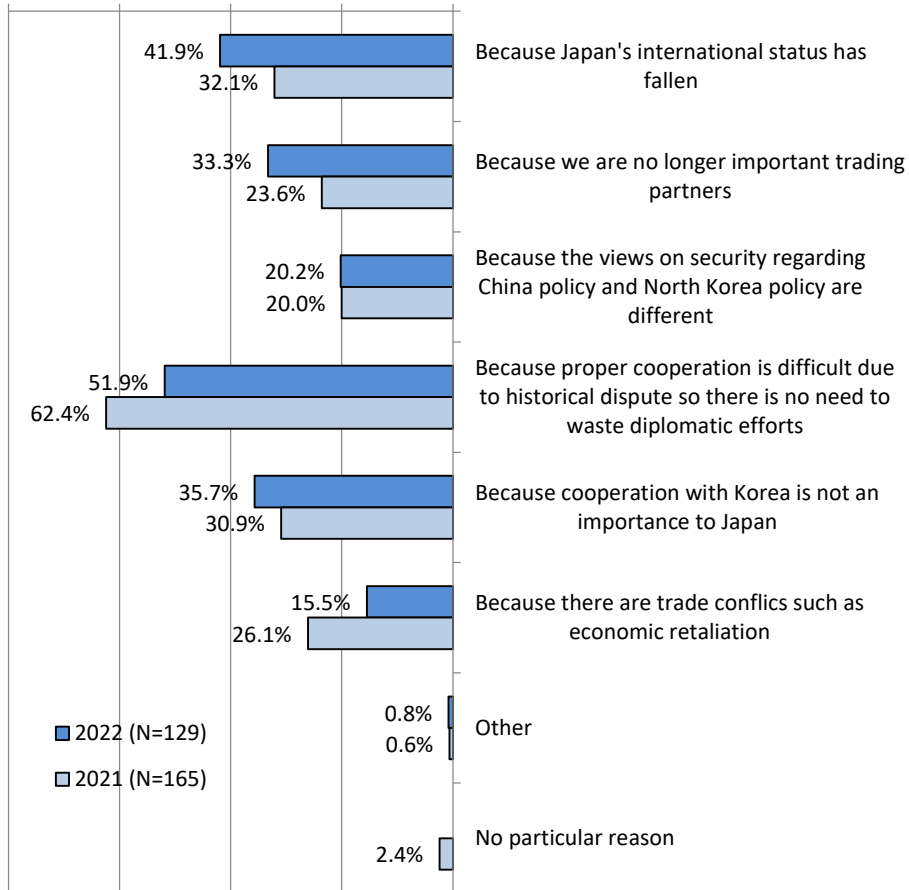


Reasons why ROK-Japan Relations are Not Important

Q16-b. (Only for those who responded 3 or 4 in Q16) Why are ROK-Japan relations not important?
【Up to 2 responses】

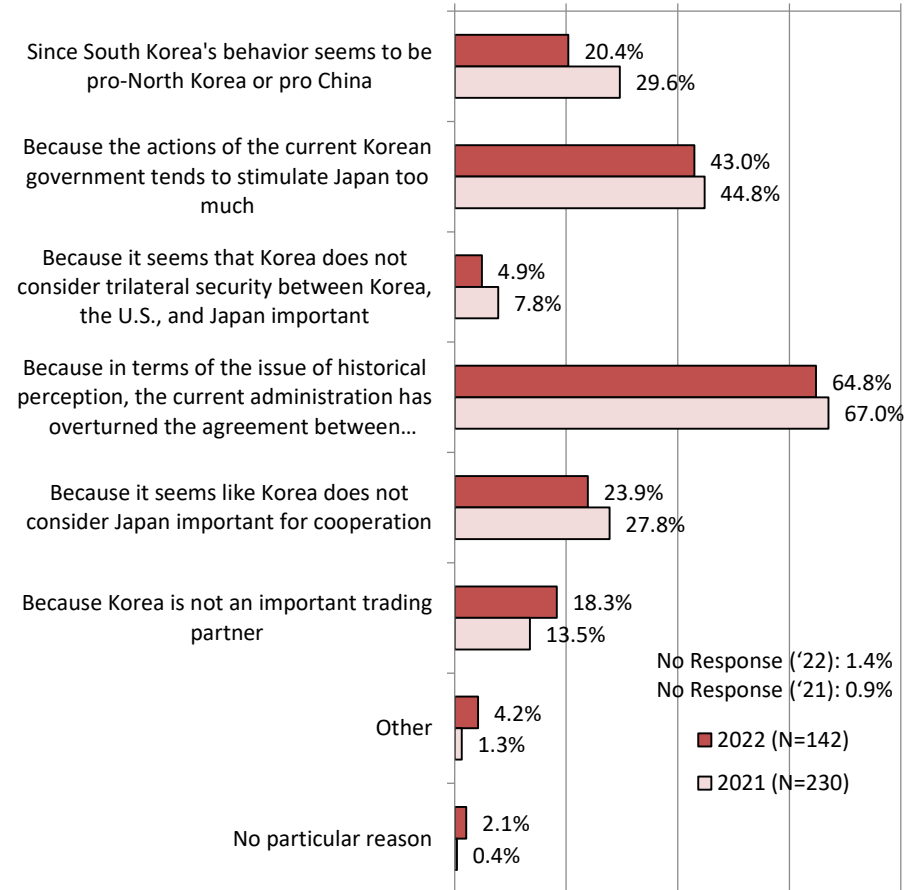
South Korea (N=129)

80% 60% 40% 20% 0%



Japan (N=142)

0% 20% 40% 60% 80%



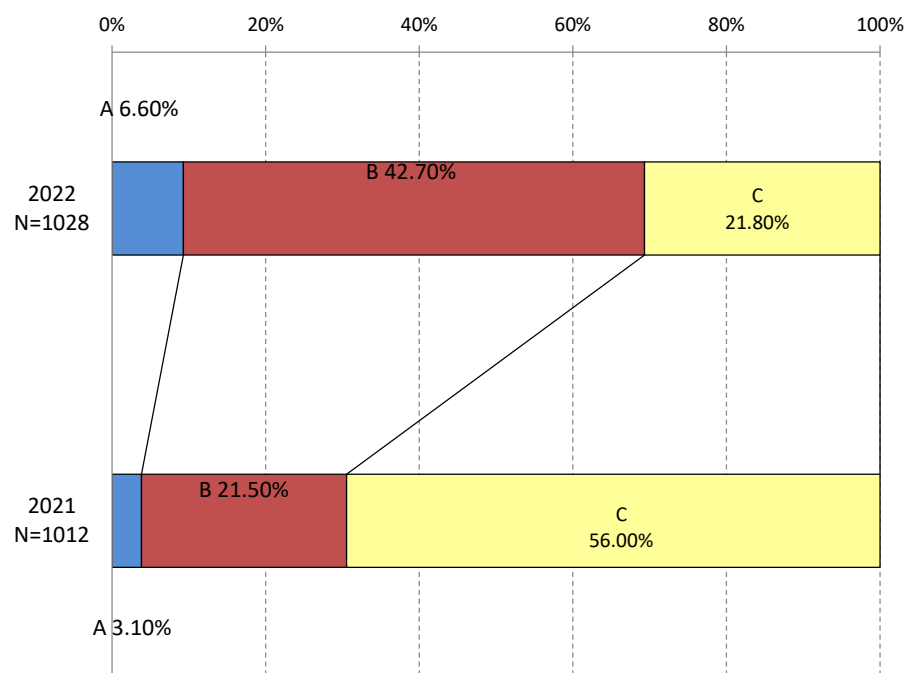
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■ 2022 (N=142)
□ 2021 (N=230)

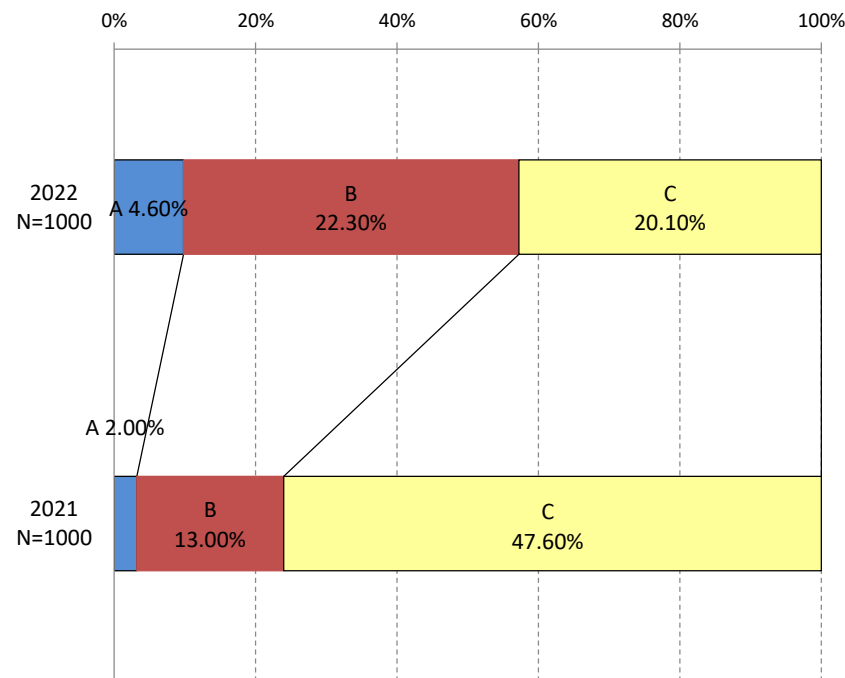
Impression on the Other Country's (Japan/South Korea) Leader

Q17. What is your impression on the other country's (Japan/South Korea) leader? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



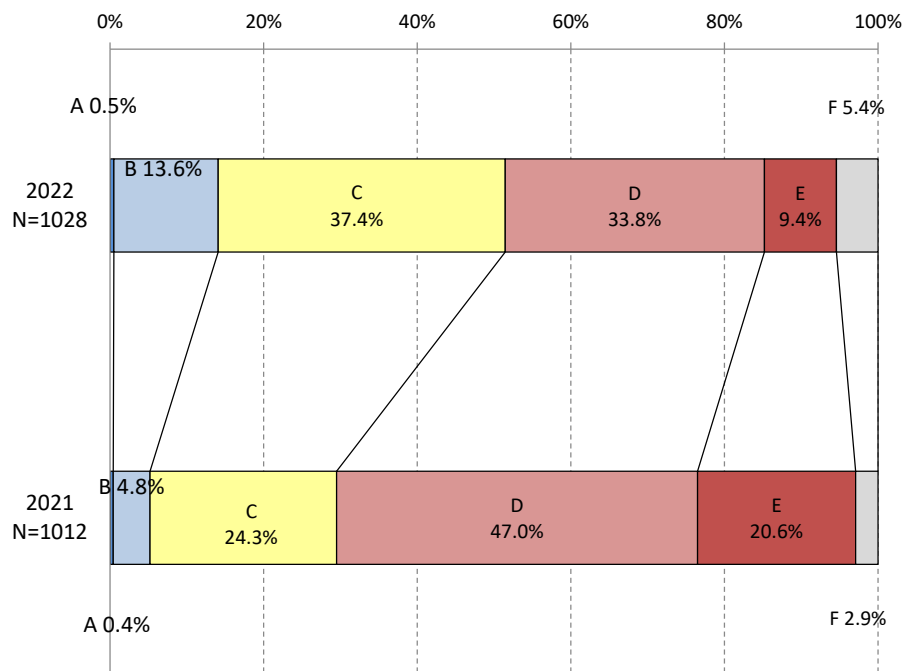
A	B	C
Good	Neither	Bad



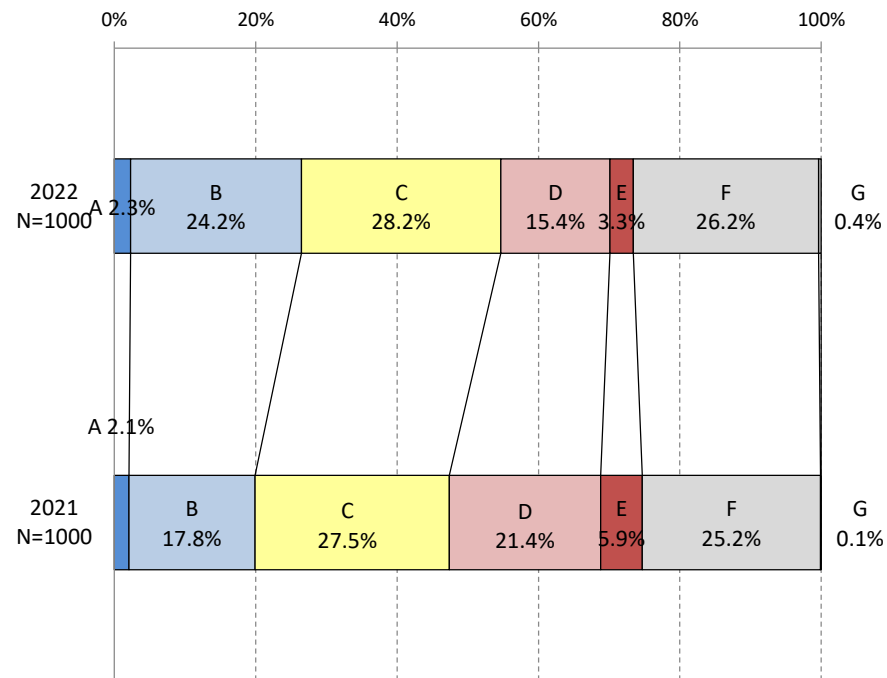
Assessment on the Japanese Government's Policy towards South Korea

Q18. What is your assessment on the Japanese administration's response and attitude towards South Korea?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Very Good	Somewhat good	Neither	Somewhat bad	Very Bad	Not Sure	No Response

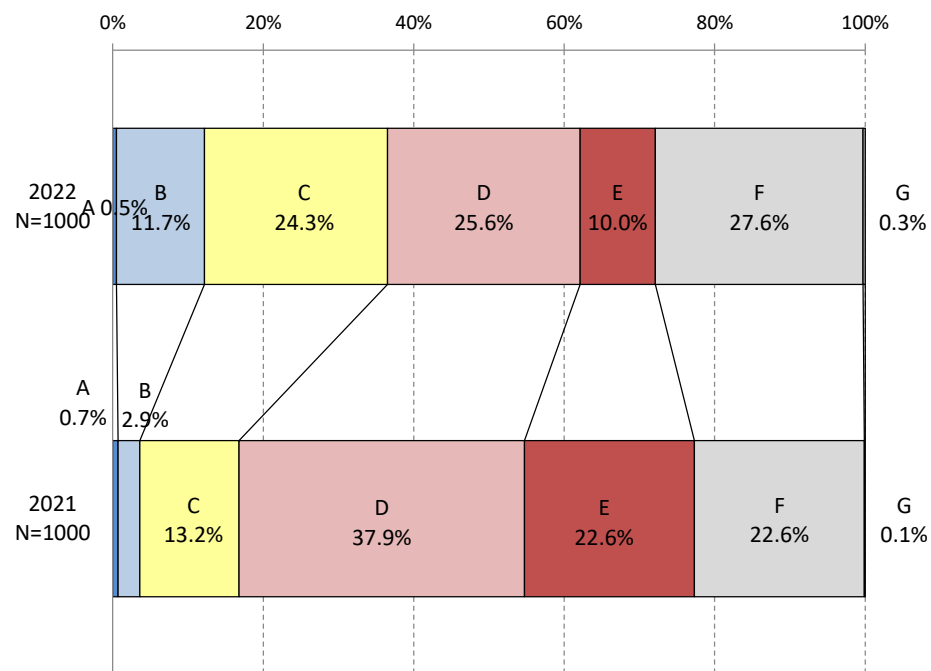
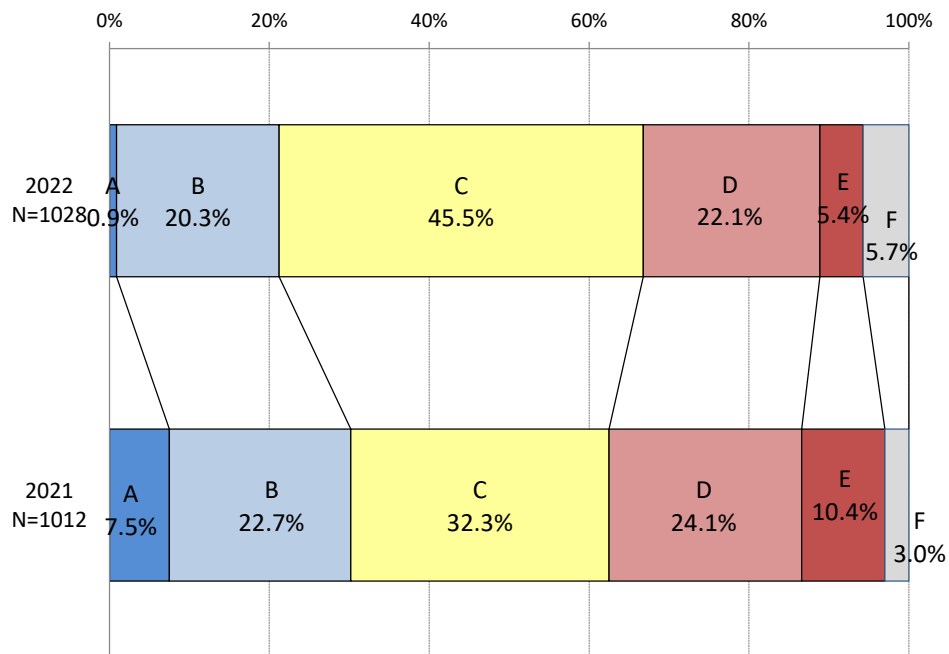


Assessment on the South Korean Government's policy towards Japan

Q19. What is your assessment on the South Korean government's policy and attitude toward Japan?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)

