EAI Public Opinion Briefing

2023 EAI Public Opinion Poll on East Asia:

① The US and the ROK-US Relations

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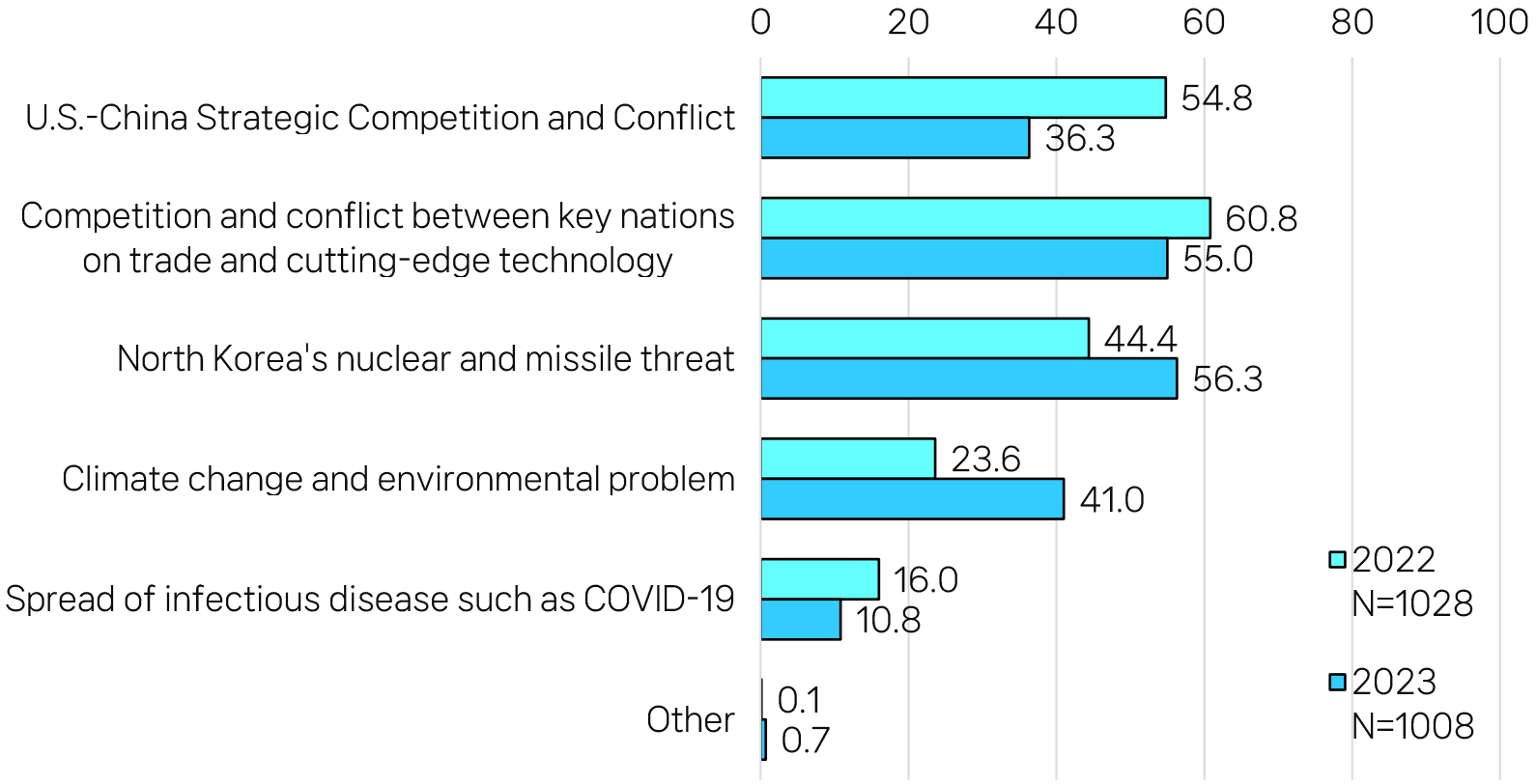
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Survey Overview

Target	Adults aged 18 and over
Region	Regions throughout South Korea
Sampling Methods	Proportional allocation by gender, age, region, and random sampling (Resident registration population data presented by the Ministry of the Interior and Safety, July 2023)
Valid Sample Size	1,008
Survey Methods	Face-to-face Interviews (Personal Interview: PI)
Time Period	2023. 8. 25. ~ 2023. 9. 13.
Survey Agency	Hankook Research Co. Ltd.
Composition of Respondents	[Gender] Male 49.8%; Female 50.2%
	[Education] Middle School Graduate and Under: 14.8% High School Graduate: 38.6% Junior College Graduate and Over: 46.6%
	[Age] Under 20: 1.4% 20 to 29: 14.9% 30 to 39: 14.7% 40 to 49: 18.0% 50 to 59: 19.9% Over 60: 31.2%

Threat to South Korea

What is the most serious threat that South Korea is facing? [Up to 2 responses] (%)

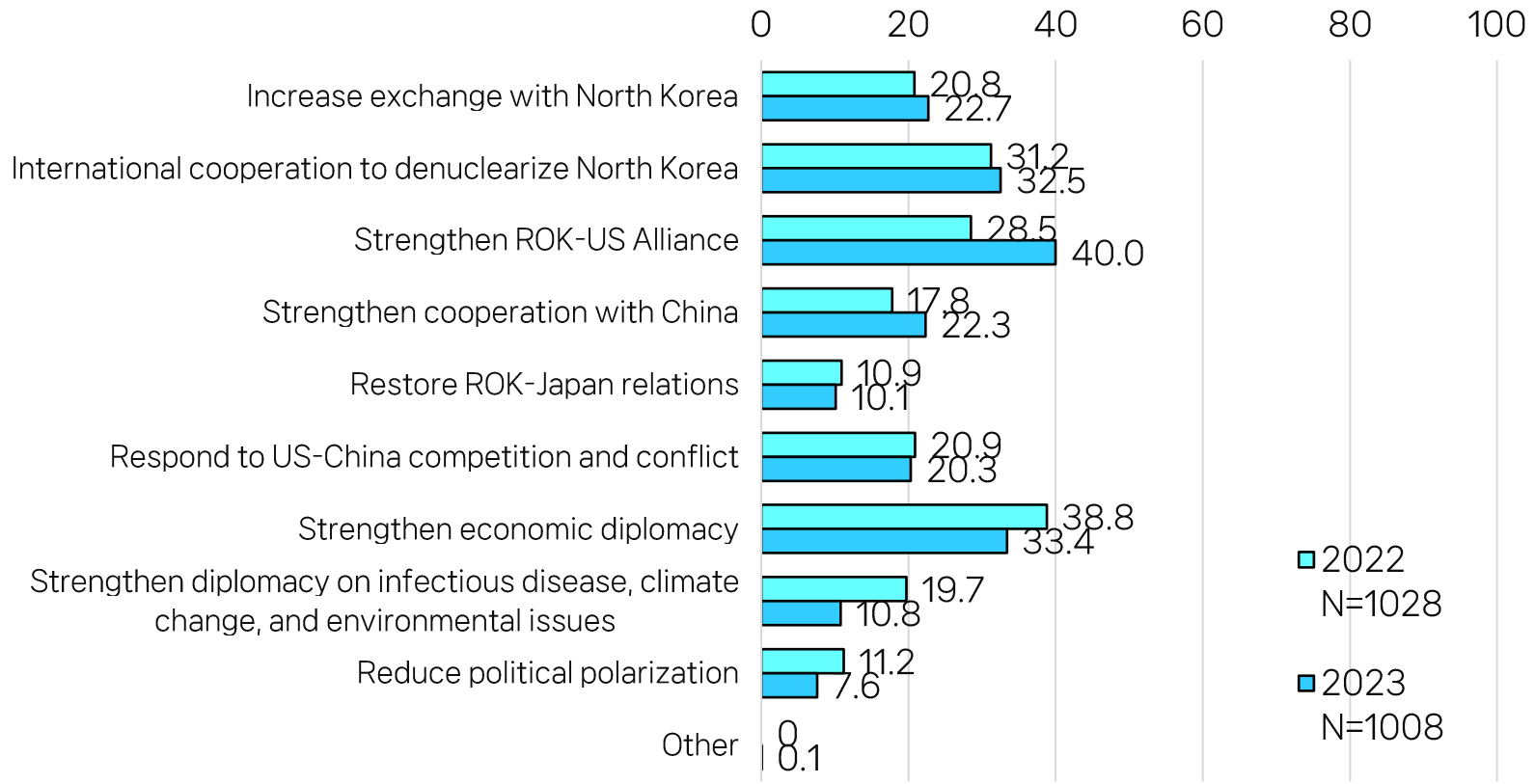


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Foreign Policy Priority

What is the top priority in ROK's foreign policy?
[Up to 2 responses]