Japan (N=1,000)

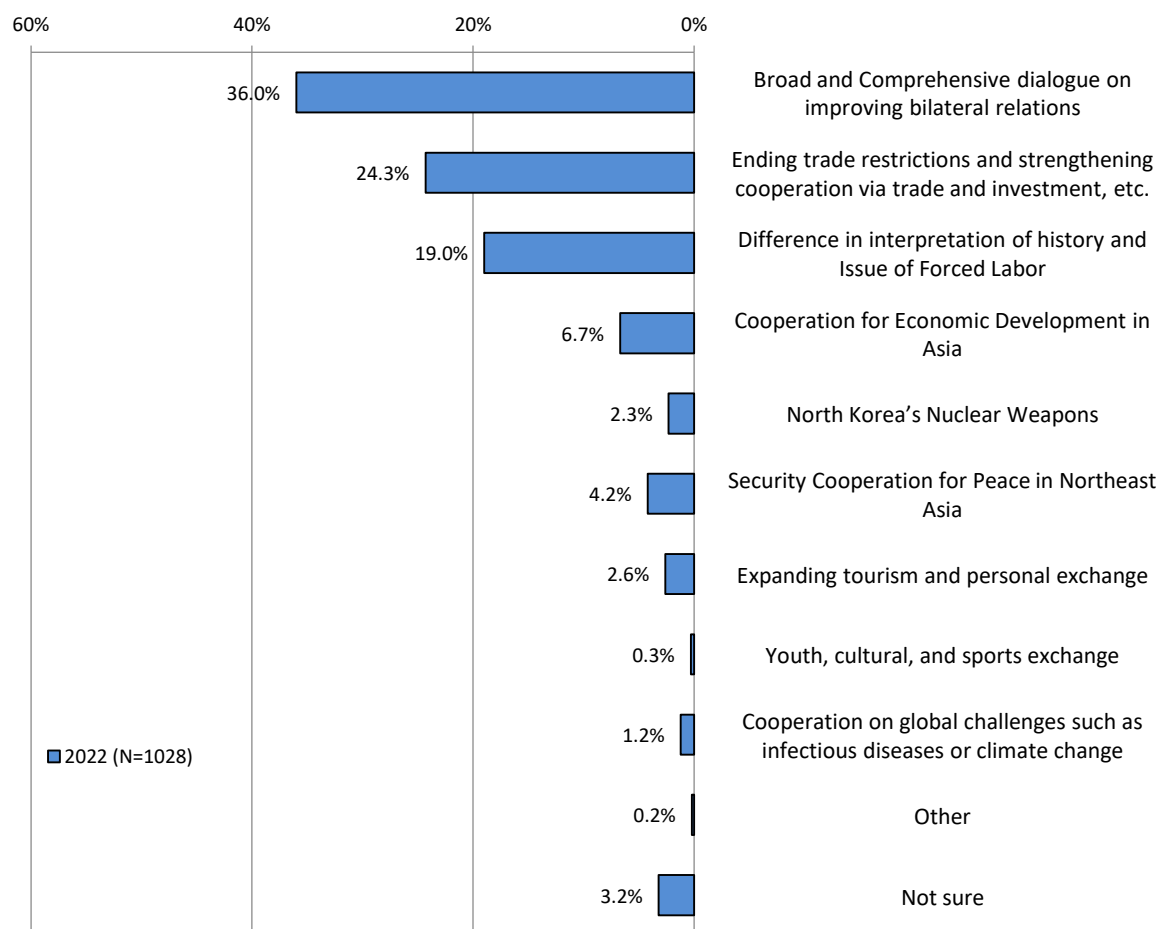


A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Very Good	Somewhat good	Neither	Somewhat bad	Very Bad	Not Sure	No Response

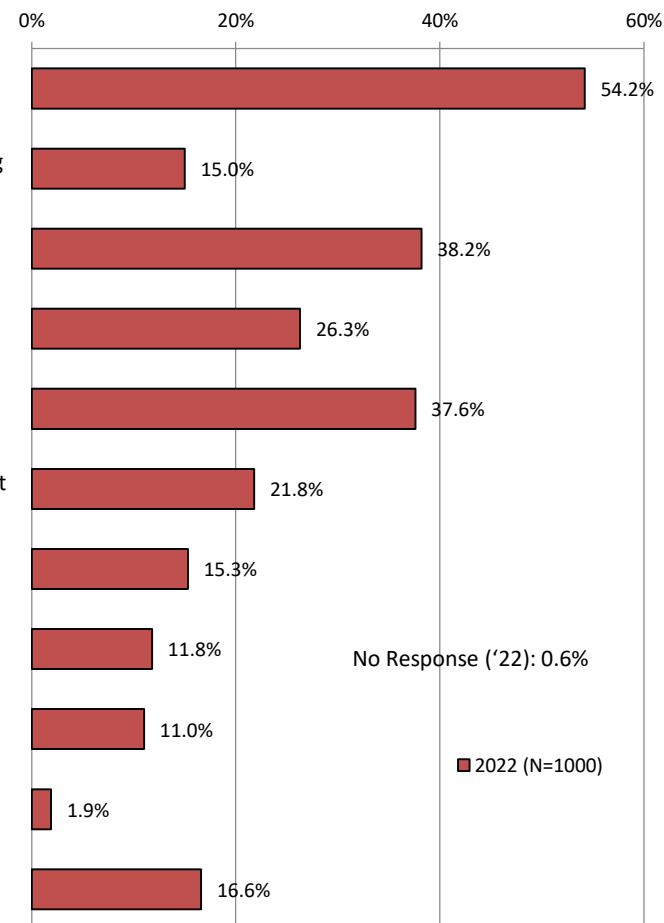
Agenda for ROK-Japan Summit

Q20. If a ROK-Japan Summit is held hereafter, which agenda should be discussed the most?
【South Korea: Single Response; Japan: Multiple Response (2022 only)】

South Korea (N=1,028)



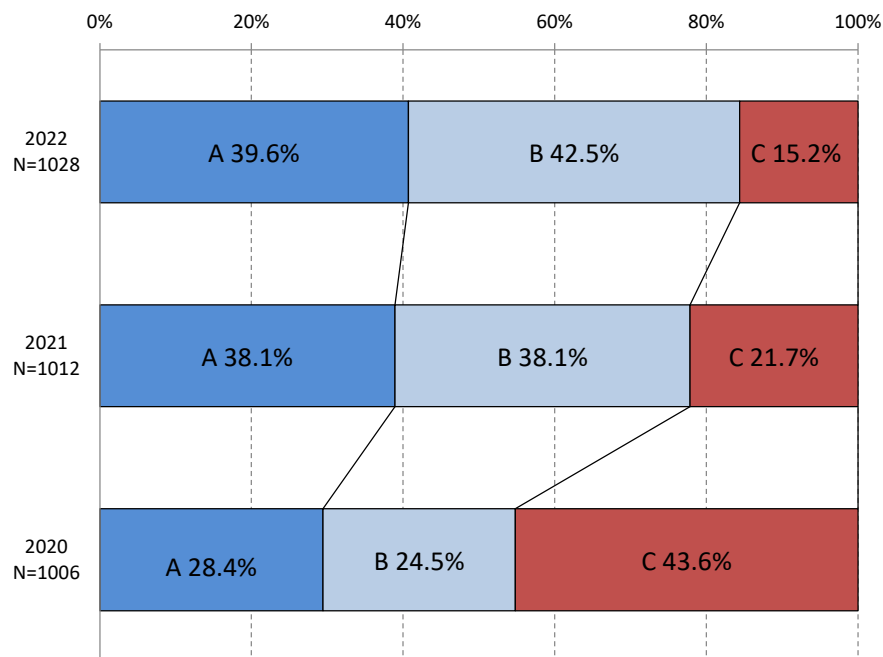
Japan (N=1,000)



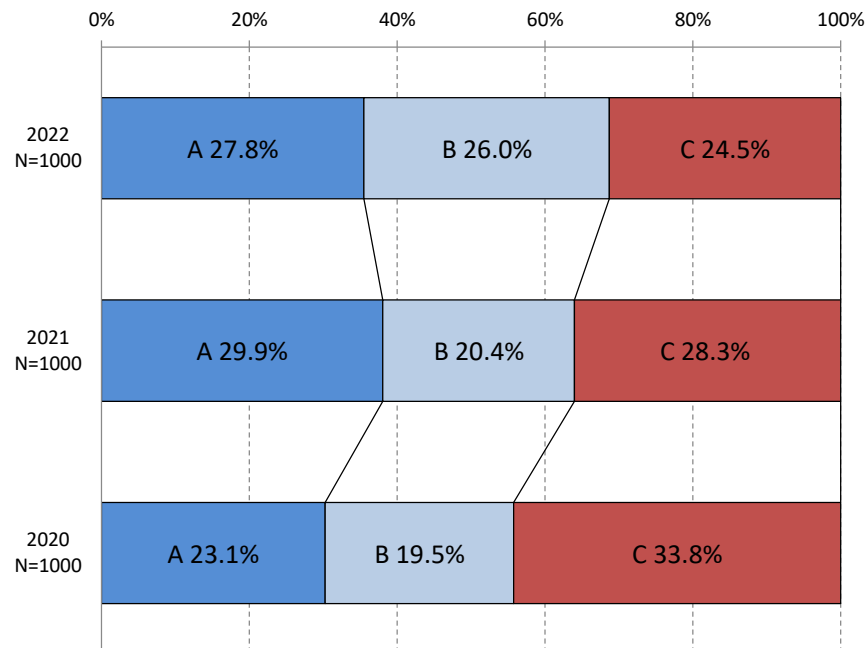


Q21. What do you think of ROK-Japan relations and the historical dispute? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



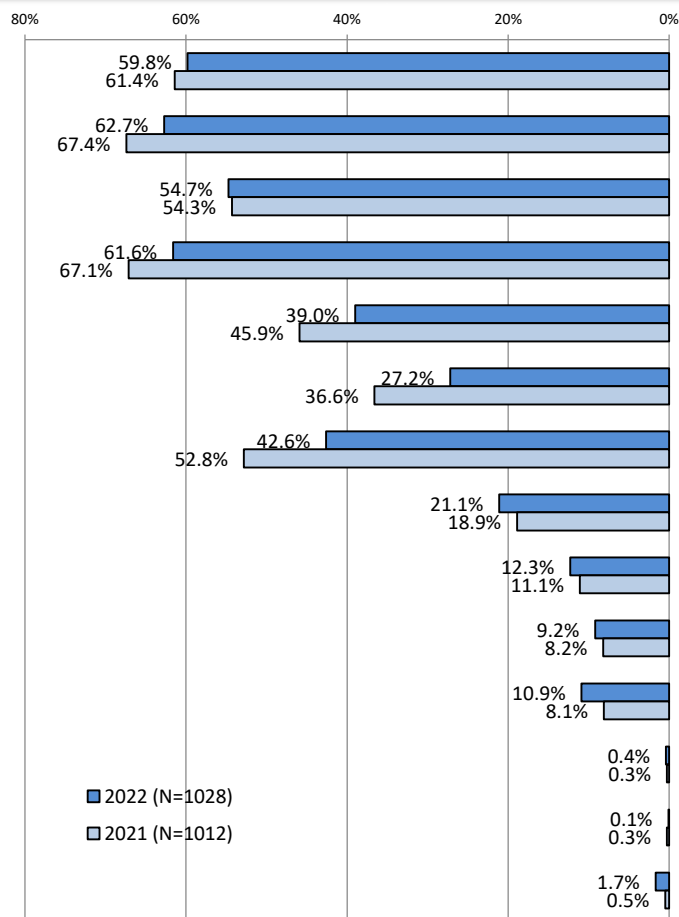
	A	B	C	D
2021-22	Future-oriented cooperation between the two countries will be difficult without the resolution of the historical dispute	As future-oriented cooperation between the two countries is facilitated, the historical dispute will also be gradually resolved	No matter the state of cooperation and relations, the historical dispute will not be resolved	Not sure
Before 2020	ROK-Japan relations will not be improved without the resolution of the historical dispute	As ROK-Japan relations are improved, the historical dispute will also be gradually resolved	No matter the state of ROK-Japan relations, the historical dispute will not be resolved	Not sure



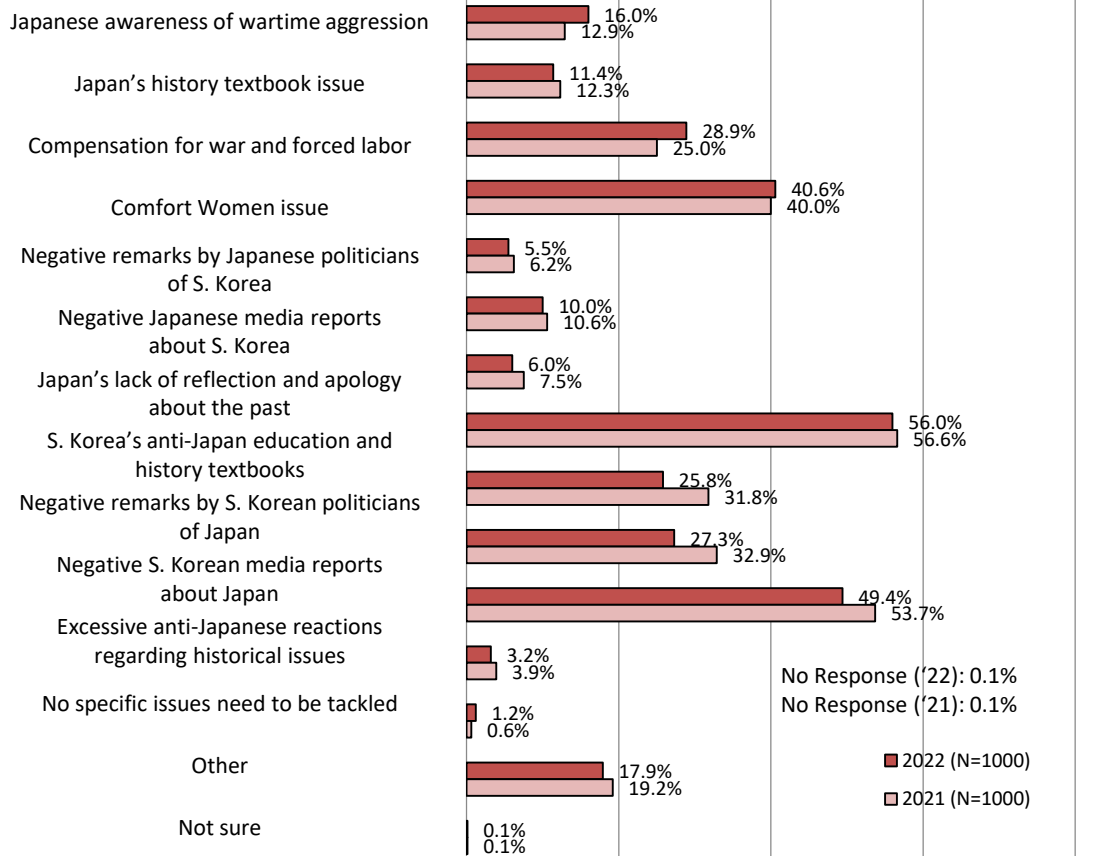
Resolution of Historical Issues

Q22. Which issues must be resolved regarding historical issues between South Korea and Japan?
【Multiple response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)

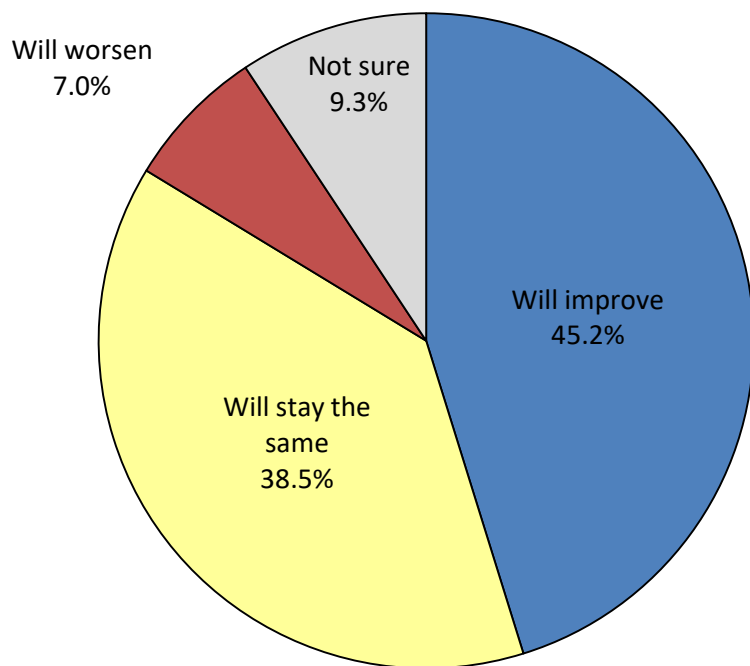




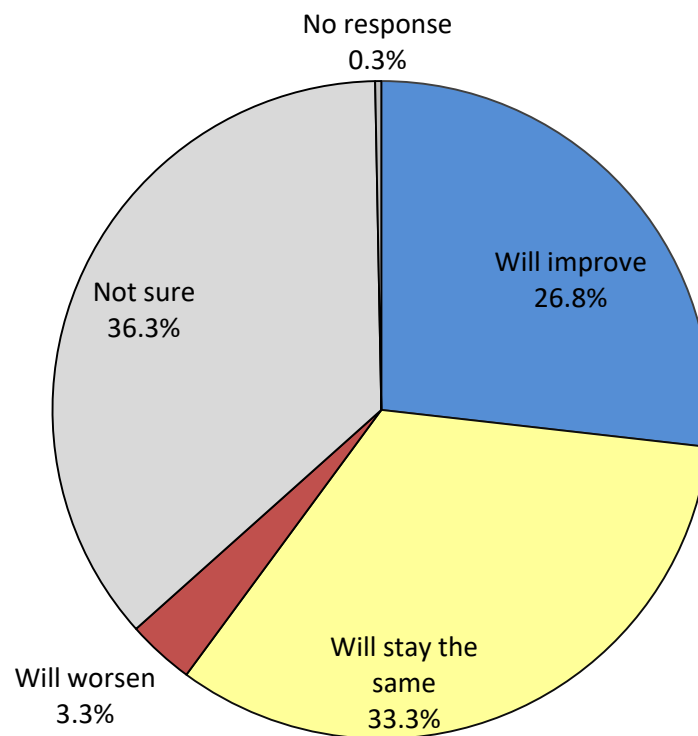
Expectation for Improvement of ROK-Japan relations under Yoon/Kishida Administrations

Q24. Do you expect ROK-Japan relations to improve under the new administrations of Yoon Suk-yeol and Kishida?
【Single Response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



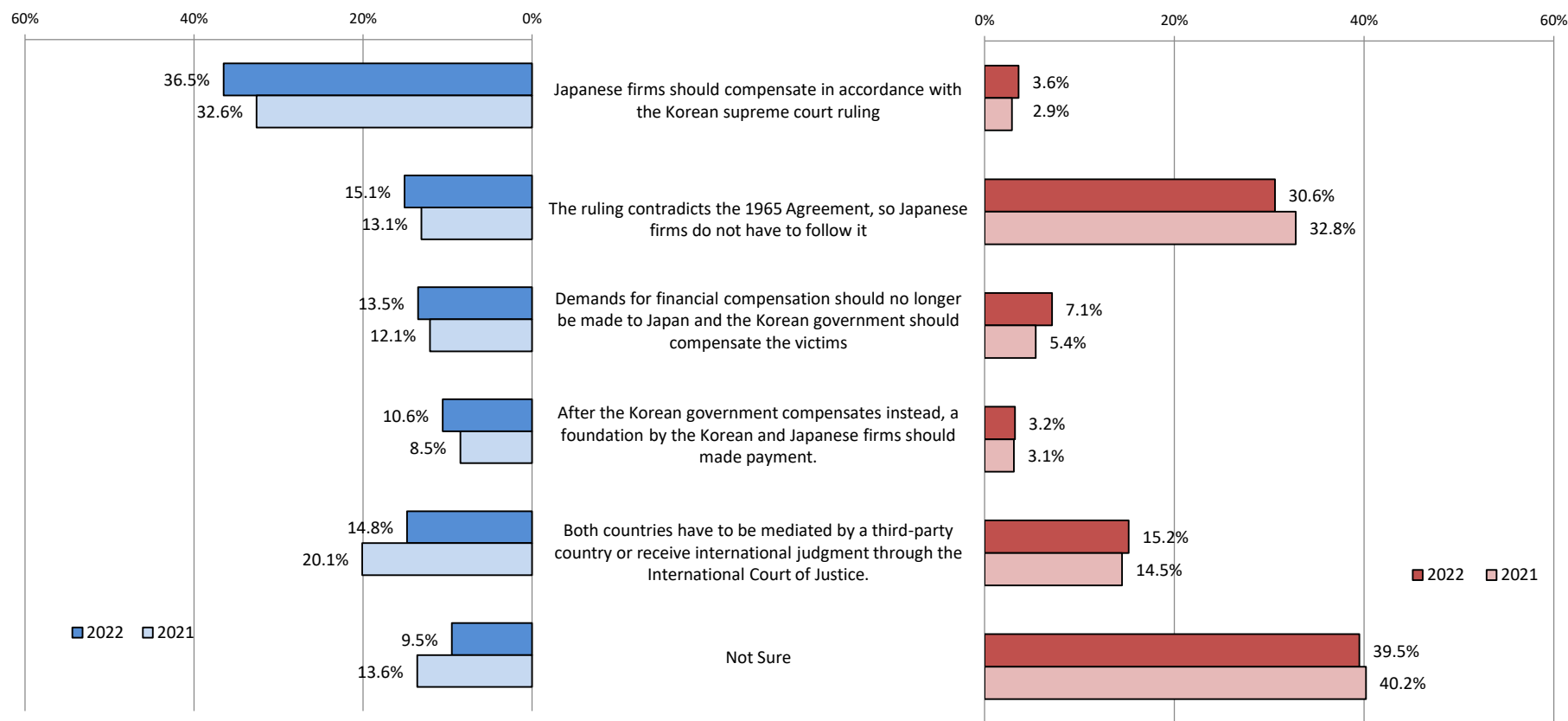


Ways to Resolve Bilateral Tensions Resulting from South Korea's Supreme Court Decision

Q25. Conflicts between the two countries continue as under the South Korean Supreme Court ruling on forced labor, forced seizure and cashing of domestic Japanese firm's assets has become possible. How can this issue be resolved? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)

Japan (N=1,000)



• 2021

2022 After the Korean government compensates instead, a foundation by the Korean and Japanese firms should made payment.



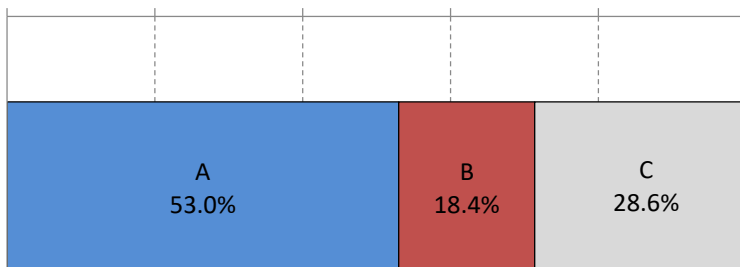
Possibility of Joining the Quad

Q26. Recently, Japan, the United States, Australia, and India have established a new cooperative platform called Quad. Do you think South Korea should also participate in the quad? 【Single response】

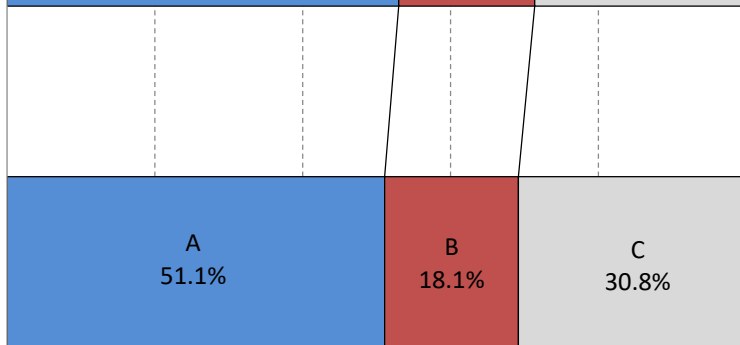
South Korea (N=1,028)

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

2022
N=1028



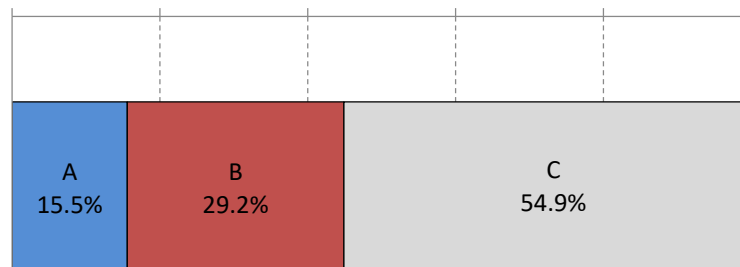
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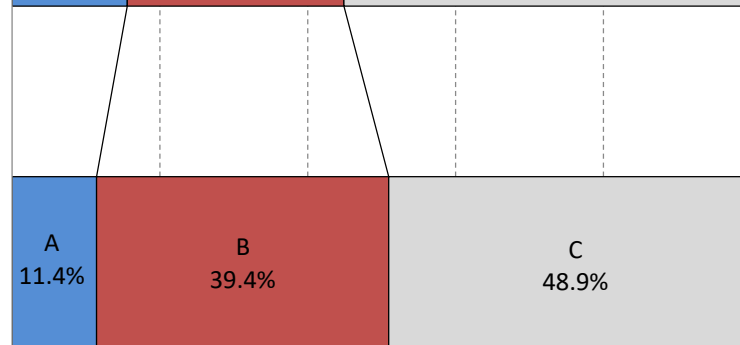
Japan (N=1,000)

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2022
N=1000



2021
N=1000



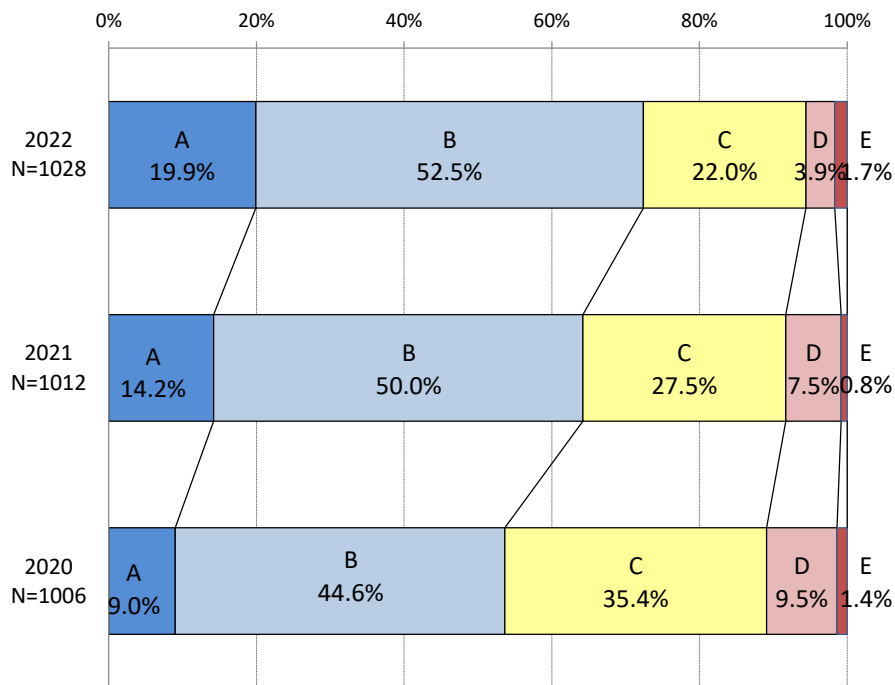
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Should participate	No need to participate	Not sure



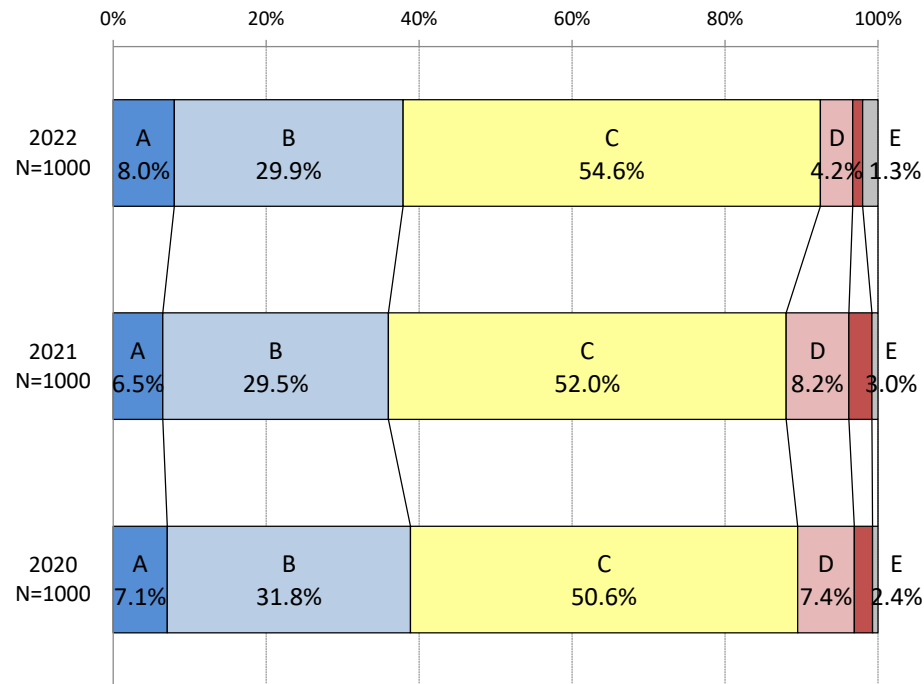
Views on Strengthening the ROK-US-Japan Trilateral Security Alliance

Q27. Do you think that ROK-US-Japan trilateral military-security cooperation should be strengthened?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



No Response ('22): 2.0%; ('21): 0.8%; ('20): 0.7%; ('19): 0.4%; ('18): 0.4%

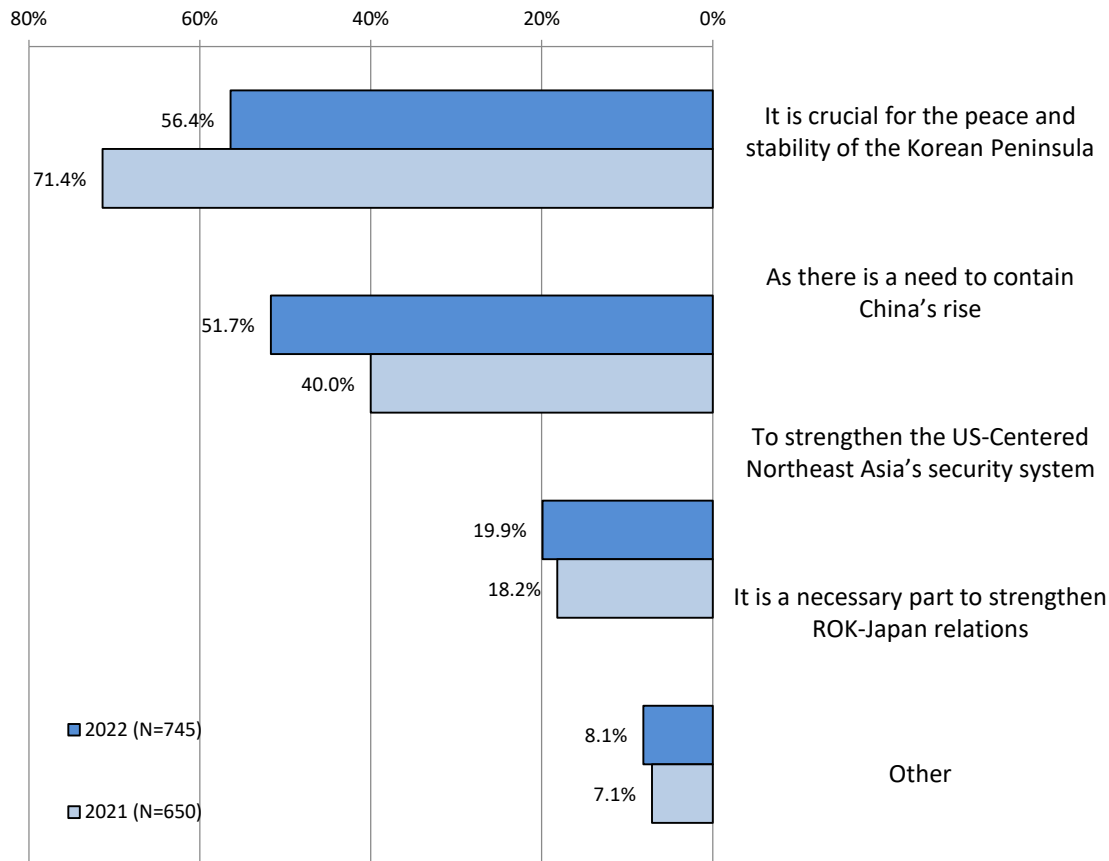
A	B	C	D	E	F
Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No Response



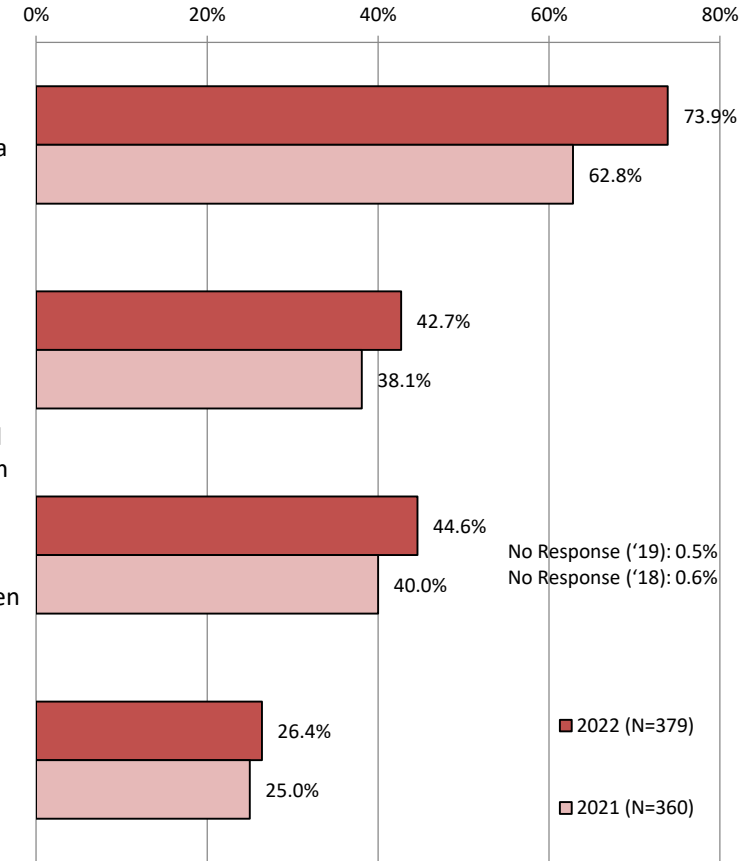
Reasons why the ROK-US-Japan Trilateral Security Alliance Should be Strengthened