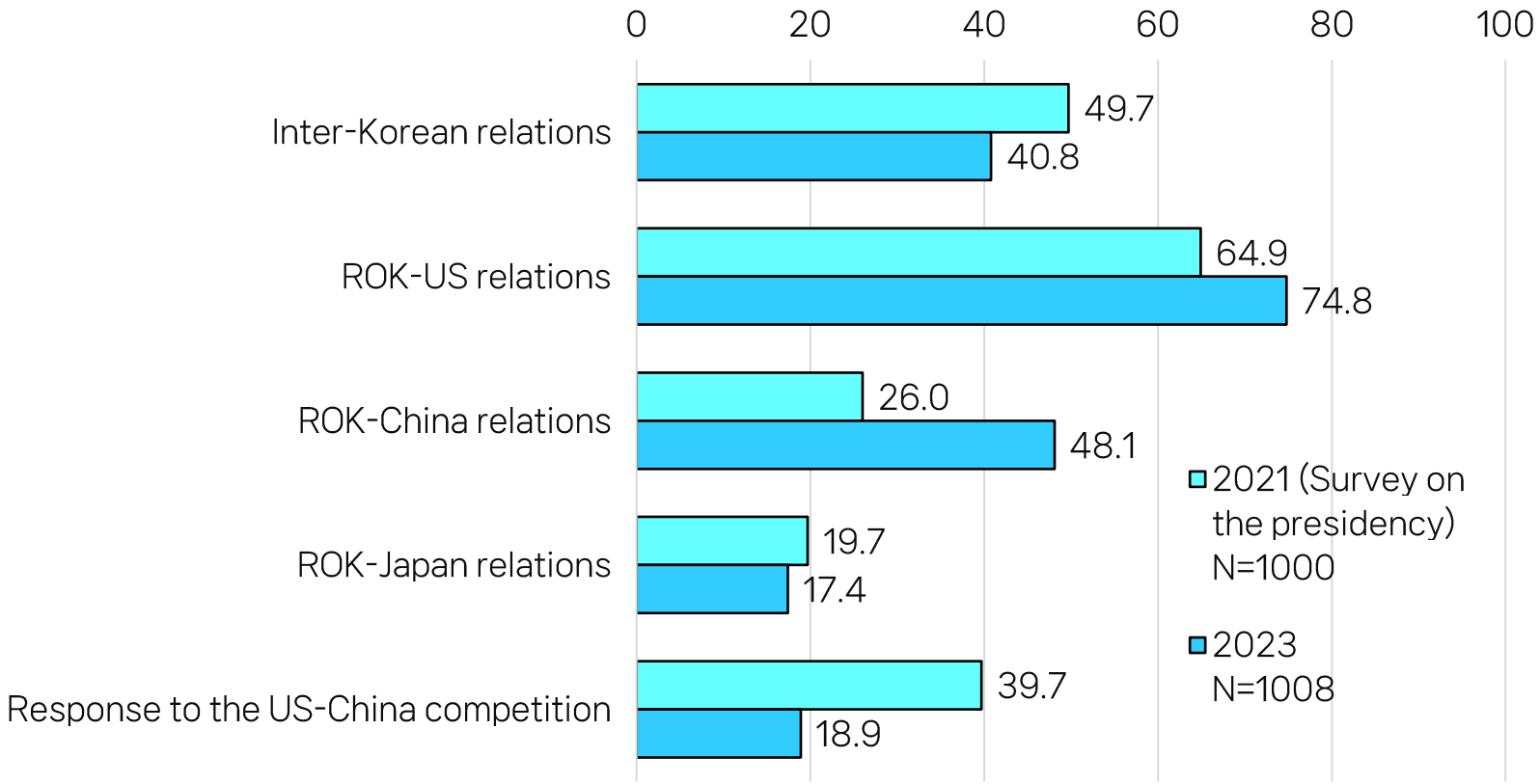
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ROK's Diplomatic Relations

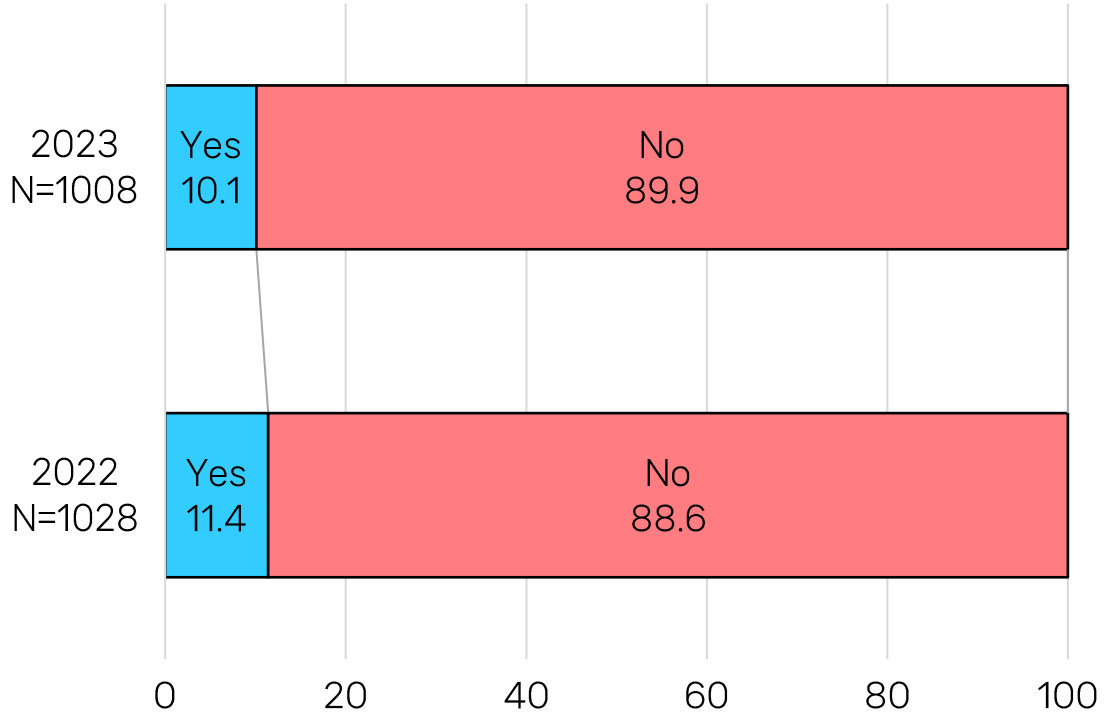
What is the most important diplomatic relations for the South Korean government? [Up to 2 responses]



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Visit to the United States

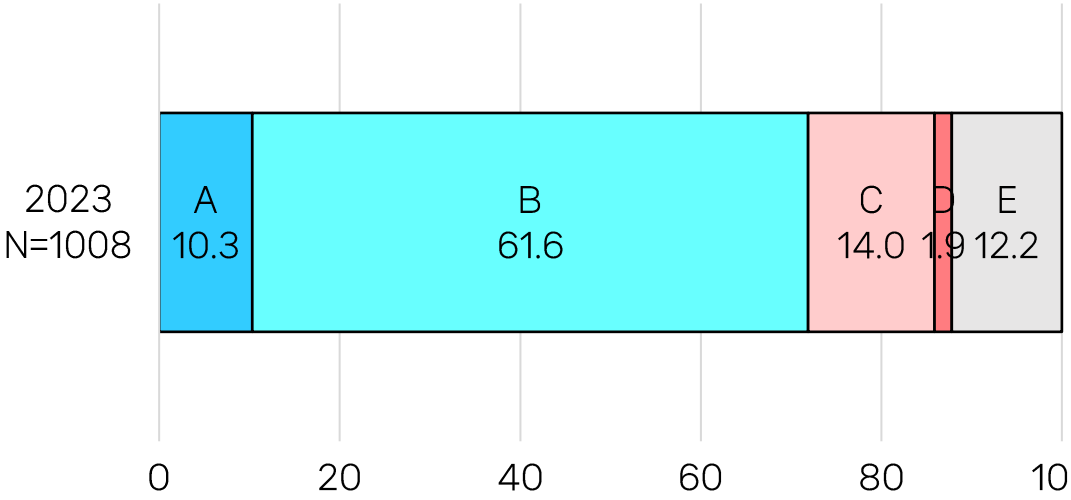
Have you ever visited the United States? (%)



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Public Opinion on the United States

What is your impression of the United States? (%)