Q27-a. (For those who answered “strongly agree” and “somewhat agree” to Q27)
What are your reasons for agreeing? 【Multiple response】

South Korea (N=745)



Japan (N= 379)

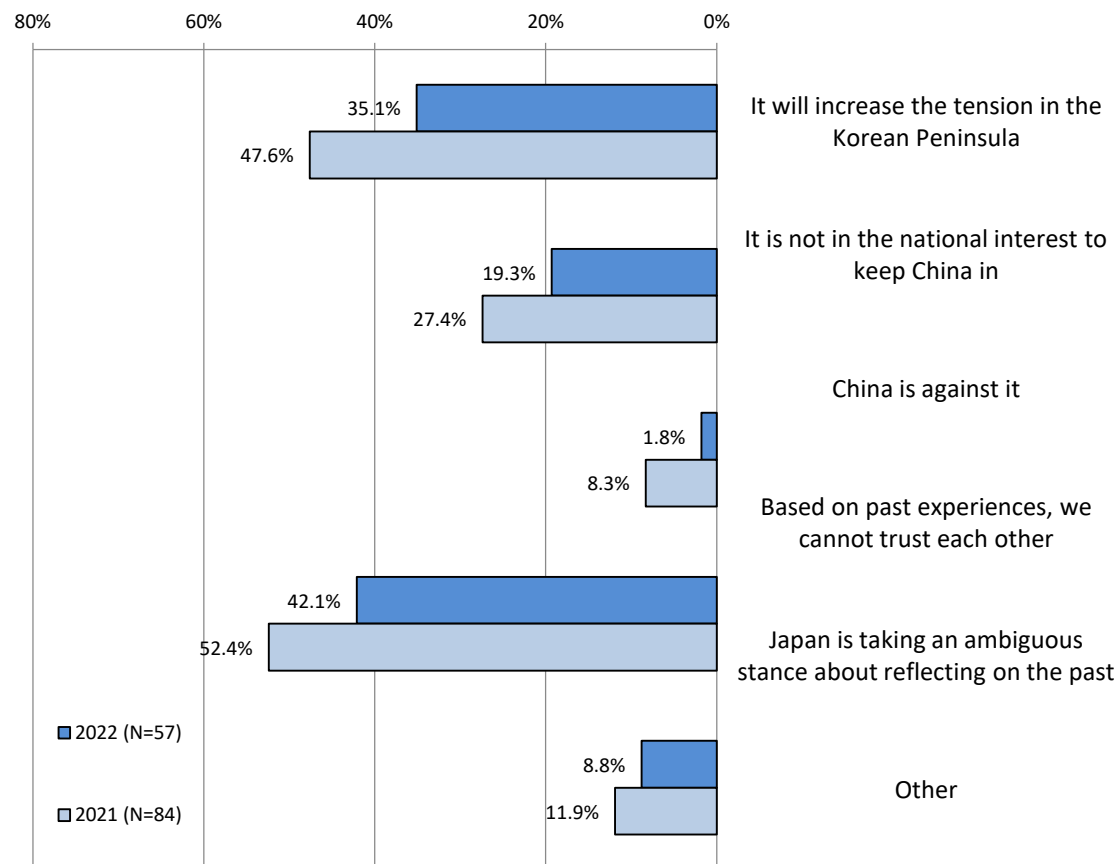




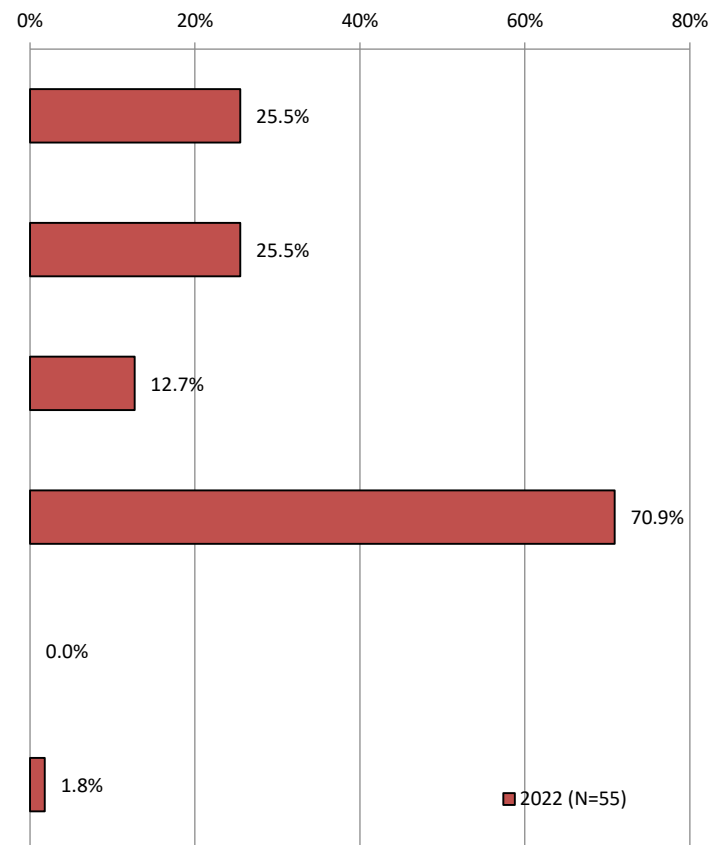
Reasons why the ROK-US-Japan Trilateral Security Alliance Should not be Strengthened

Q27-b. (For those who answered “strongly disagree” and “somewhat disagree” to Q27)
What are your reasons for disagreeing? 【Multiple response】

South Korea (N=57)



Japan (N= 55)



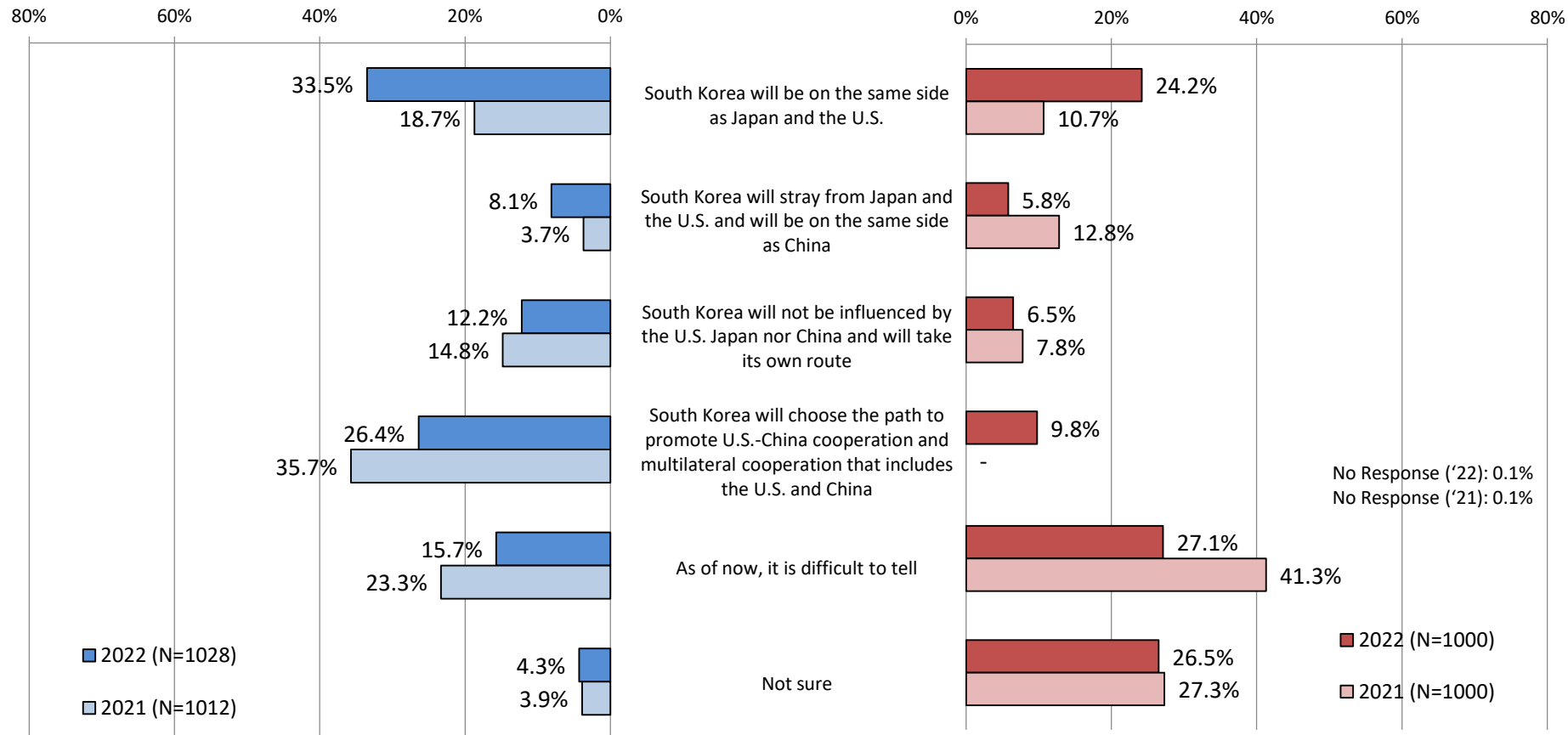
*Japan's first data is made 2022

Prospects for South Korea's Future in East Asia

Q28. What direction do you expect South Korea to move towards in East Asia? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)

Japan (N=1,000)



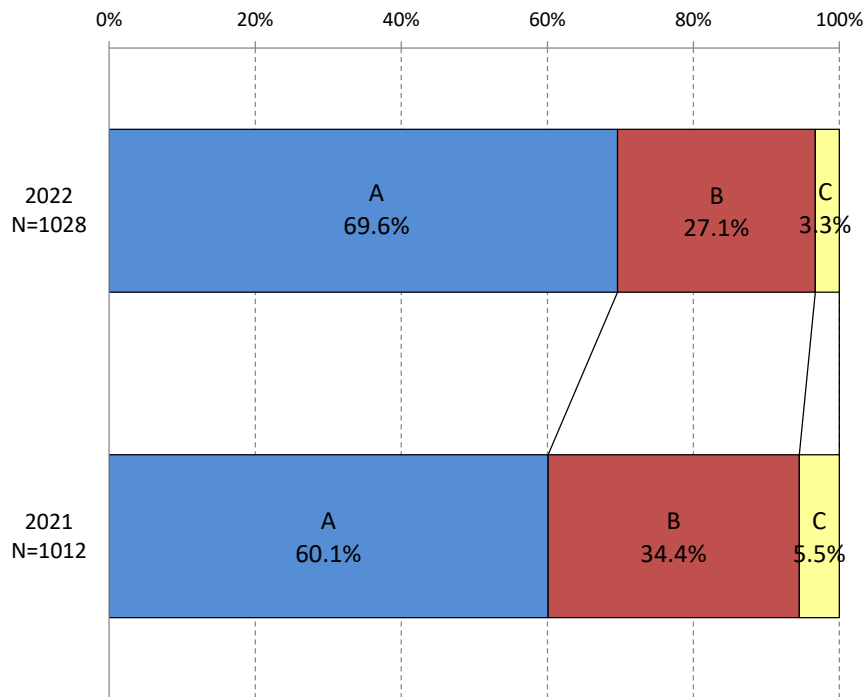
* Japan: "South Korea will choose the path to promote U.S.-China cooperation and multilateral cooperation that includes the U.S. and China" choice was added in the 2021 survey.



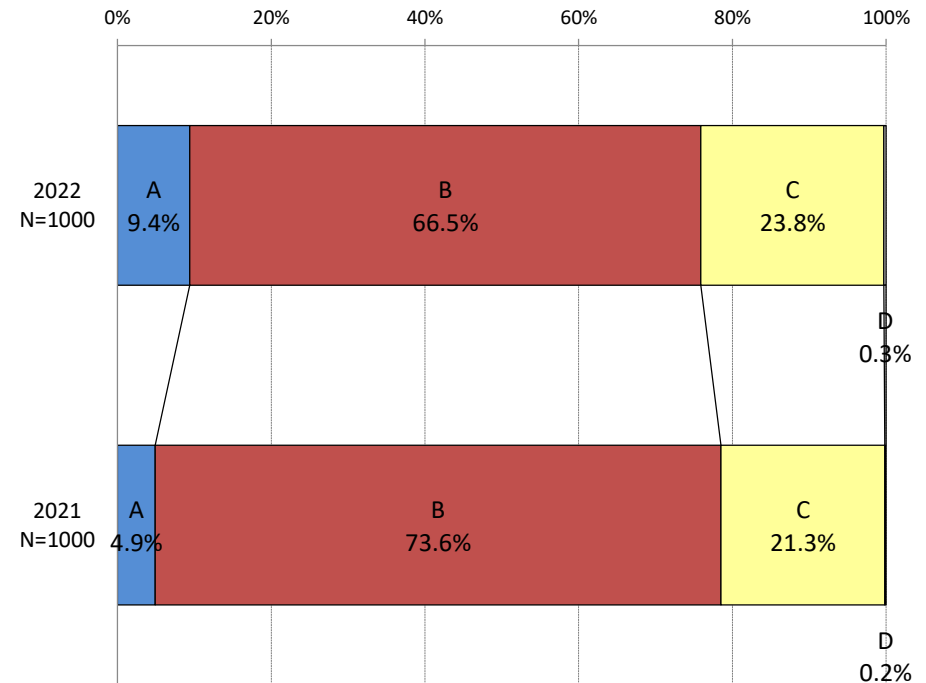
For or Against the Possession of Nuclear Weapons of South Korea in the Case the North Korean Threat Persists

Q31-1. In the case that the North Korea threat persists, what do you think of South Korea possessing nuclear weapons?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)

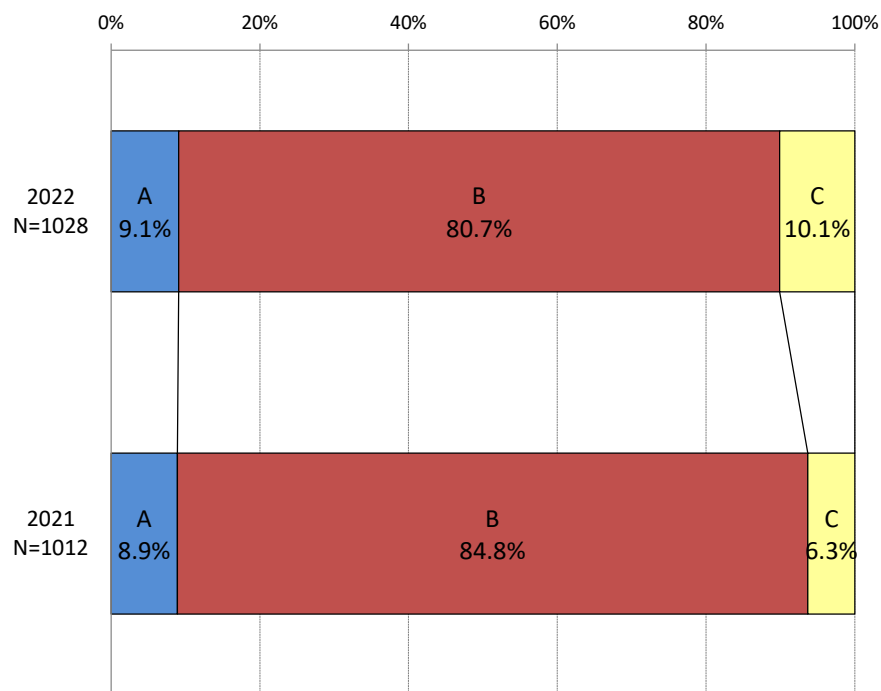


A	B	C	D
For	Against	Not Sure	No Response

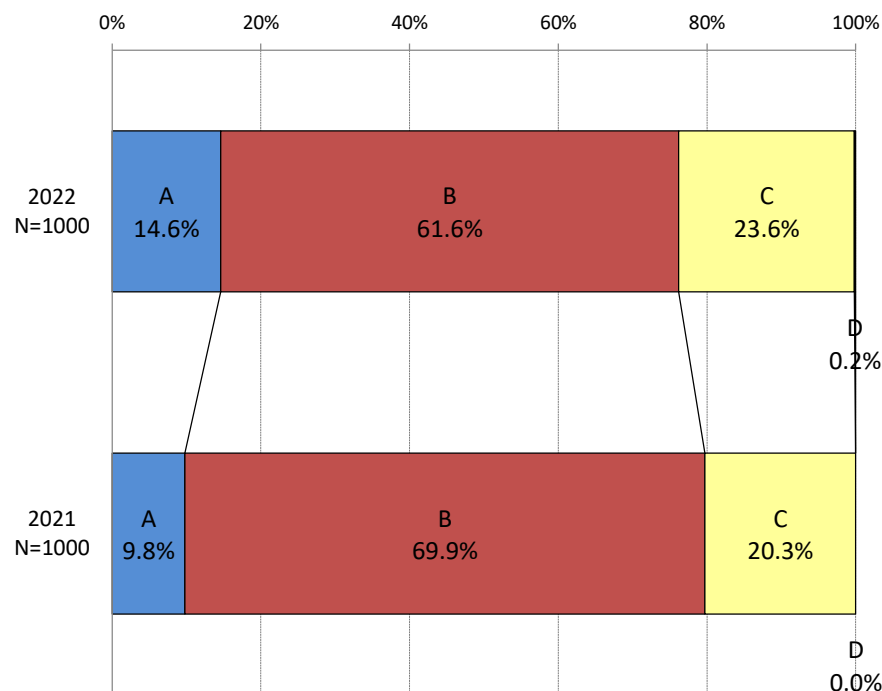
For or Against the Possession of Nuclear Weapons of Japan in the Case the North Korean Threat Persists

Q31-2. In the case that the North Korea threat persists, what do you think of Japan possessing nuclear weapons?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



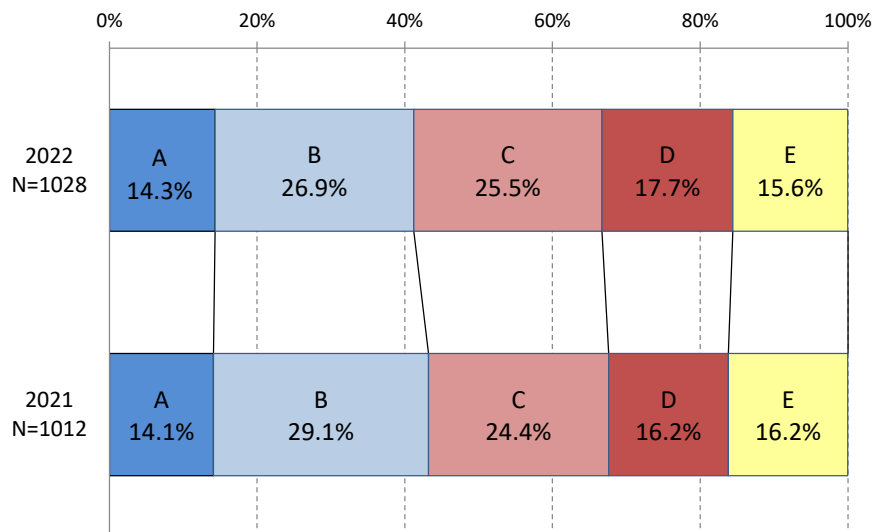
A	B	C	D
For	Against	Not Sure	No Response



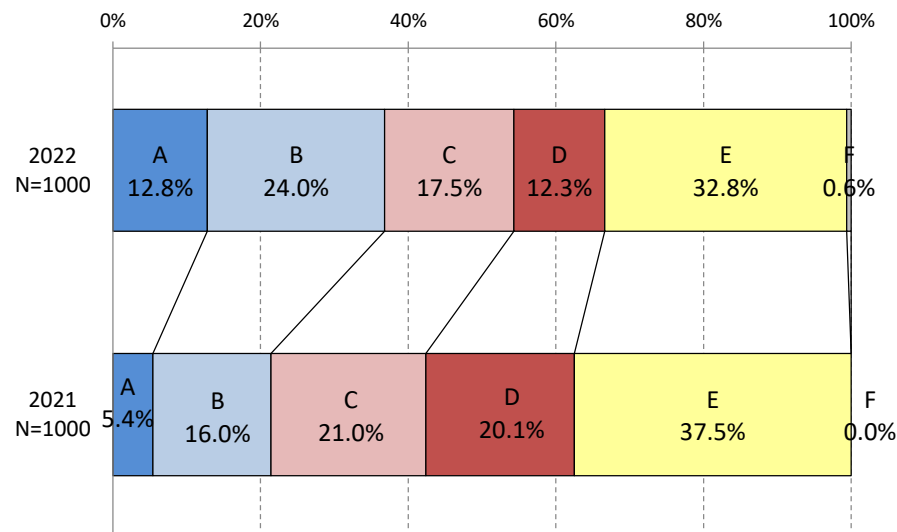
Assessment on Economic Relations Between South Korea and Japan

Q33. Between A and B, which is closer to your opinion on the economic relationship between South Korea and Japan?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



A

The economies of South Korea and Japan are complementary to each other so a win-win relationship can be established.

B

The economies of Korea and Japan are mutually competitive, so it is difficult to establish a win-win relationship.



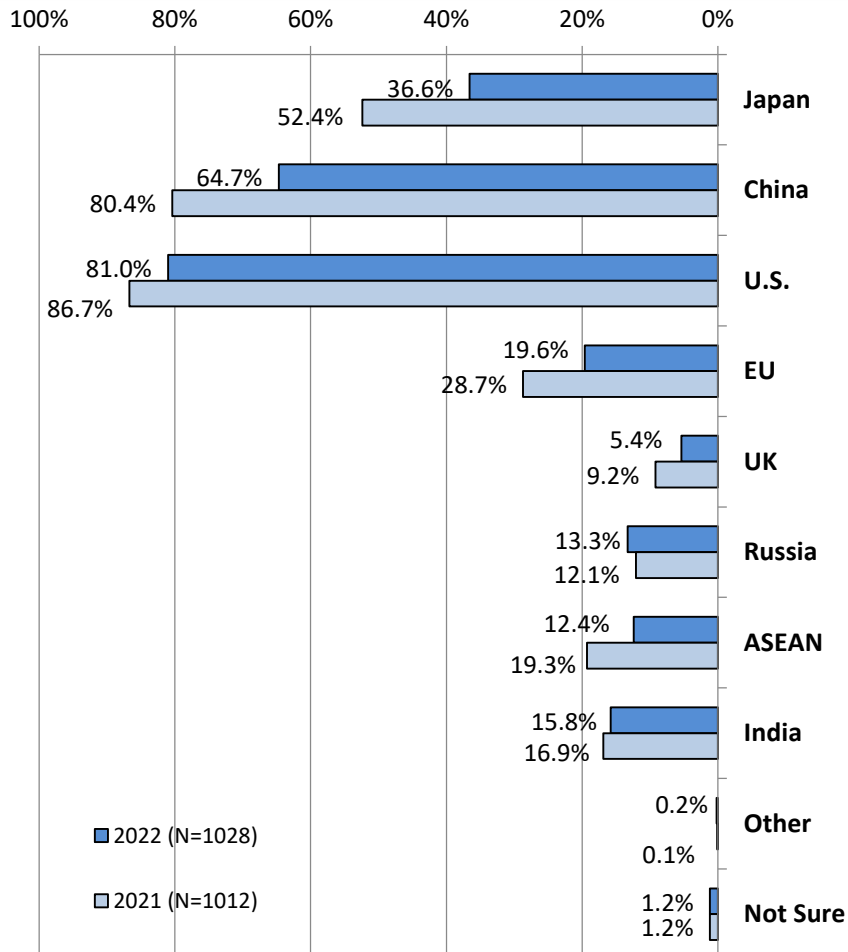
A	B	C	D	E
Close to A	Somewhat close to A	Somewhat close to B	Close to B	Neither/ Not sure



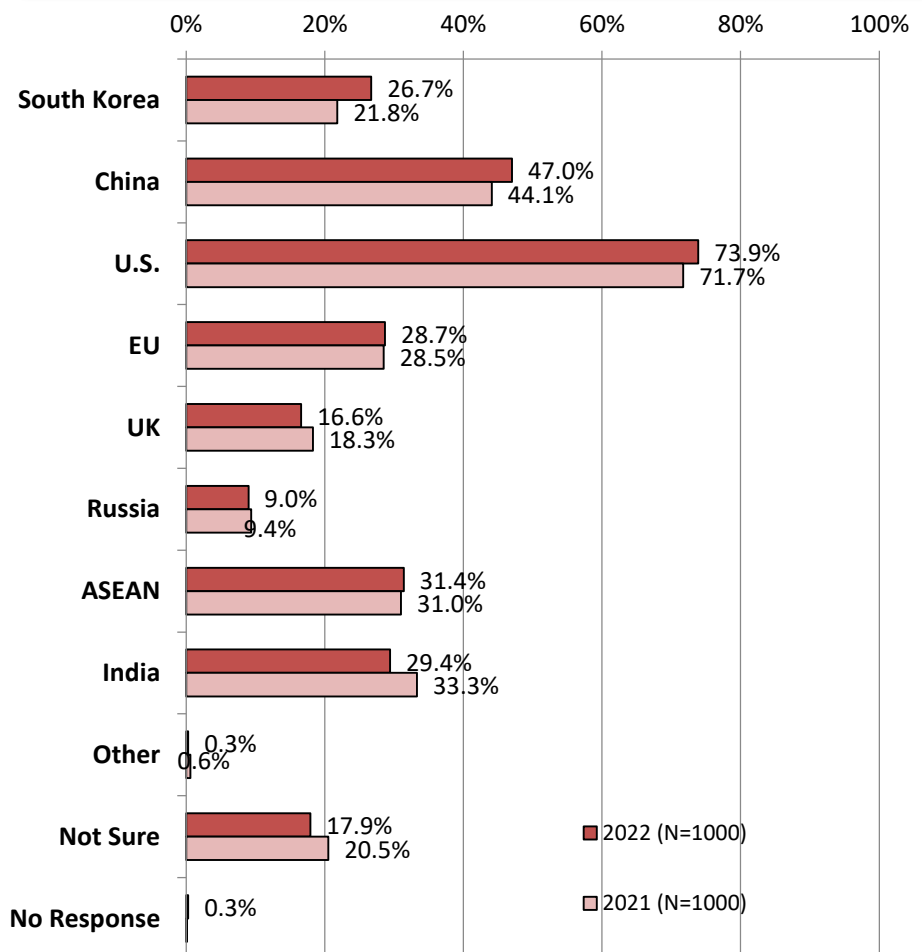
Economically Important Countries and Regions

Q34. Which countries or regions do you think economic relations are particularly important to South Korea / Japan?
【Multiple response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



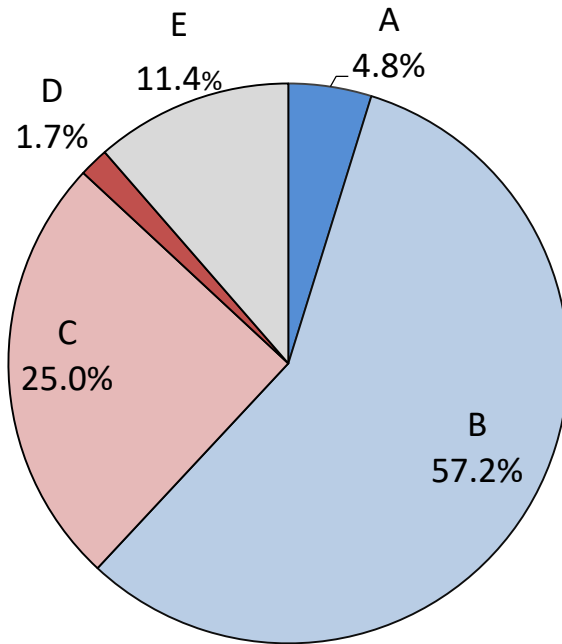


Support for Limiting Economic Relations with China by the U.S. and Japan

Q36. There is movement in the USA and Japan to limit trade with China in advanced technologies related to national security in order to lower dependence on the Chinese economy. What is your view on limiting economic relations with China? 【Single response】

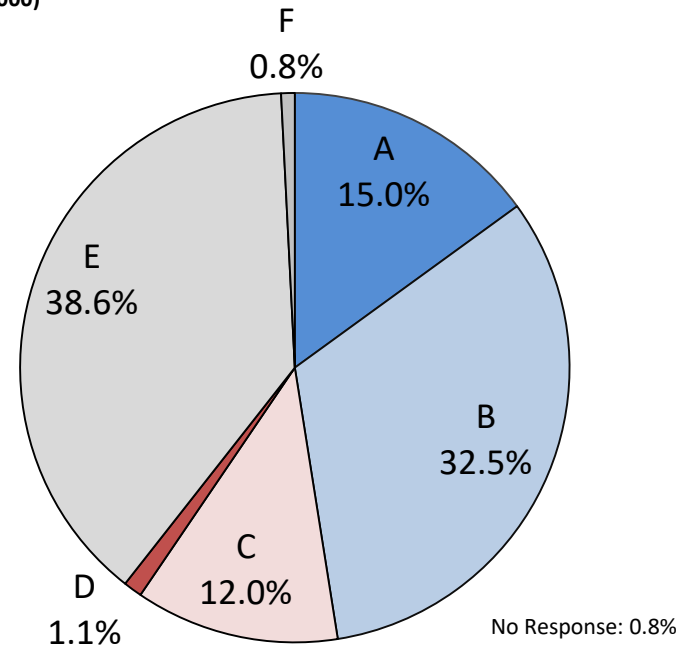
South Korea (N= 1,028)

2022 (N=1028)



Japan (N= 1,000)

2022 (N=1000)



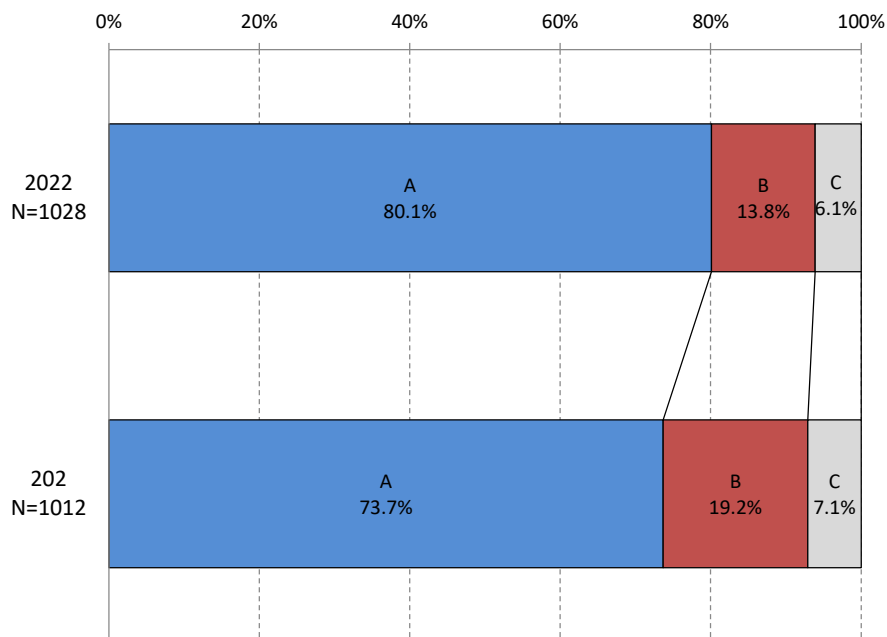
A	B	C	D	E
Highly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Highly oppose	Not Sure



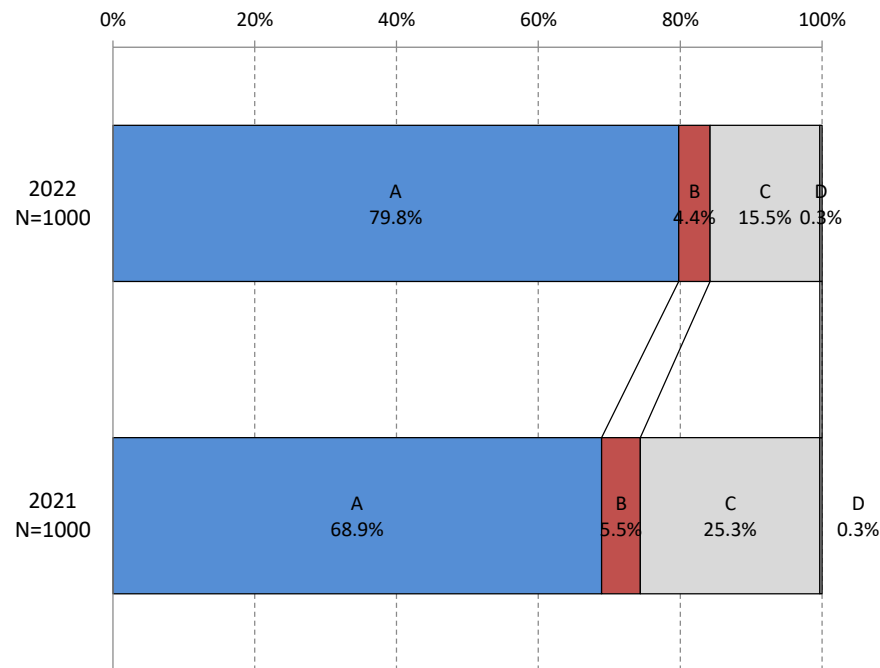
Potential Military Threat

Q37. Do you think there is a country or region that is a military threat to your own country (South Korea/ Japan)?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