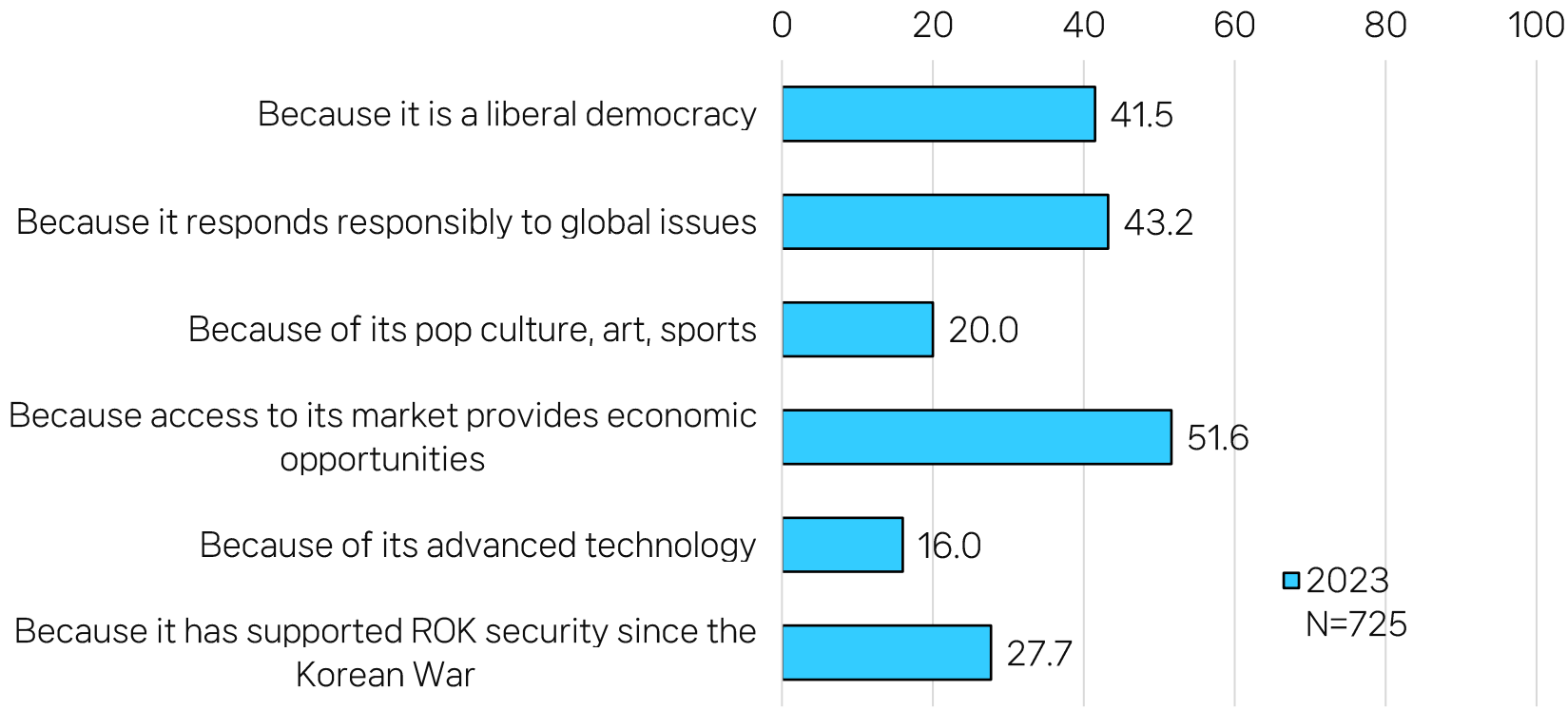


A	B	C	D	E
Favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Unfavorable	Neither

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Reasons for Favorable Impressions

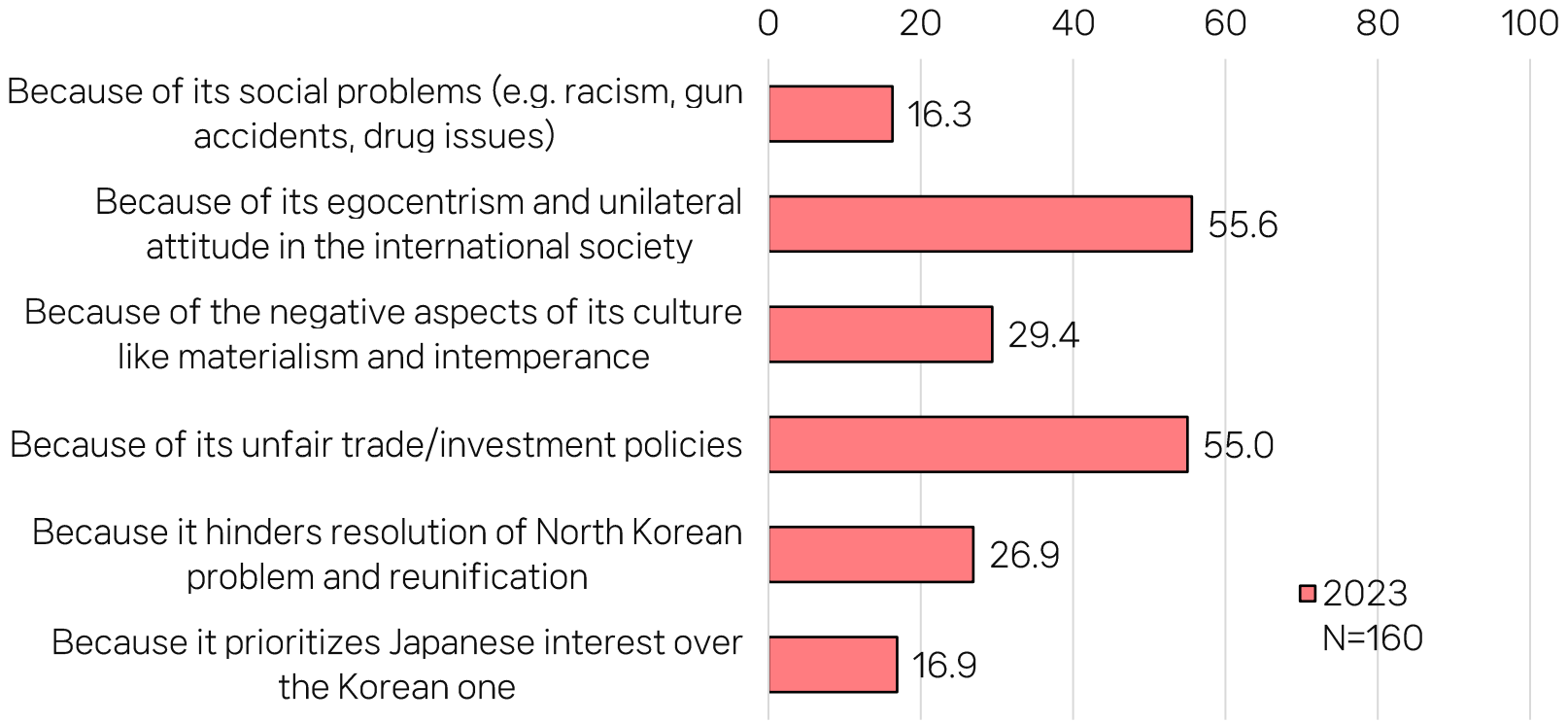
(Only those who answered “Favorable” or “Mostly favorable”) Why do you have a favorable impression of the United States? [Up to 2 responses] (%)



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Reasons for Unfavorable Impressions

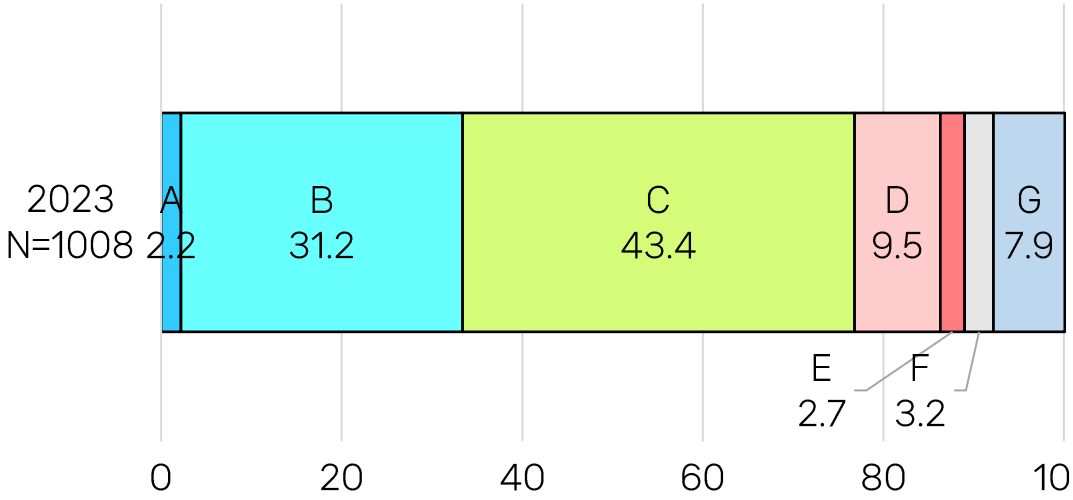
(Only those who answered “Mostly unfavorable” or “Unfavorable”) Why do you have an unfavorable impression of the United States? [Up to 2 responses] (%)



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Public Opinion on the US President

What is your impression of Joe Biden, President of the United States? (%)

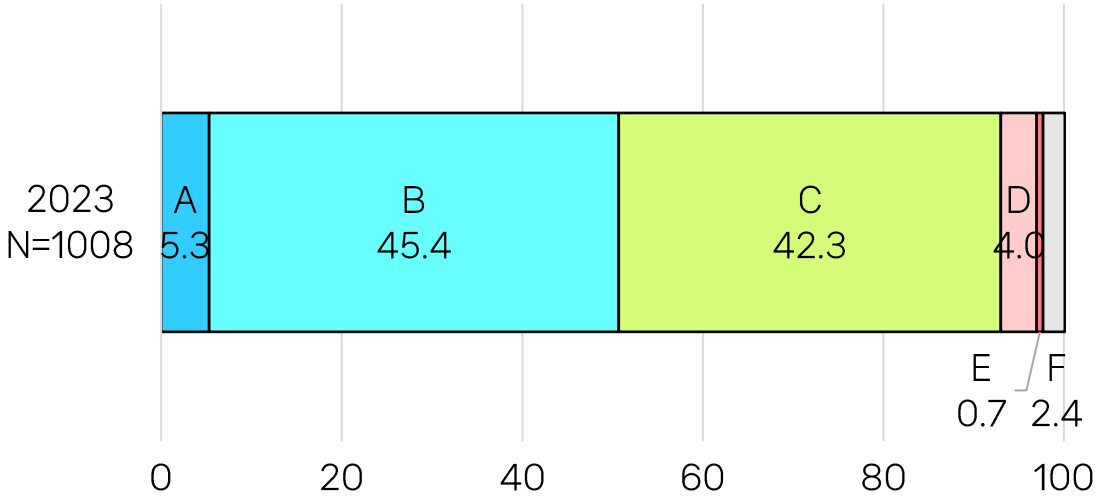


A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Very good	Somewhat good	Neither	Somewhat bad	Very bad	Not sure	Indifferent

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Current ROK-US Relations

What do you think current relations between Korea and the United States are like? (%)

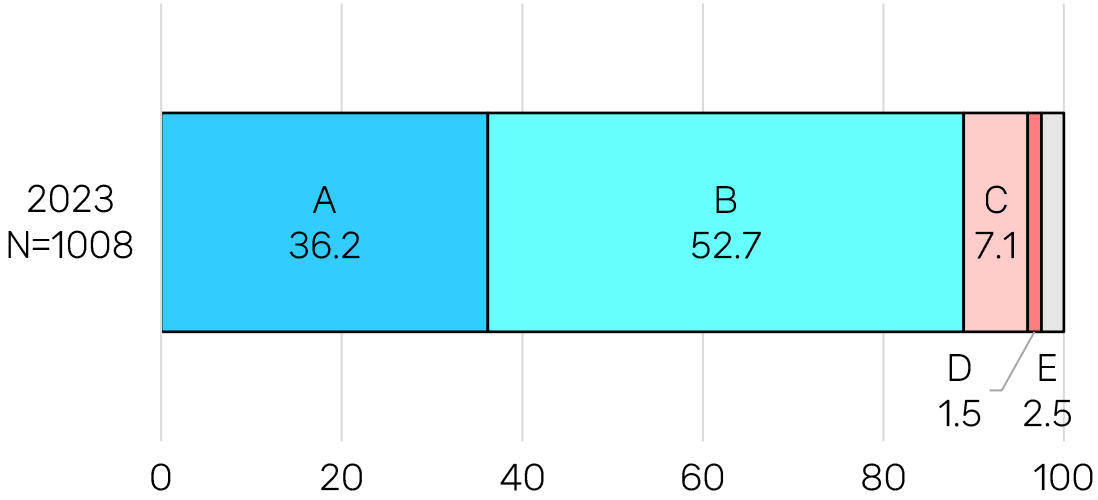


A	B	C	D	E	F
Very good	Somewhat good	Fair	Somewhat bad	Very bad	Not sure

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Importance of the ROK-US Relations

Currently, how important are the ROK-US relations to Korea? (%)

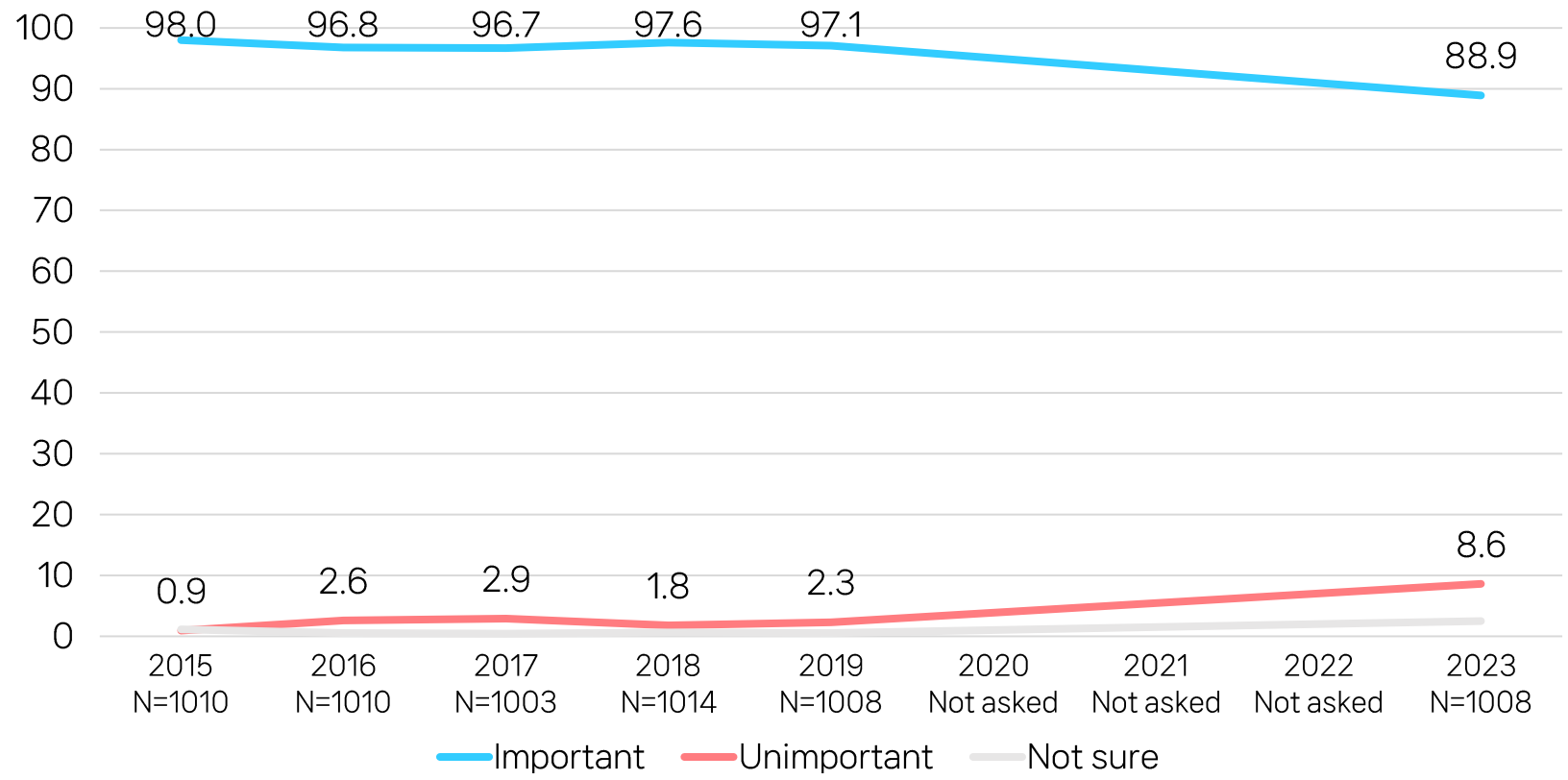


A	B	C	D	E
Important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	Unimportant	Not sure

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Importance of the ROK-US Relations

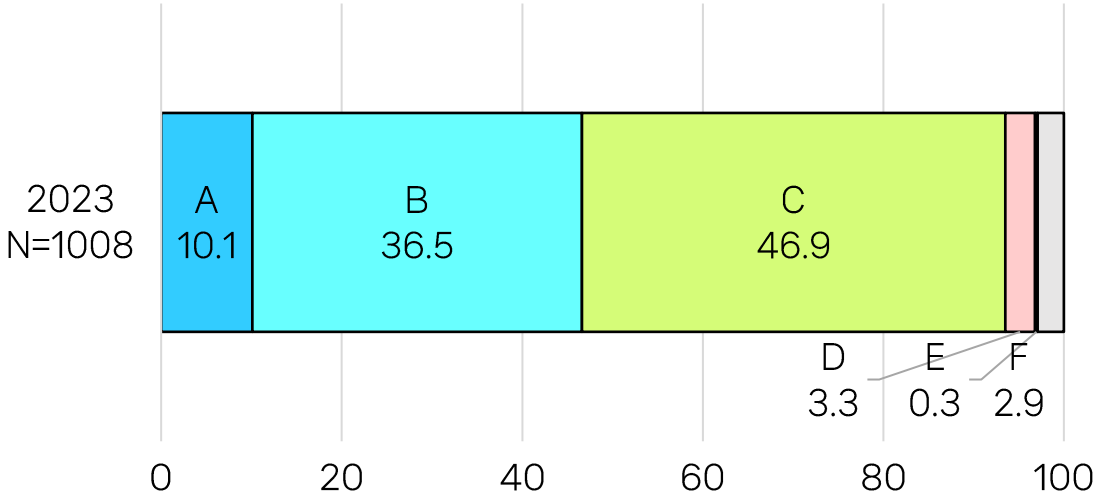
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Future of the ROK-US Relations