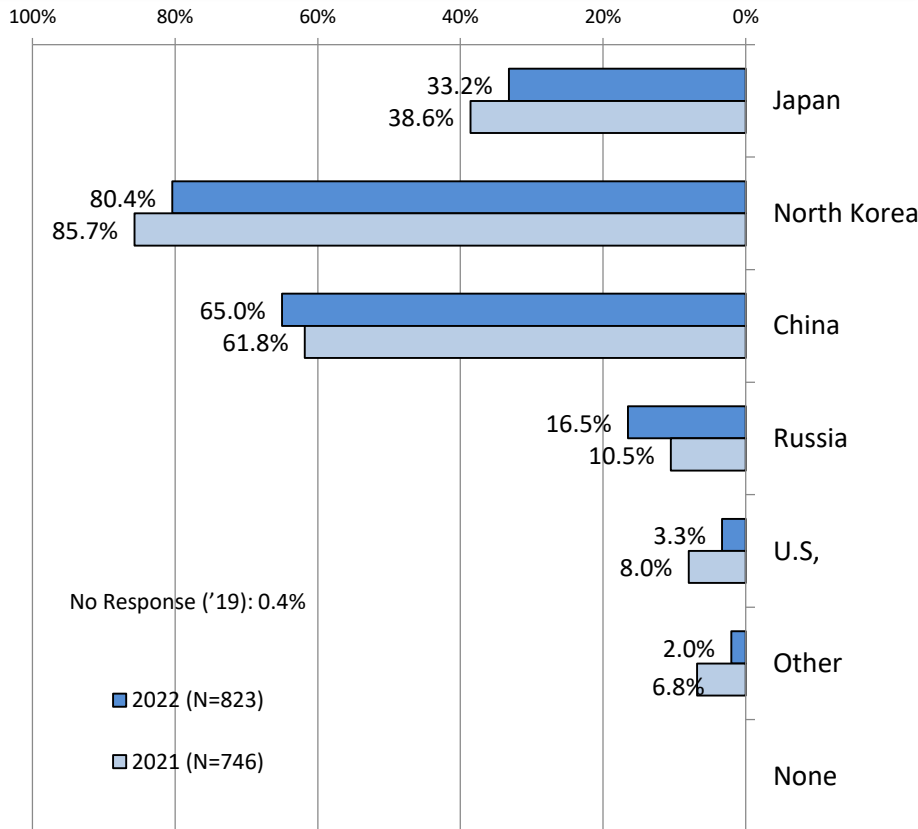
A	B	C	D
Yes	No	Not sure	No response



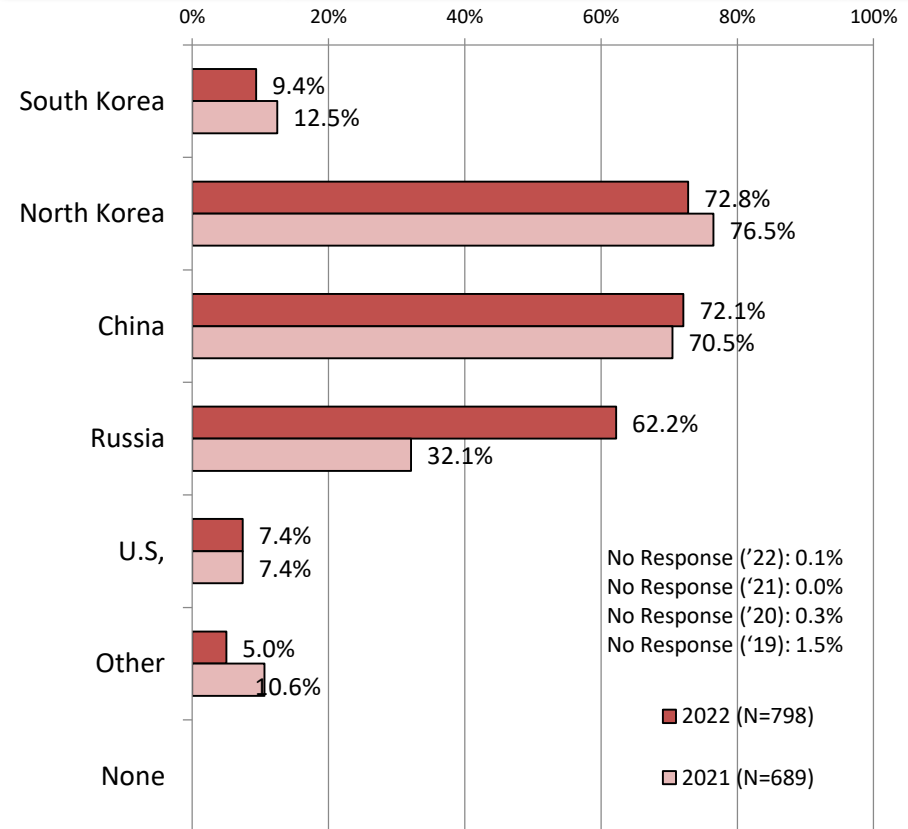
Perceived Military Threat by Country and Region

Q37-a. Which countries or regions do you perceive as a military threat to your own country (South Korea/Japan)?
Please select all. 【Multiple response】

South Korea (N=823)



Japan (N=798)



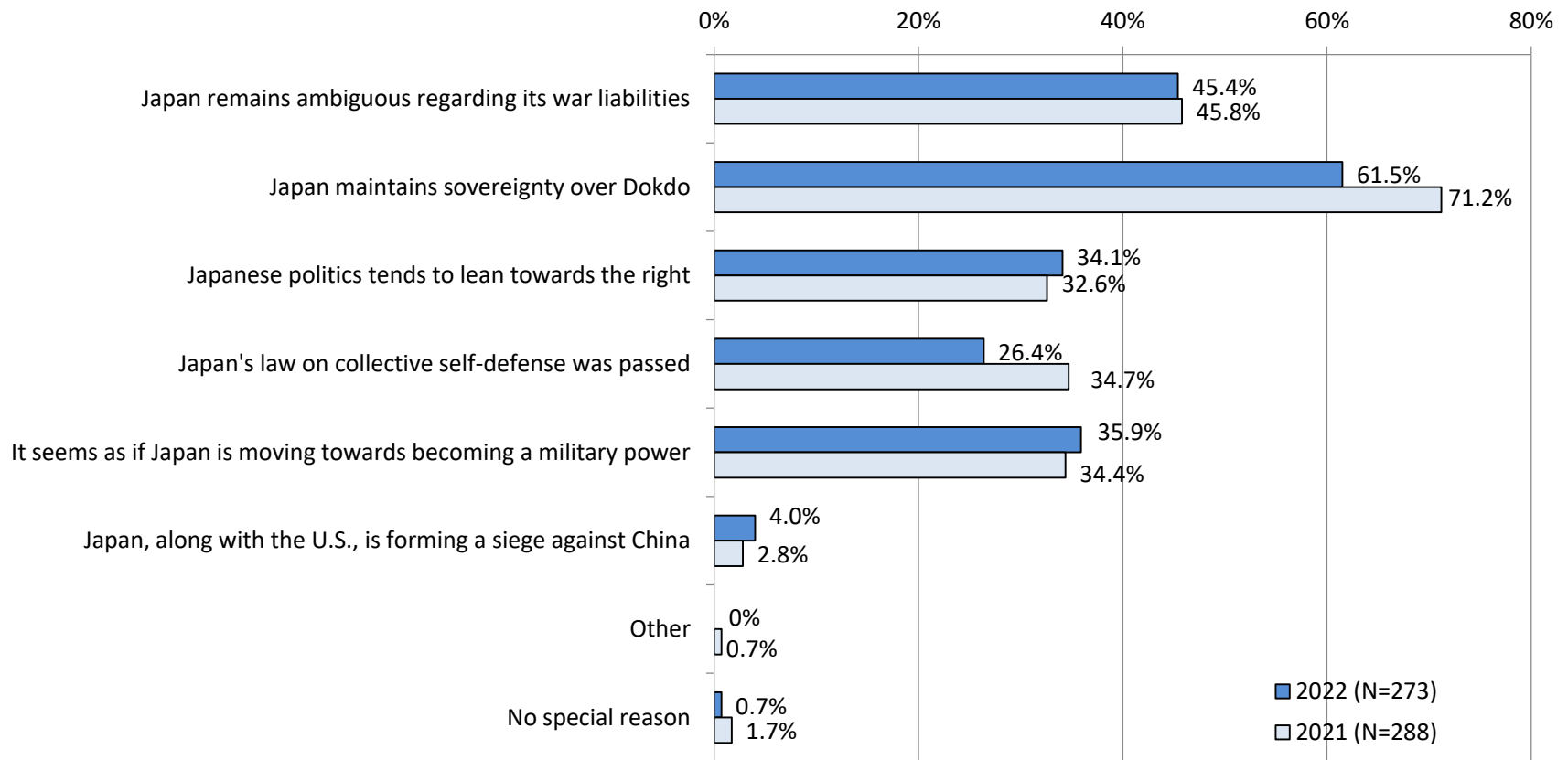
* Other: EU, Vietnam, India, Middle East, Etc.

* All respondents answered in 2019 survey; Respondents only who answered "Yes" on Q37 answered from 2020 survey.

[Korea Only] Reasons for the Perceived Military Threat of Japan

Q37-a-1. Only for those who answered that Japan was a military threat in Q37-a) Why do you consider Japan a military threat? 【Multiple response】

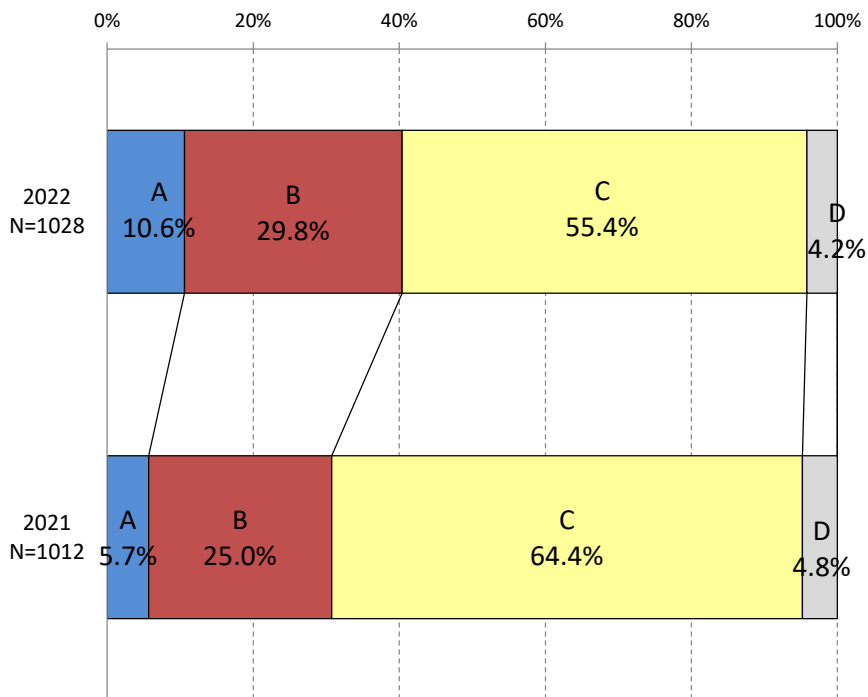
South Korea (N=273)



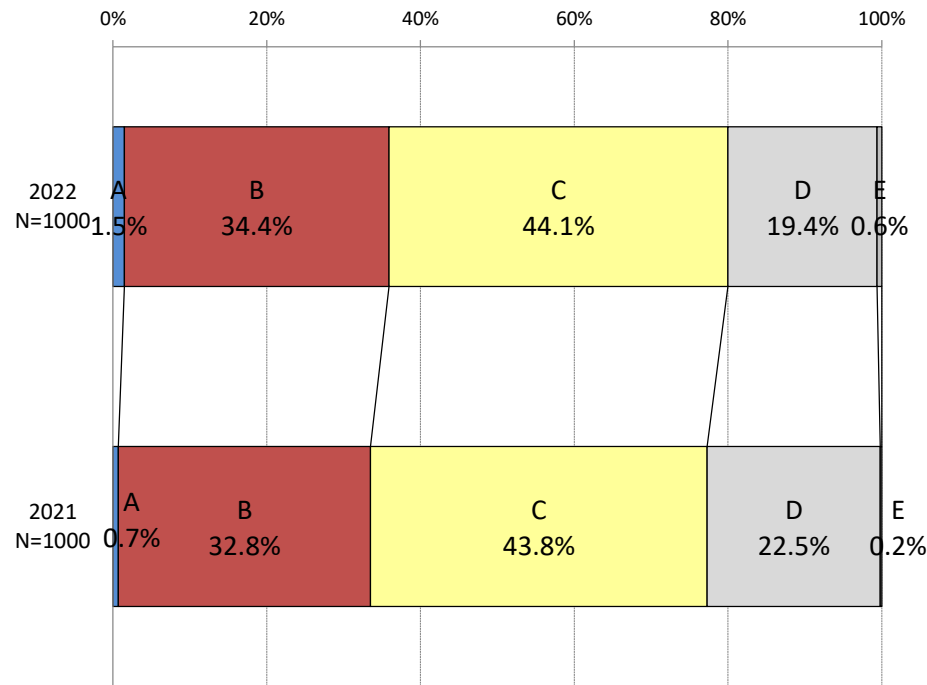
* In the 2021 opinion poll, choice “other” was added.

Q38. Between the U.S. and China, which side do you think is the cause of the deepening U.S.-China conflict?
 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



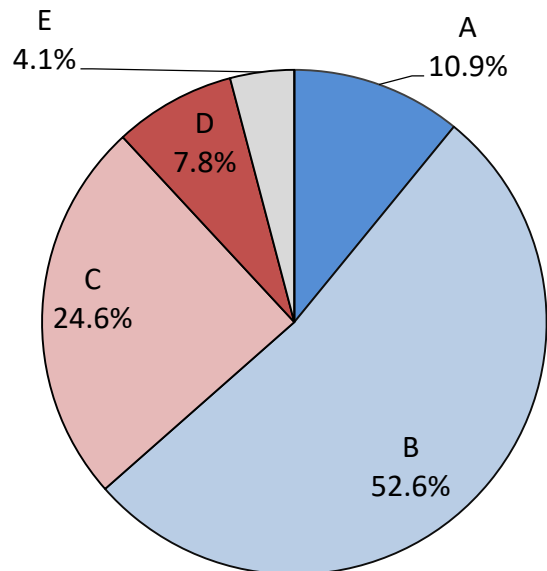
A	B	C	D	E
U.S.	China	Both the U.S. and China	Not sure	No Response



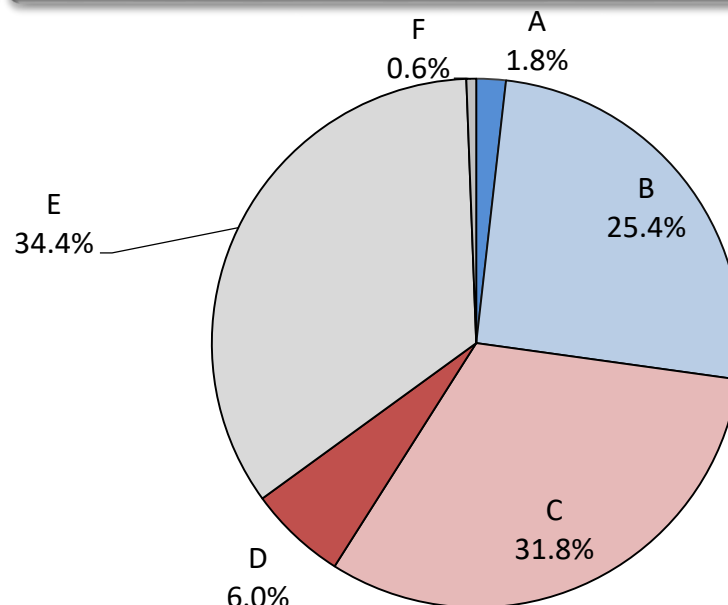
Impact of Worsening US-China Relations on World Order

Q39. How do you think the change in US-China relations is affecting the world order?
【Single Response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



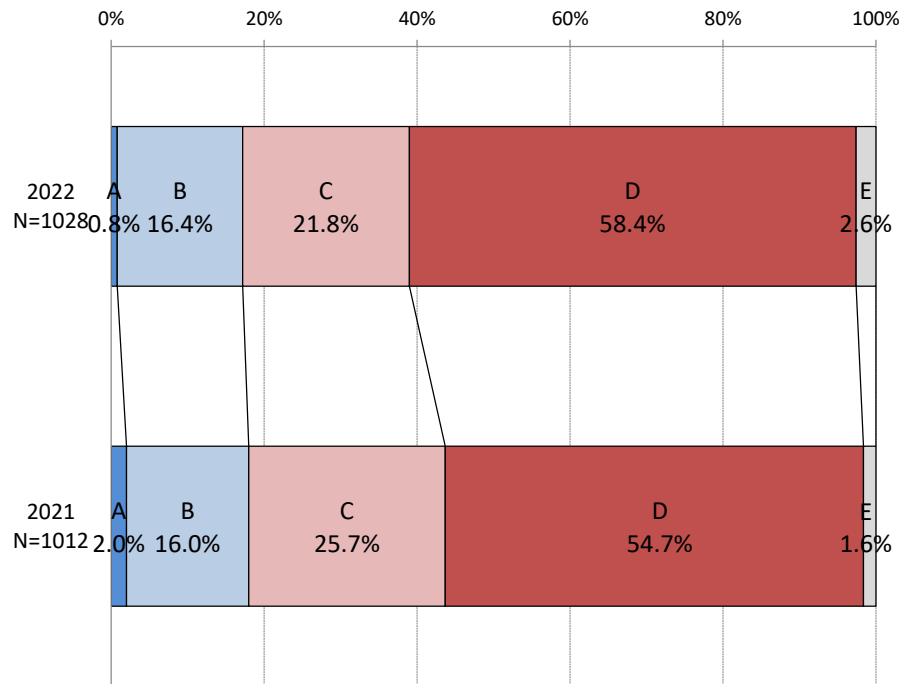
	A	B	C	D	E	F
2022	US-China will restore cooperative relations and stabilize the world order	US-China conflict will continue but will co-exist under a common world order	While there will not be complete division in world order, there will be decoupling and prolonged conflict	Global economy will be divided, and US-China competition will intensify	Not sure	No response
South Korea	10.9%	52.6%	24.6%	7.8%	4.1%	0.0%
Japan	1.8%	25.4%	31.8%	6.0%	34.4%	0.6%



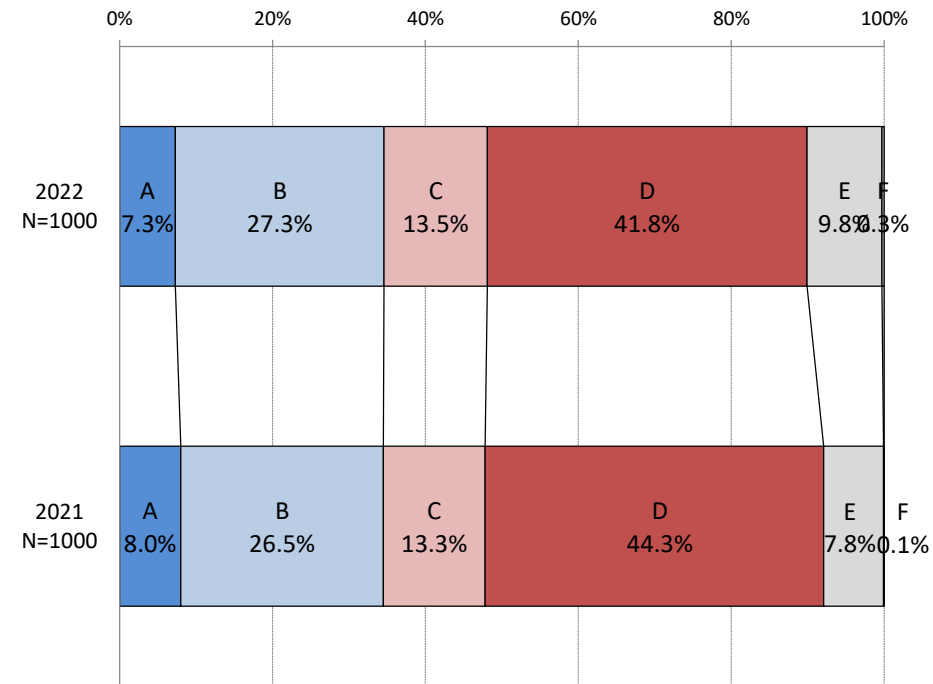
Enjoyment of the Other Country's (Japan/ South Korea) Culture