How do you envision the future relations between Korea and the United States? (%)

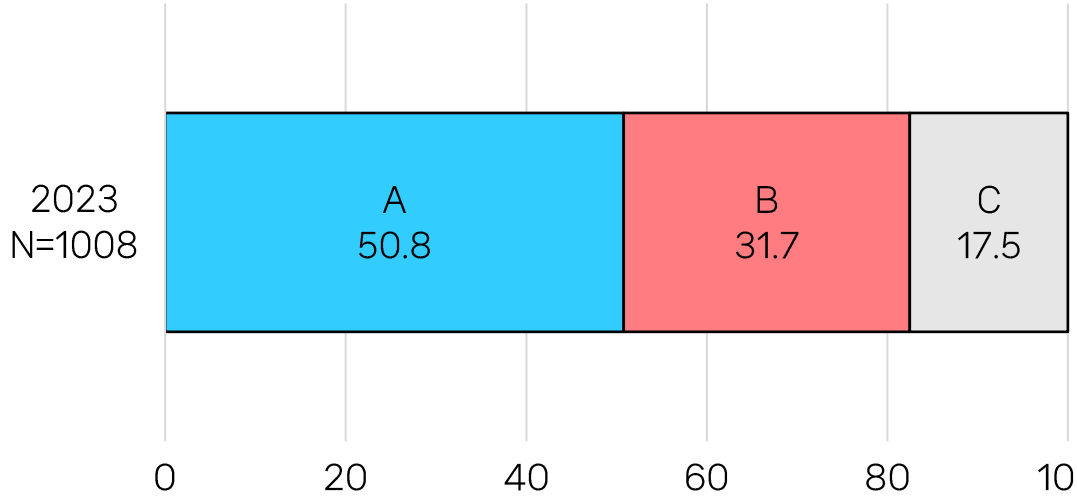


A	B	C	D	E	F
Will improve	Will slightly improve	Will stay the same	Will slightly worsen	Will worsen	Not sure

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ROK-US Economic Relations

How would you define the economic relationship between Korea and the United States? (%)

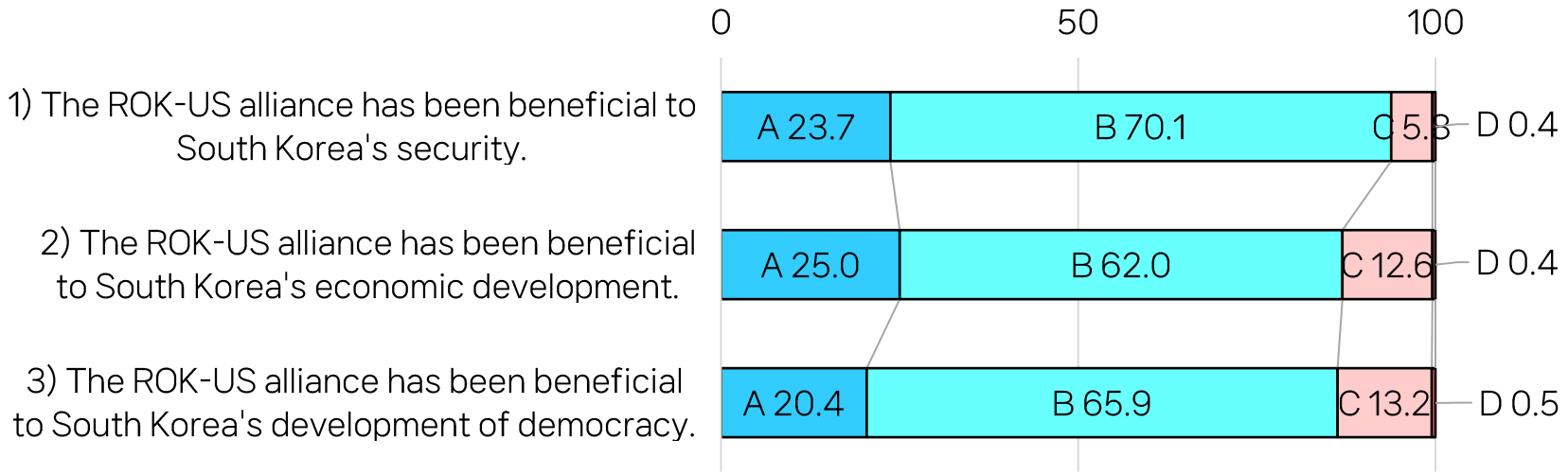


A	B	C
The economies of Korea and the US are mutually complementary.	The economies of Korea and the US are mutually competitive.	Neither / Not sure

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Assessment of ROK-US Alliance

Do you agree with the following statements, or not? (%)



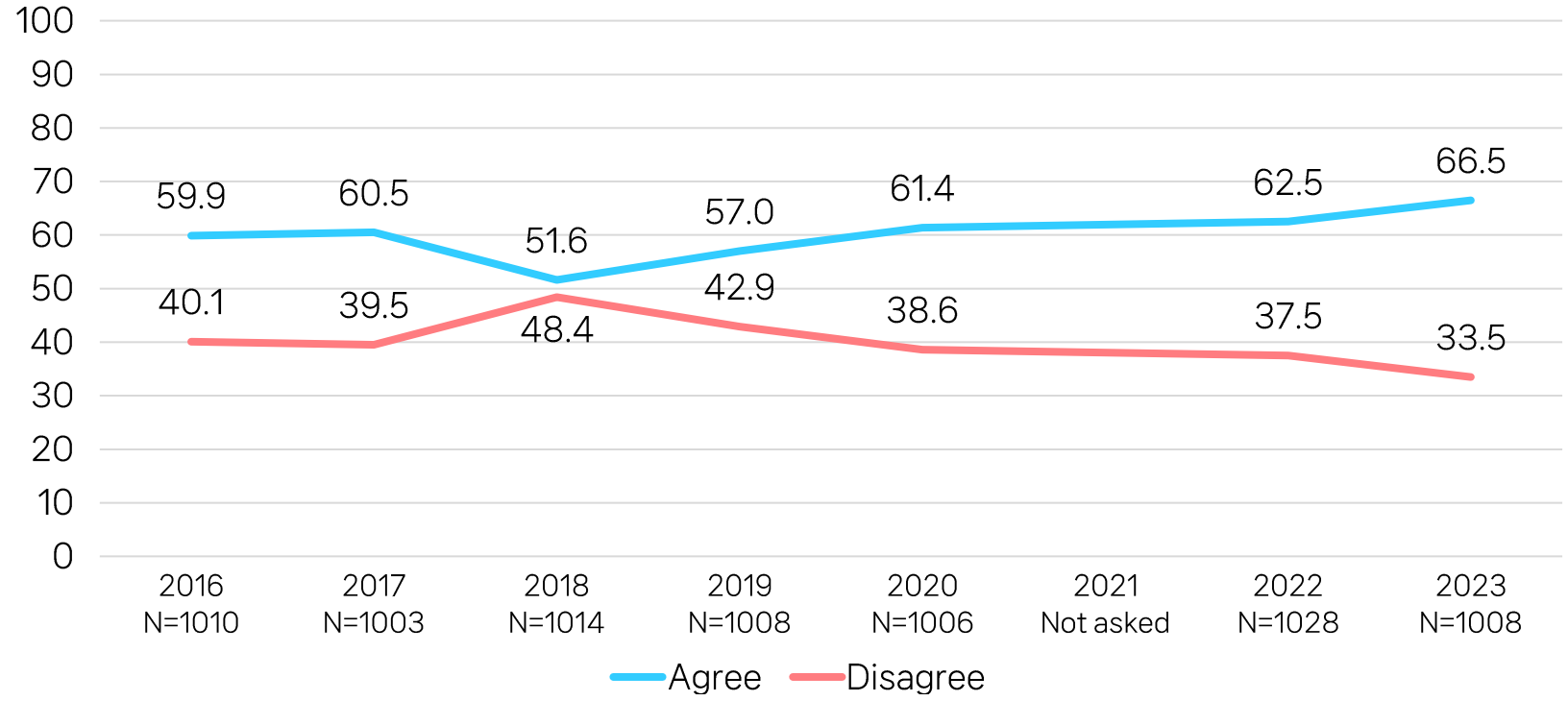
A	B	C	D
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

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Opinion on the ROK-US Alliance

Following are some prominent disputes regarding ROK-US alliance.
What is your opinion about these disputes? (%)

1) Due to the ROK-US alliance, South Korea may become entangled in regional disputes irrelevant to its national interests.

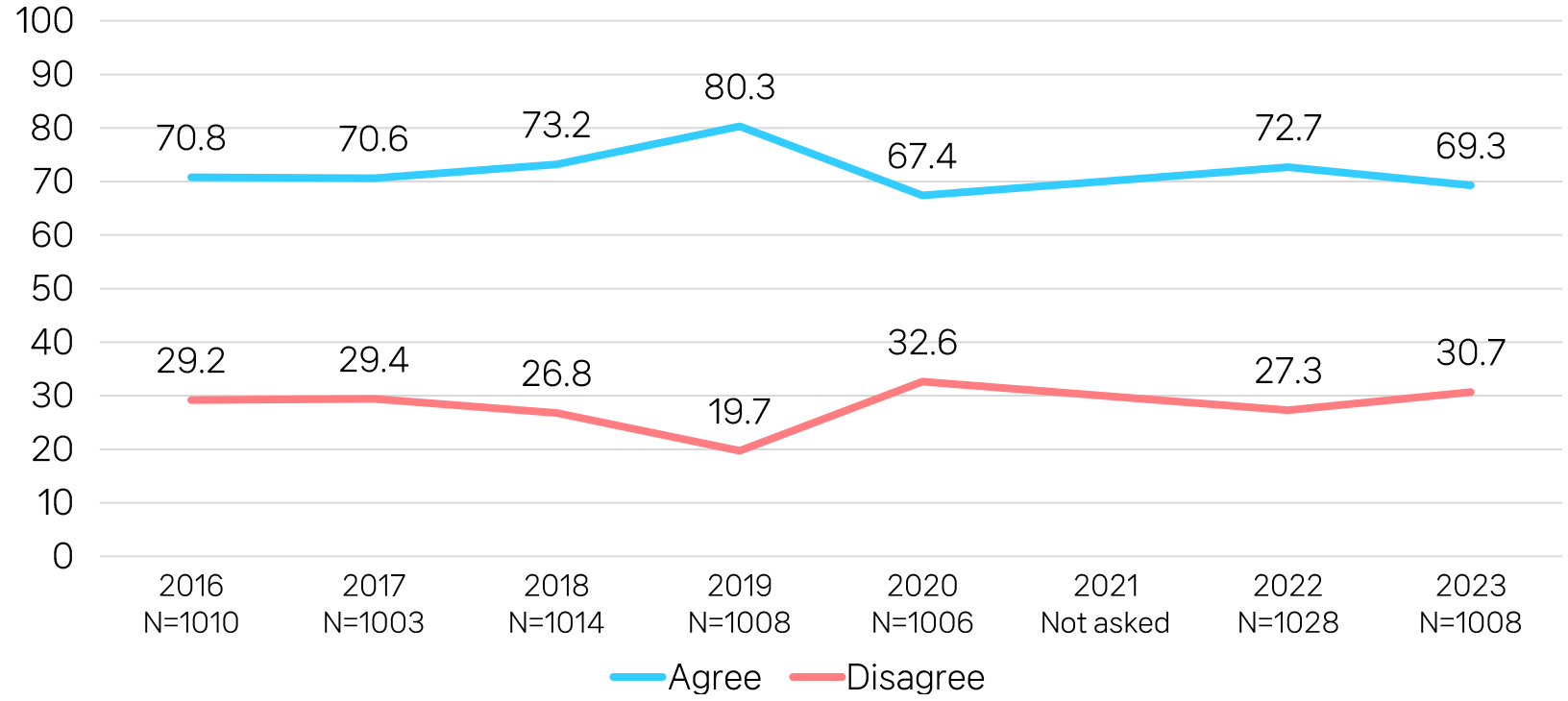


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Opinion on the ROK-US Alliance

Following are some prominent disputes regarding ROK-US alliance.
What is your opinion about these disputes? (%)

2) The ROK-US alliance guarantees South Korea's security against pressure or potential attacks from China.

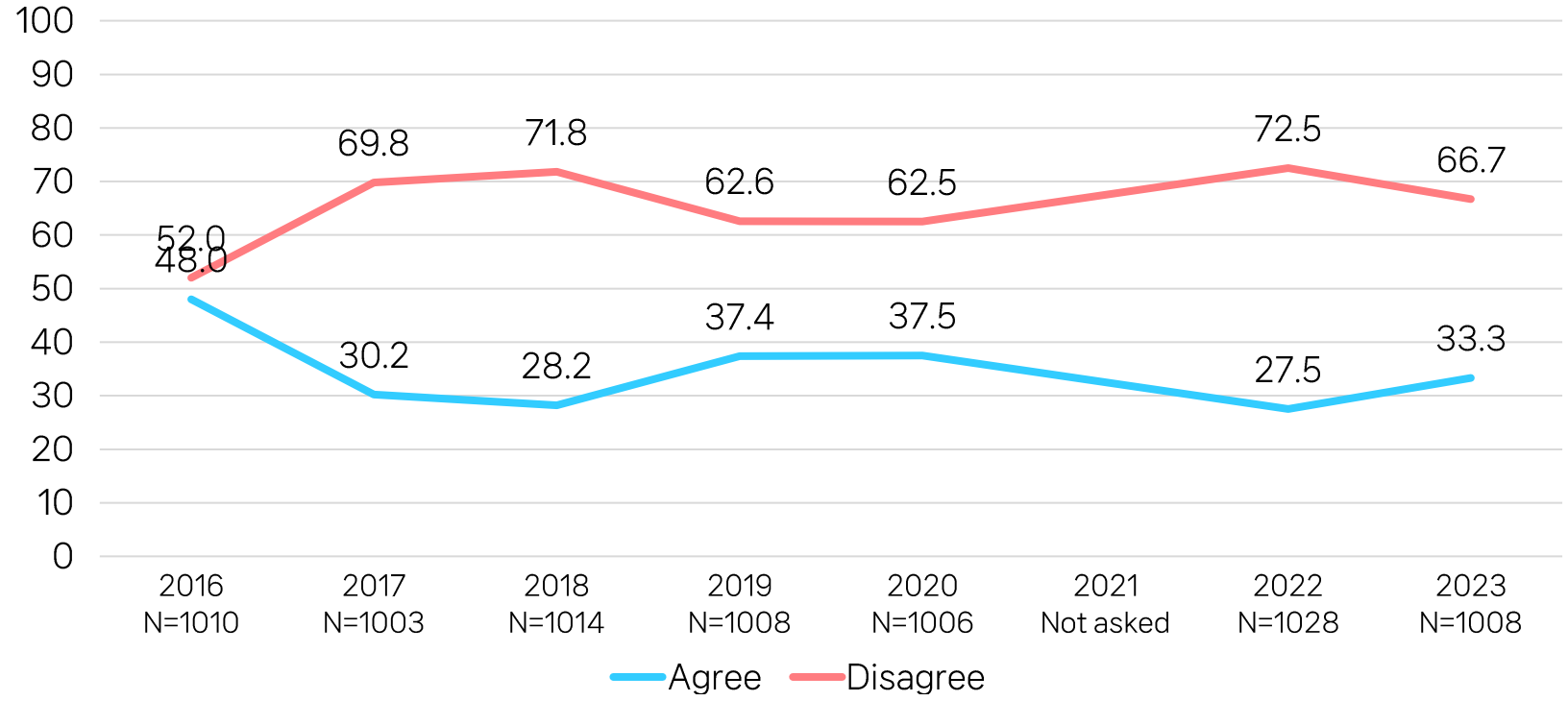


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Opinion on the ROK-US Alliance

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What is your opinion about these disputes? (%)

3) Given the relative decline of the United States compared to China, the significance of the ROK-US alliance is diminishing.

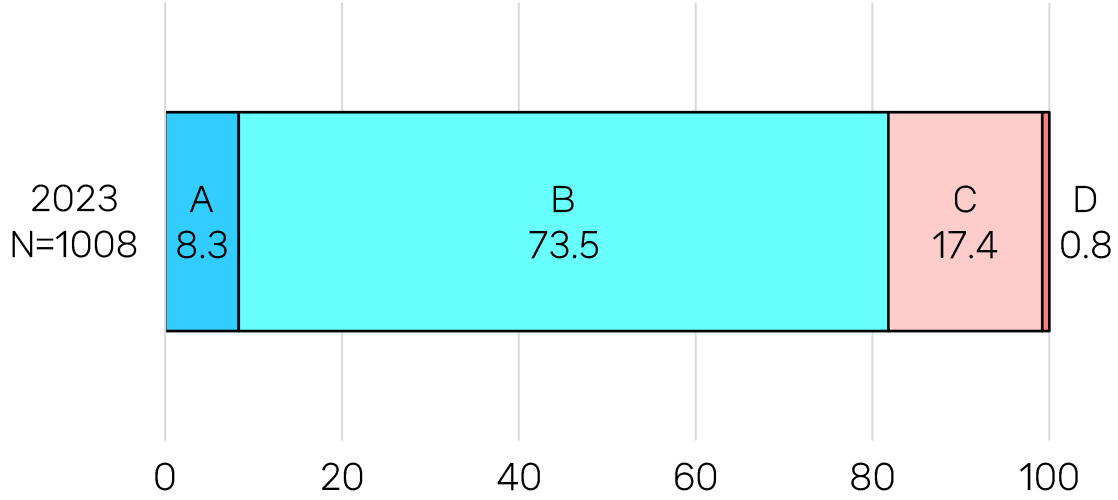


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Opinion on the ROK-US Alliance

Do you agree with the following statement, or not? (%)

"The ROK-US alliance should work to address regional and global issues, extending its scope beyond merely responding to the DPRK military threat."