Q42. (South Korea) Do you enjoy Japanese popular culture (novels, manga, animation, movies, J-pop, etc.)?
(Japan) Do you enjoy South Korean popular culture (K-pop, dramas, movies, etc.)?
【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



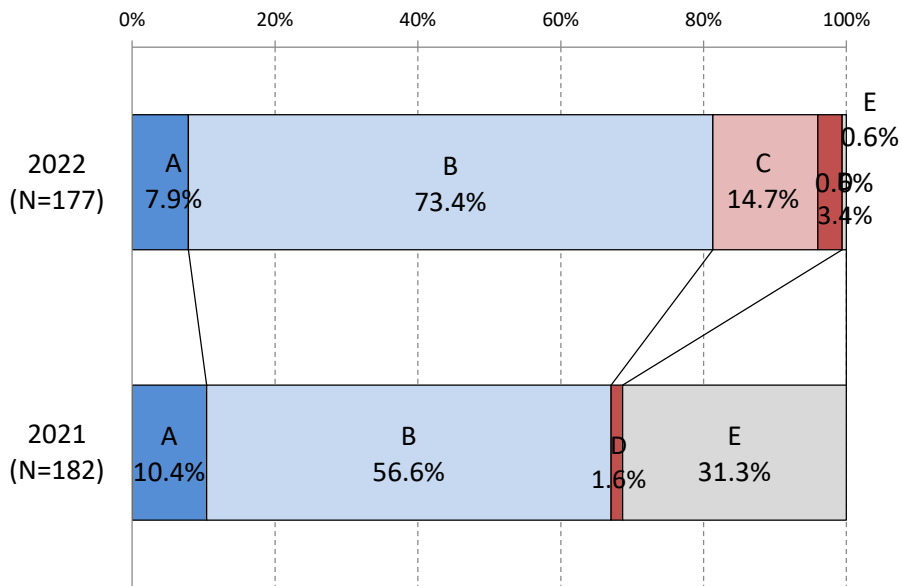
A	B	C	D	E	F
Enjoy a lot	Somewhat enjoy	Do not really enjoy	Not interested	Not sure	No Response



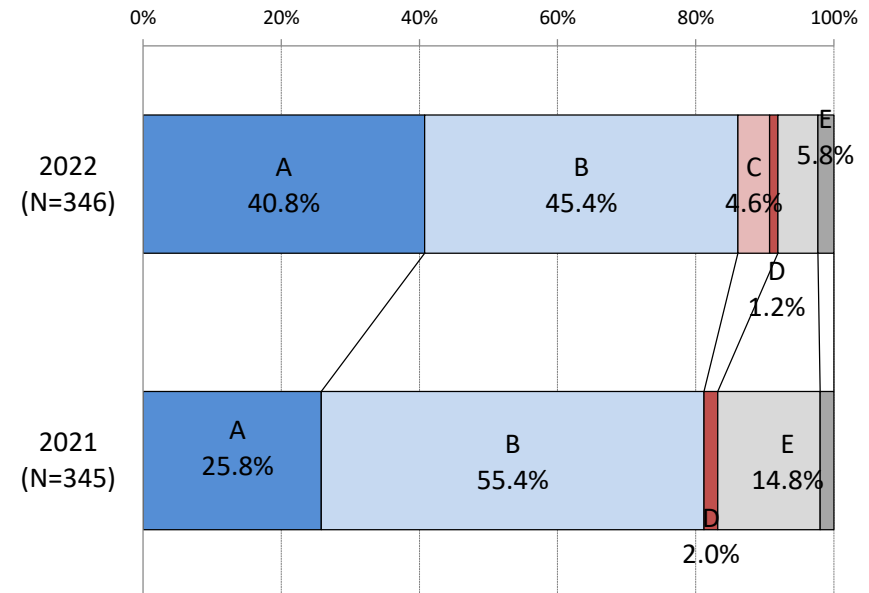
Impression of the other country through popular culture

Q42-a. Do you agree that popular culture improves the impression of the other country? 【Single Response】

South Korea (N=177)



Japan (N=346)



*Question in 2021 survey: “What impression of the other country (Japan/South Korea) do you get when you enjoy and consume its pop culture?”

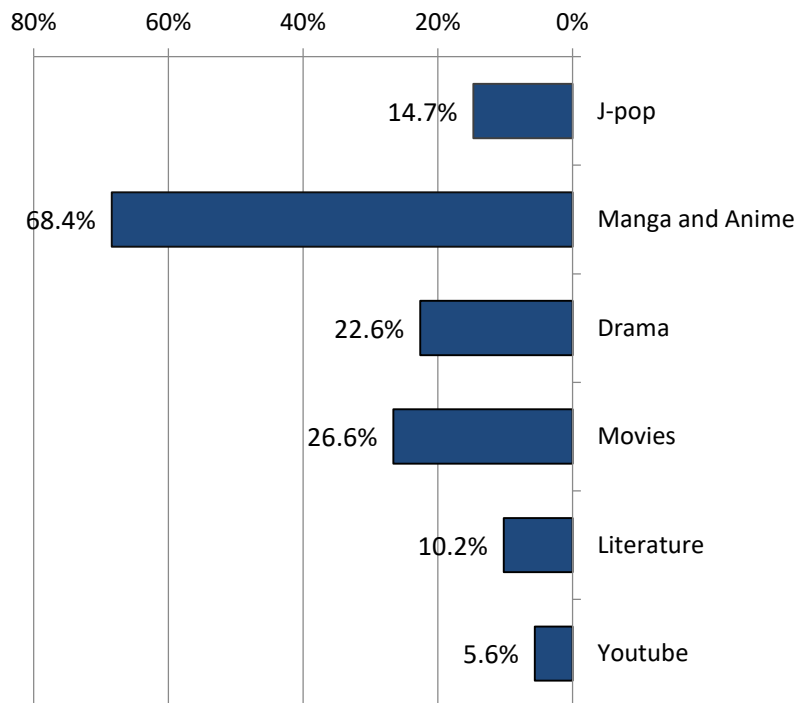
	A	B	C	D	E	F
2022	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure	No Response
2021	Form a good impression	Form a somewhat good impression	-	Form a bad impression	Neither/ Not sure	No Response



Q42-b. Which area(s) of Korean/Japanese pop-culture are you interested in? 【Multiple Response】

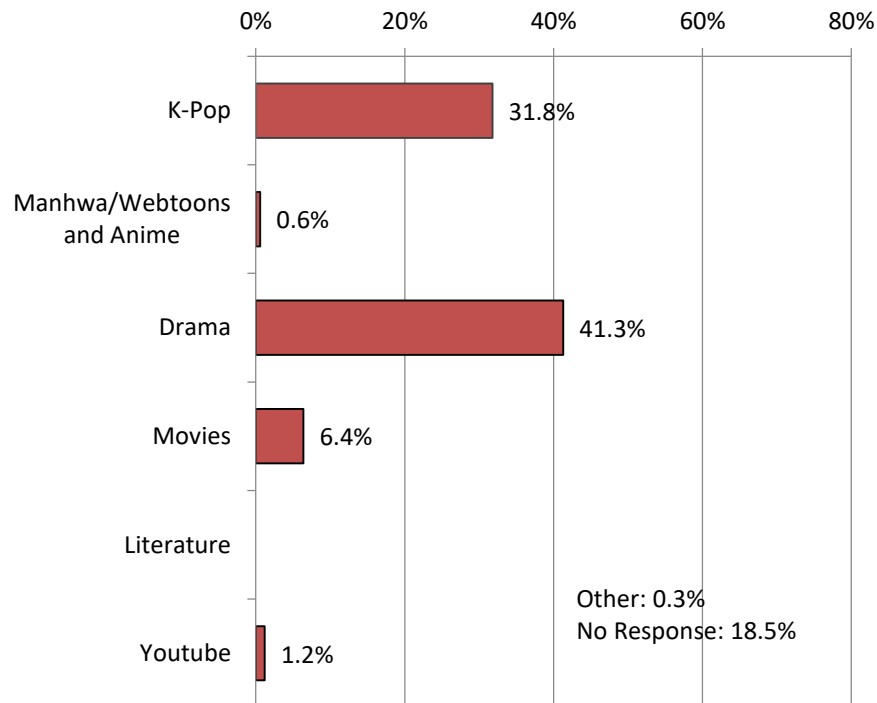
South Korea (N=177)

2022 (N=177)



Japan (N=346)

2022 (N=346)





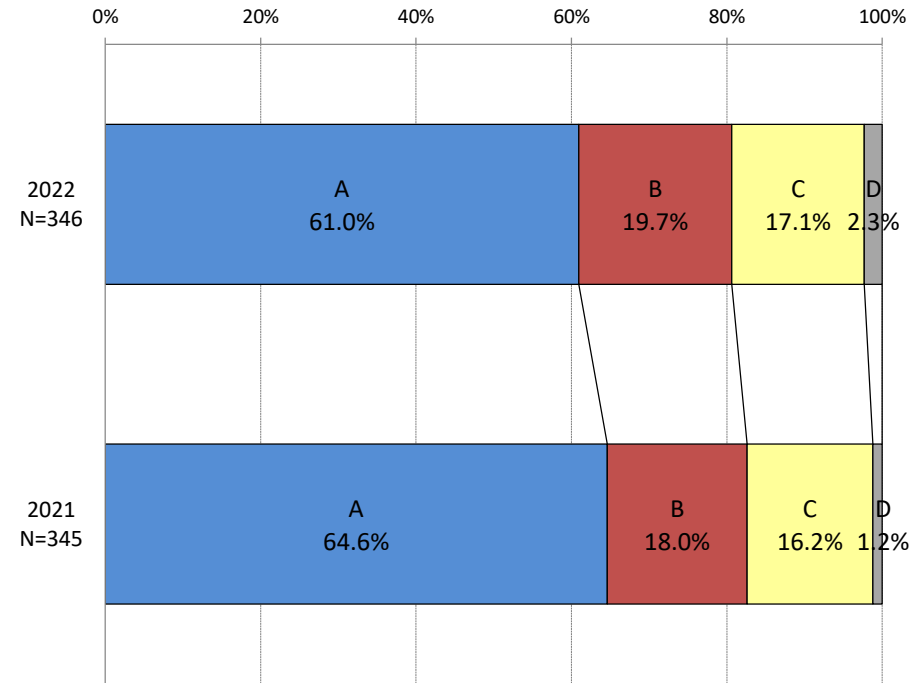
Implications of the worsening ROK-Japan Relations on the Consumption of the Other Country's (Japan/South Korea) pop culture

Q42-c. Do worsening ROK-Japan relations affect your consumption of the other country's (Japan/South Korea) pop culture? 【Single response】

South Korea (N= 177)



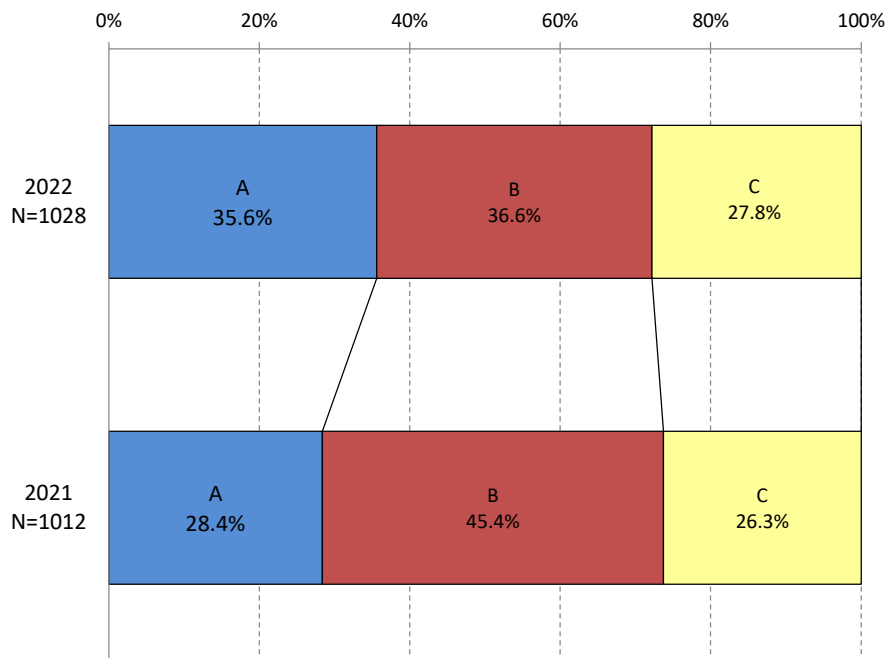
Japan (N=346)



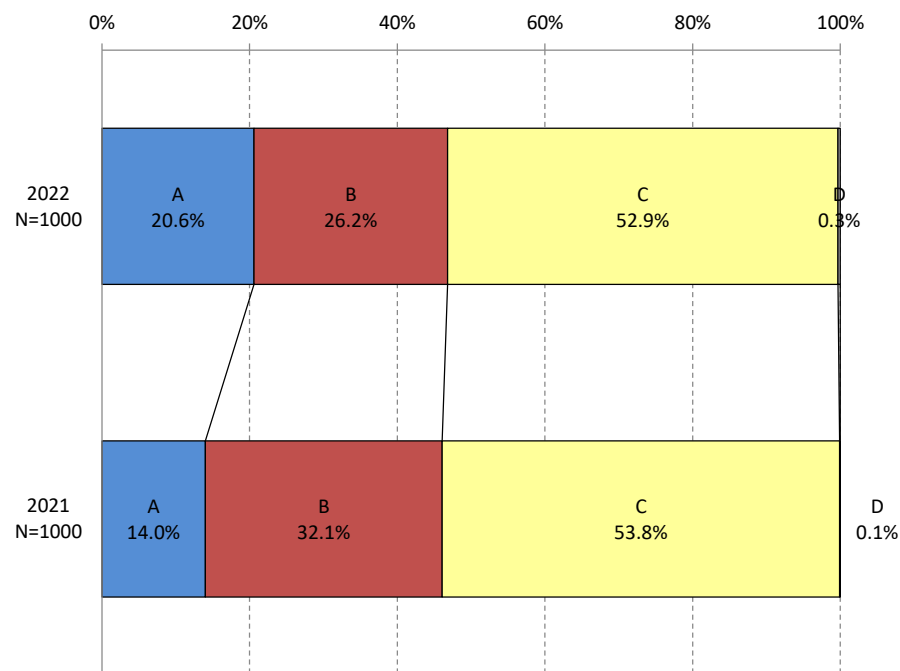
A	B	C	D
Even if the relationship worsens, There is no change in the enjoyment of the other country's pop culture.	Hesitate to consume the other country's pop culture if relationship worsens.	Neither/ Not sure	No Response

Q43. Do you think newspapers, magazines, and broadcasts of your own country (South Korea/ Japan) release objective and fair reports on ROK-Japan relations? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



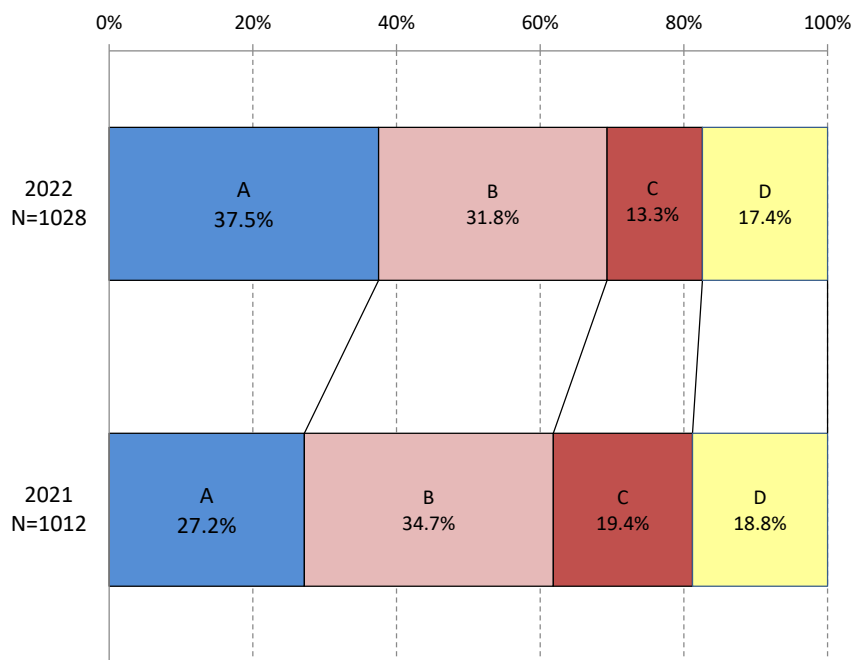
Japan (N=1,000)