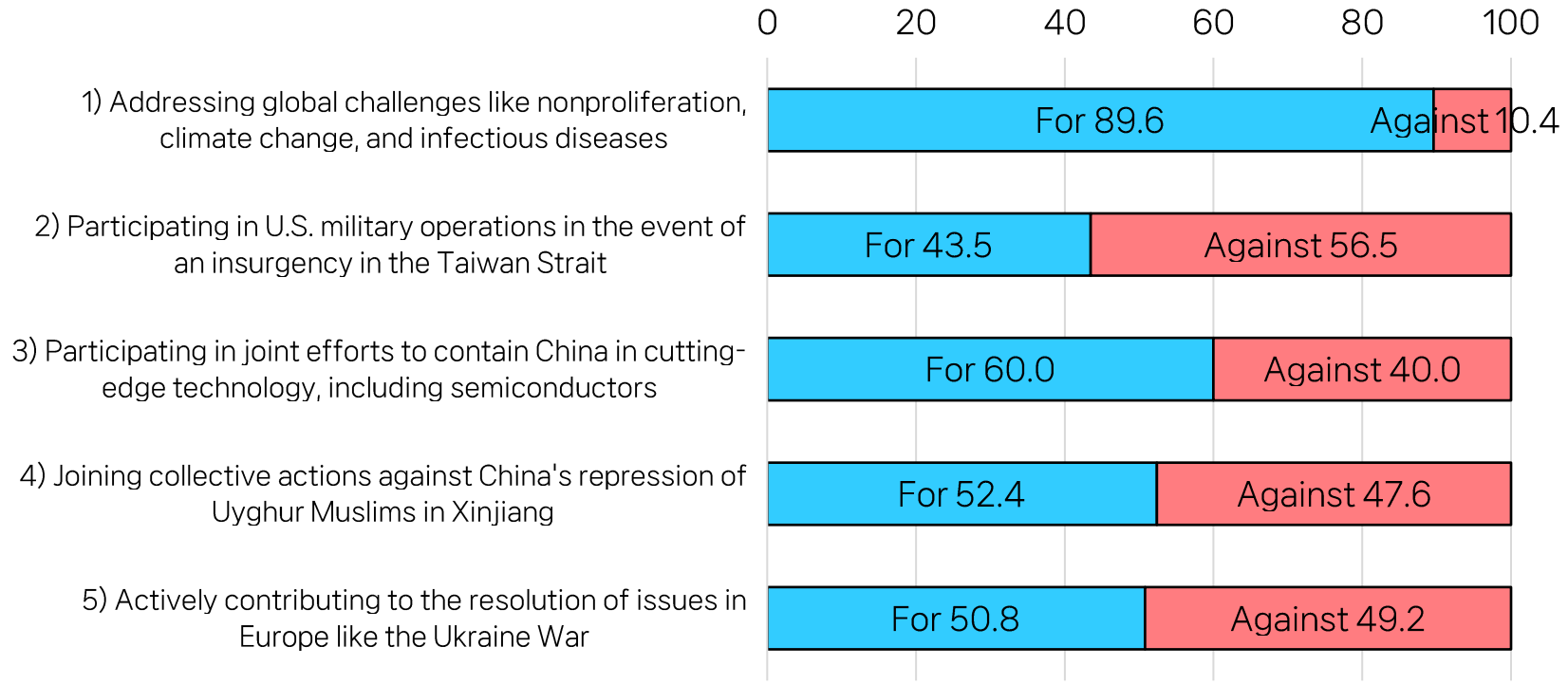


A	B	C	D
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

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South Korea's Role in the ROK-US Alliance

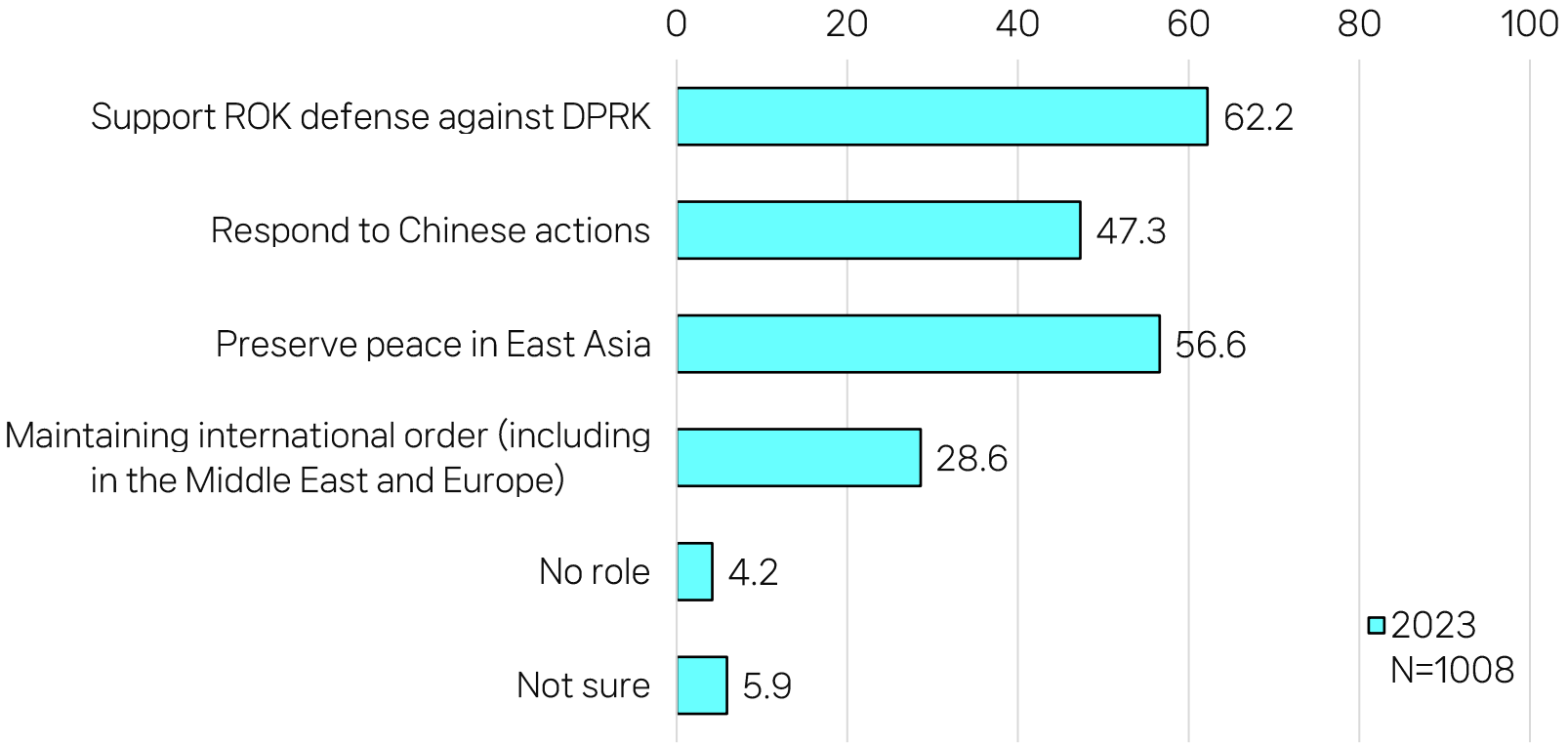
Considering the future vision of the ROK-US alliance, Do you support South Korea playing a role in the following regional and global issues? (%)



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USFK's Role in Korea

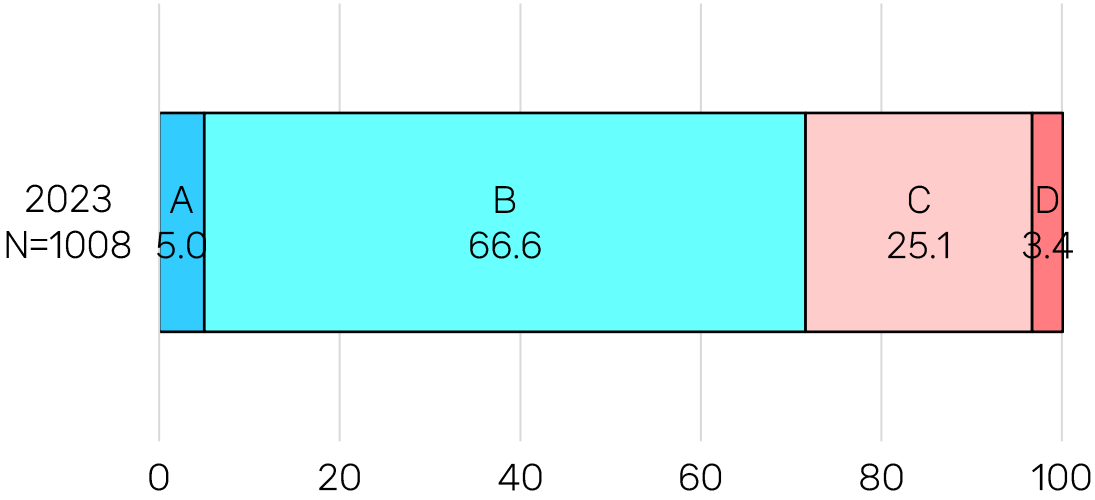
What role should the United States Forces Korea (USFK) play? [Multiple responses] (%)