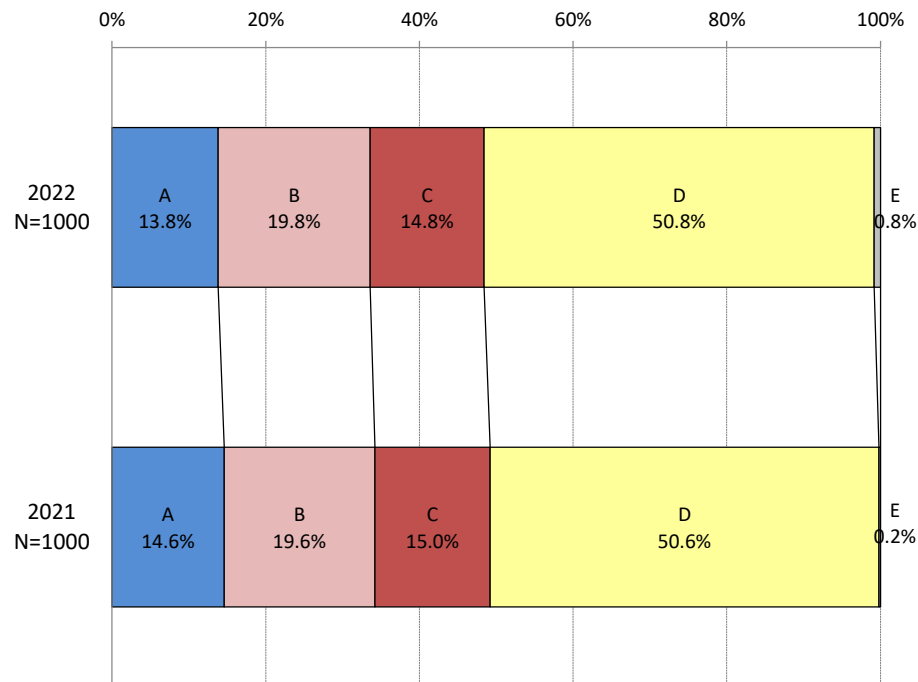
A	B	C	D
Agree	Disagree	Neither	No Response

Q44. There are many negative comments about the other country (Japan/South Korea) on the Internet. Do you believe that these opinions accurately reflect the opinion of the people in your own country (South Korean / Japan)?
 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,012)



일본국민(N=1,000)

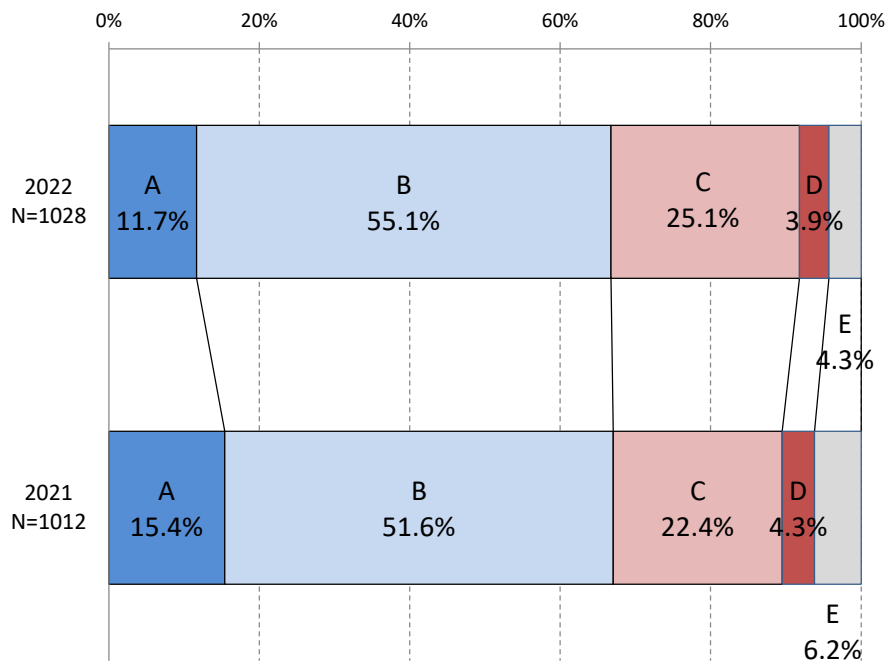


A	B	C	D	E
Properly reflected	Somewhat not properly reflected	Not properly reflected	Neither/ Not sure	No response

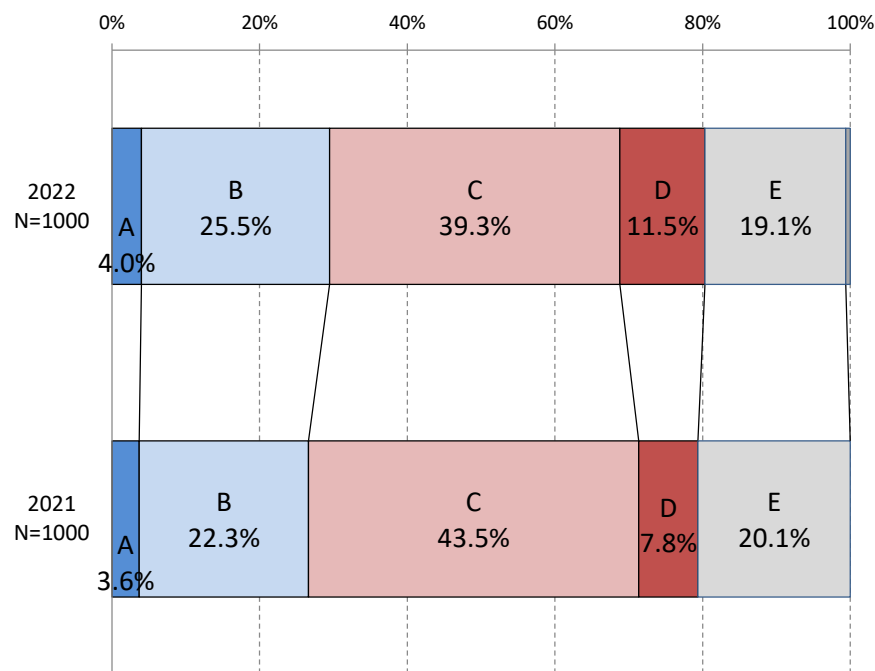


Q45. What is your opinion on the future of your own country (South Korea/Japan)? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)



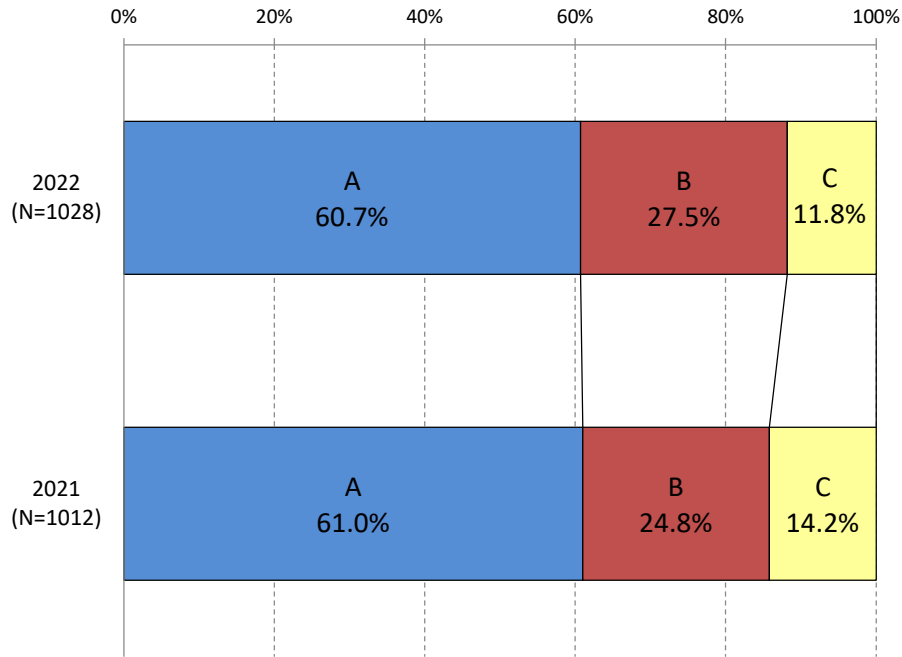
A	B	C	D	E	F
Optimistic	Somewhat optimistic	Somewhat pessimistic	Pessimistic	Not sure	No Response



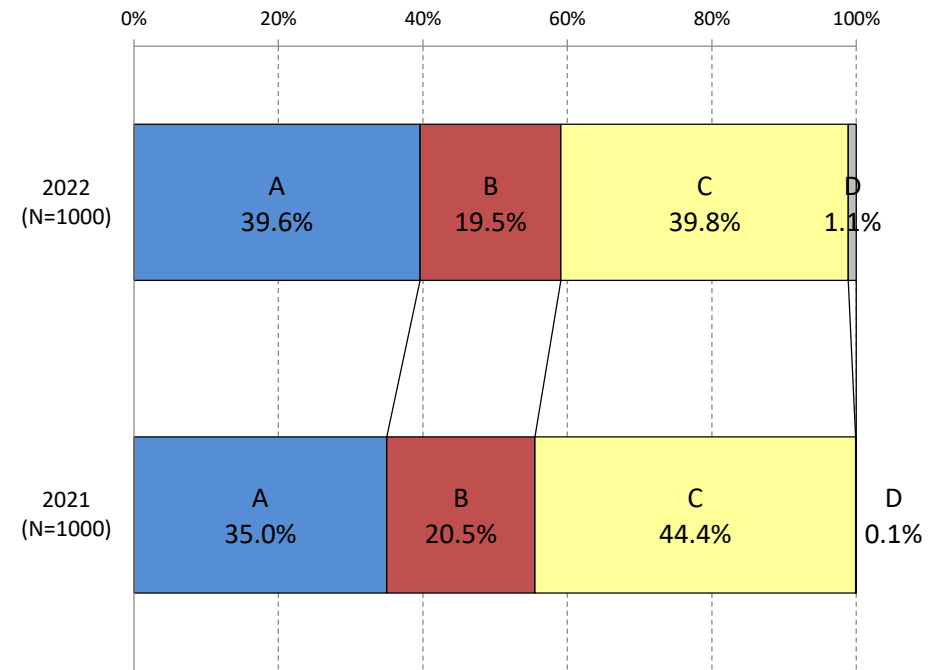
The Need for Tough Response on the Suppression of Human Rights in China

Q47. Currently democratic countries including the US are taking strong action against the suppression of human rights in China. Do you think your own country (South Korea/Japan) should also follow this international situation and participate in a hardline response? 【Single response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



Japan (N=1,000)

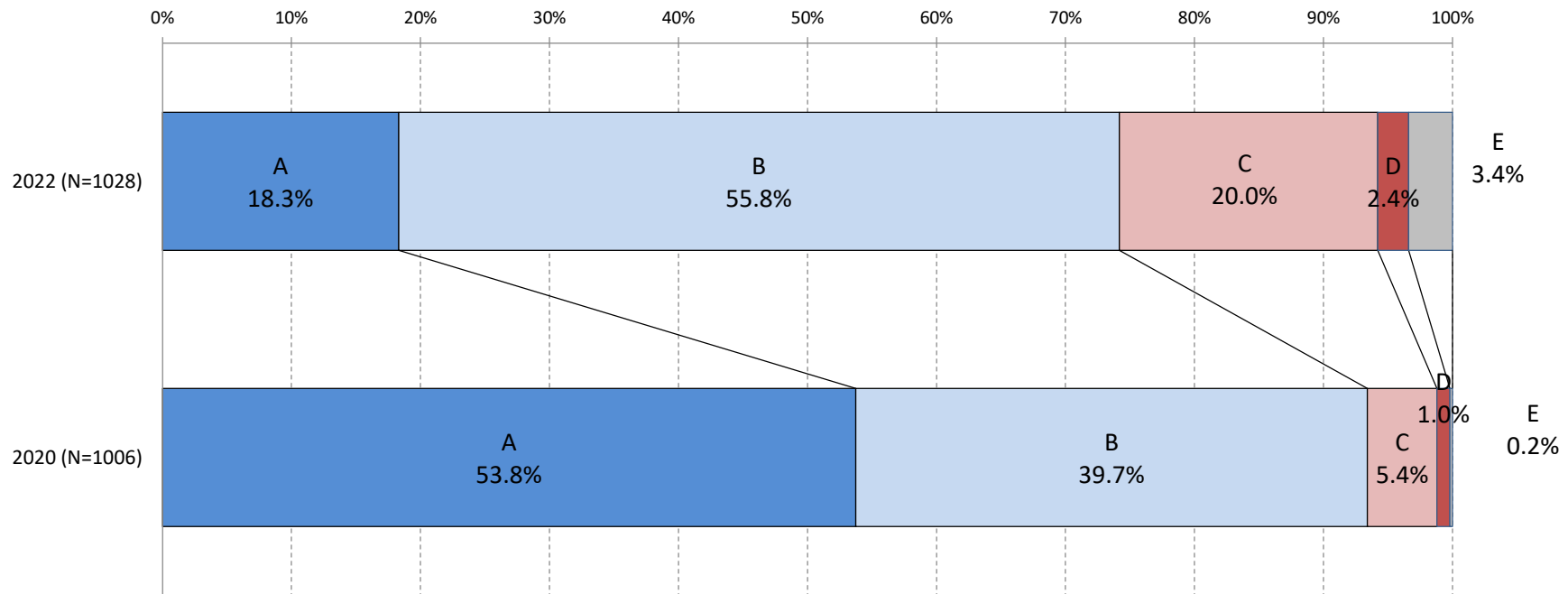


A	B	C	D
Should follow	No need to follow	Not sure	No Response



Q48-1. How do you evaluate the action of South Korea on the pandemic of COVID-19? 【Single Response】

South Korea (N=1,028)

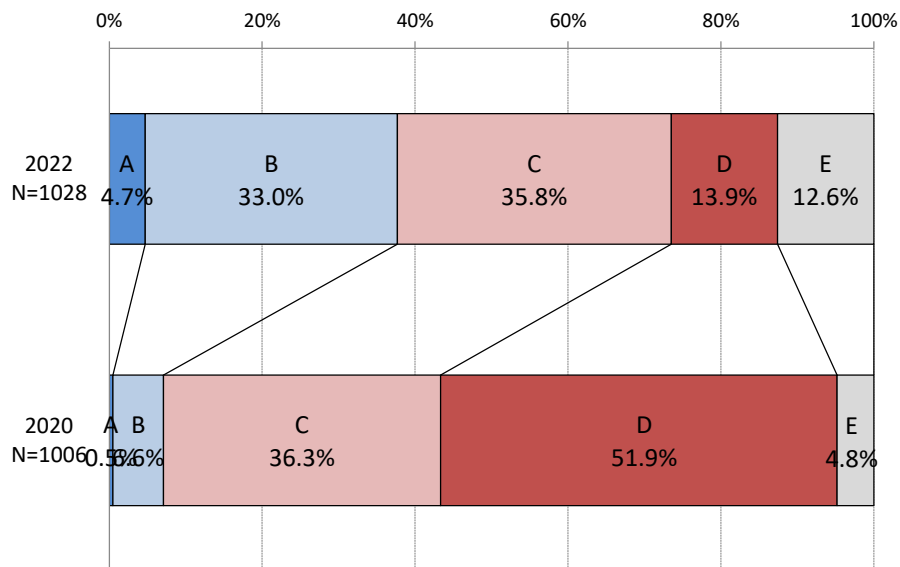


	A	B	C	D	E
	Extremely appropriate	Somewhat appropriate	Somewhat inappropriate	Extremely inappropriate	Not sure
2022	18.3%	55.8%	20.0%	2.4%	3.4%
2020	53.8%	39.7%	5.4%	1.0%	0.2%

*Question was excluded in 2021 survey

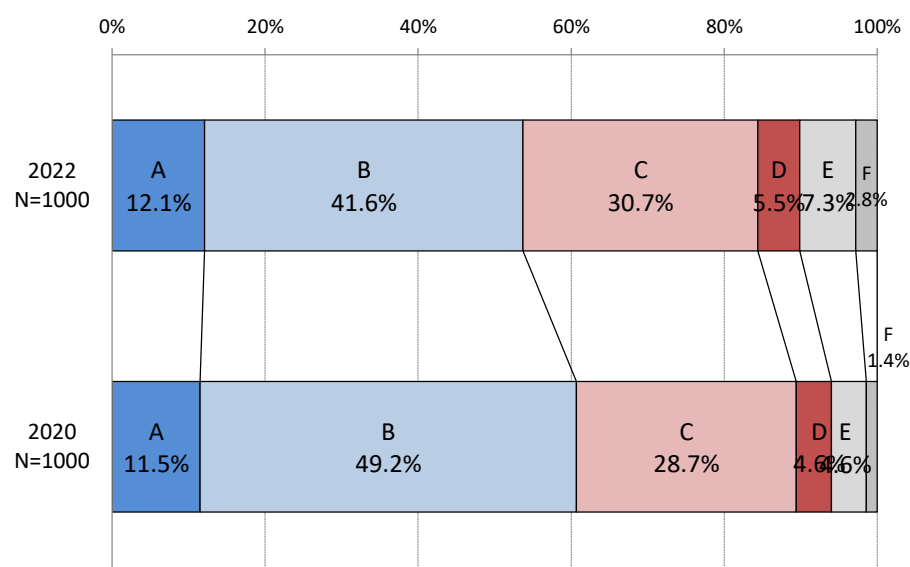
Q48-2. How do you evaluate the action of Japan on the pandemic of COVID-19? 【Single Response】

South Korea (N=1,028)



	A	B	C	D	E
	Extremely appropriate	Somewhat appropriate	Somewhat inappropriate	Extremely inappropriate	Not sure
2022	4.7%	33.0%	35.8%	13.9%	12.6%
2020	0.5%	6.6%	36.3%	51.9%	4.8%

Japan (N=1,000)



	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Extremely appropriate	Somewhat appropriate	Somewhat inappropriate	Extremely inappropriate	Not sure	No Response
2022	12.1%	41.6%	30.7%	5.5%	7.3%	2.8%
2020	11.5%	49.2%	28.7%	4.6%	4.6%	1.4%