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ROK-Japan Relations in the ROK-US Alliance

Do you agree that an improvement in ROK-Japan relations is necessary to further enhance the ROK-US alliance? (%)

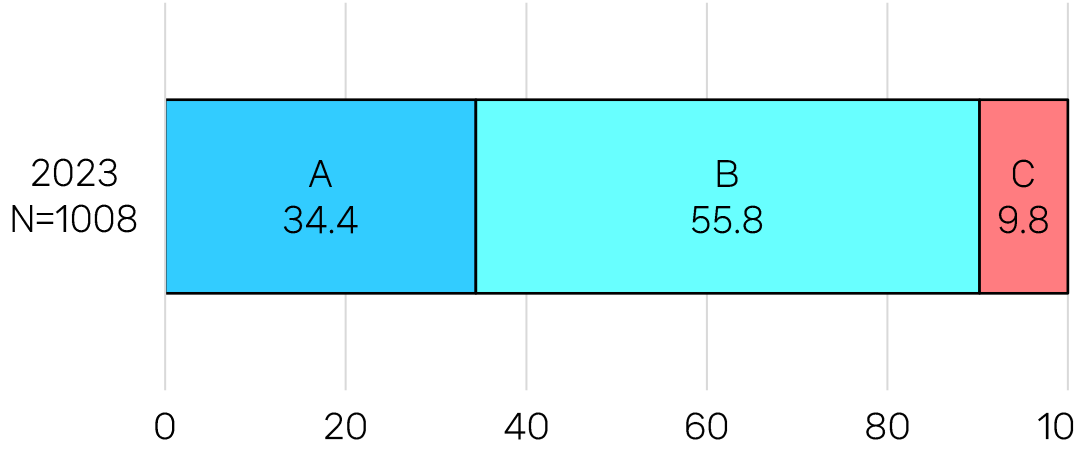


A	B	C	D
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

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Confidence in US Extended Deterrence

If North Korean ICBM were to gain capacity to strike US mainland, do you think US will conduct nuclear retaliation in response to a North Korean nuclear attack on South Korea? (%)

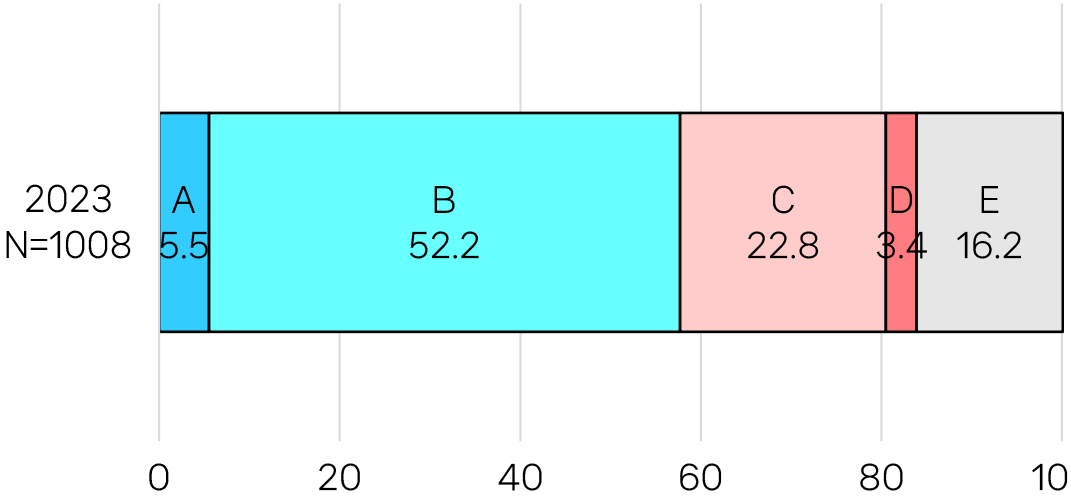


A	B	C
The United States will respond with its own nuclear weapons	The United States will respond using non-nuclear military measures	The United States will not respond

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Assessment of Washington Declaration

Do you agree with the statement that Washington Declaration is an adequate response to DPRK nuclear threat and ROK's security concerns? (%)

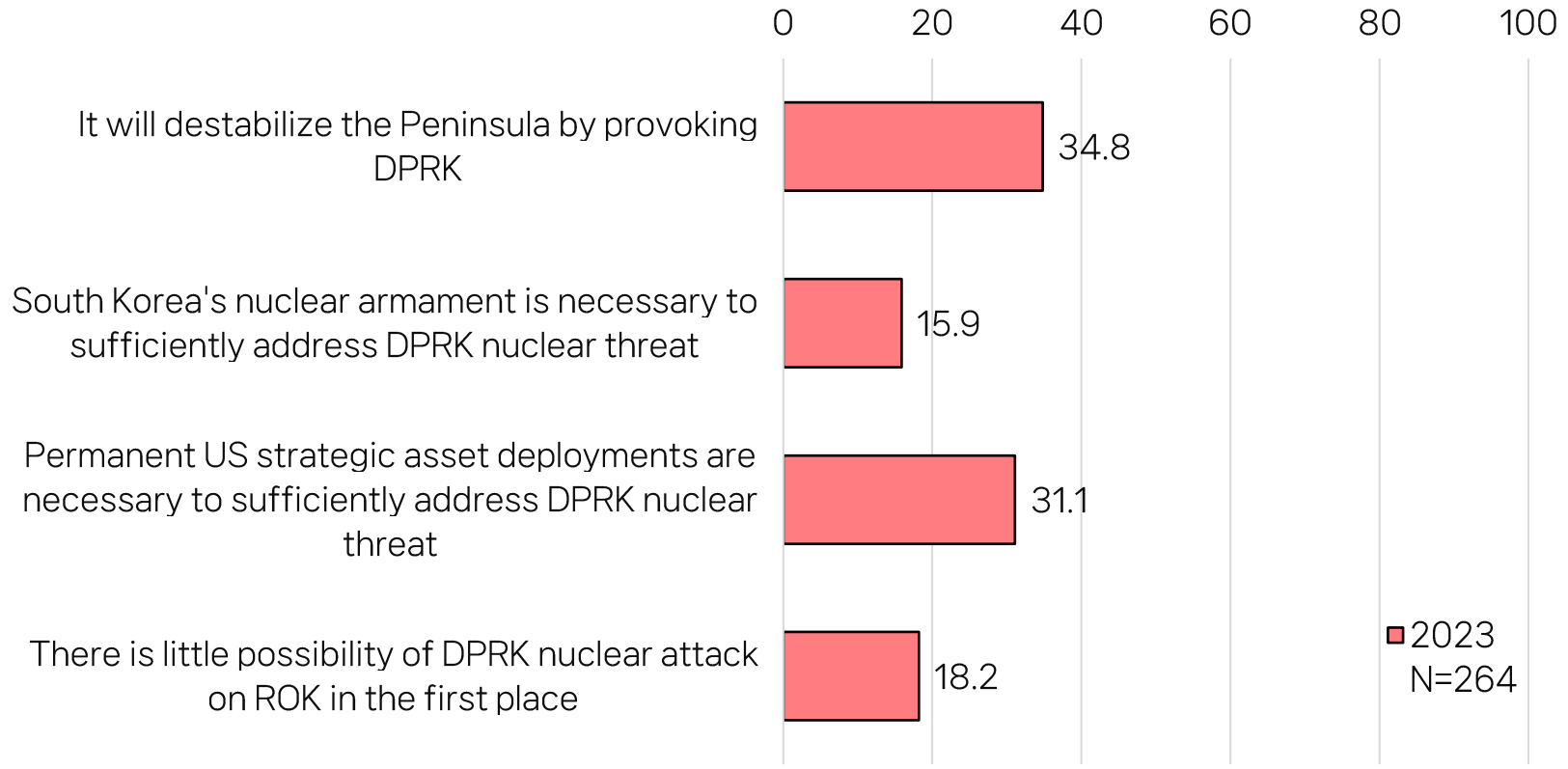


A	B	C	D	E
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure

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Assessment of Washington Declaration

(Only those who answered “Disagree” or “Strongly Disagree”) Why do you think the Washington Declaration is inadequate to address South Korea’s security concerns? (%)



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