EAI Public Opinion Briefing

2023 EAI Public Opinion Poll on East Asia:

② China and the ROK-China Relations

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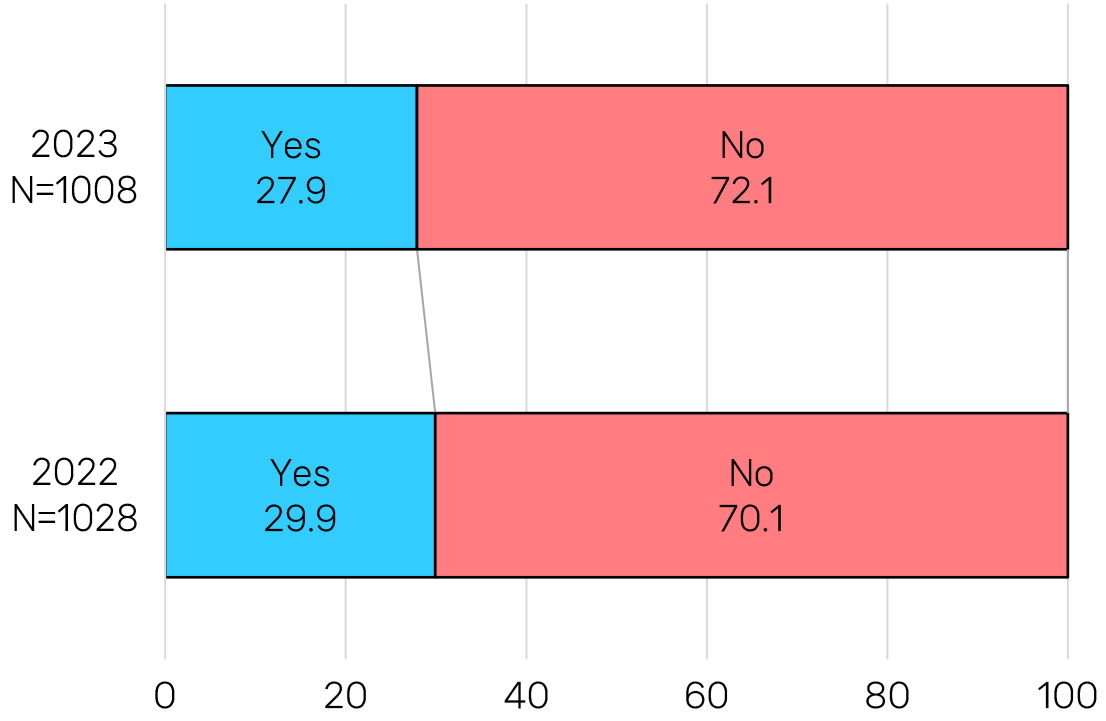
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Survey Overview

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%

Visit to China

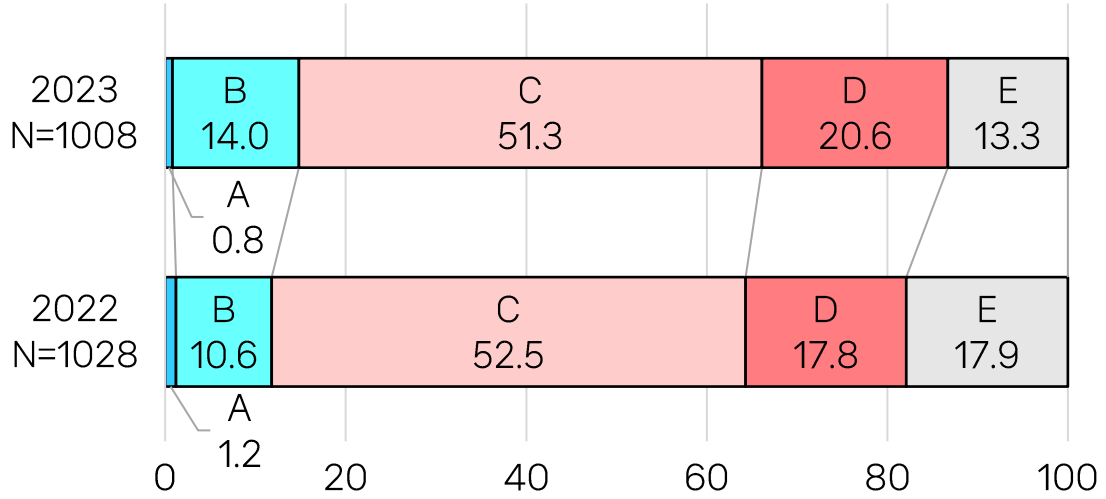
Have you ever visited China? (%)



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Public Opinion on China

What is your impression of China? (%)

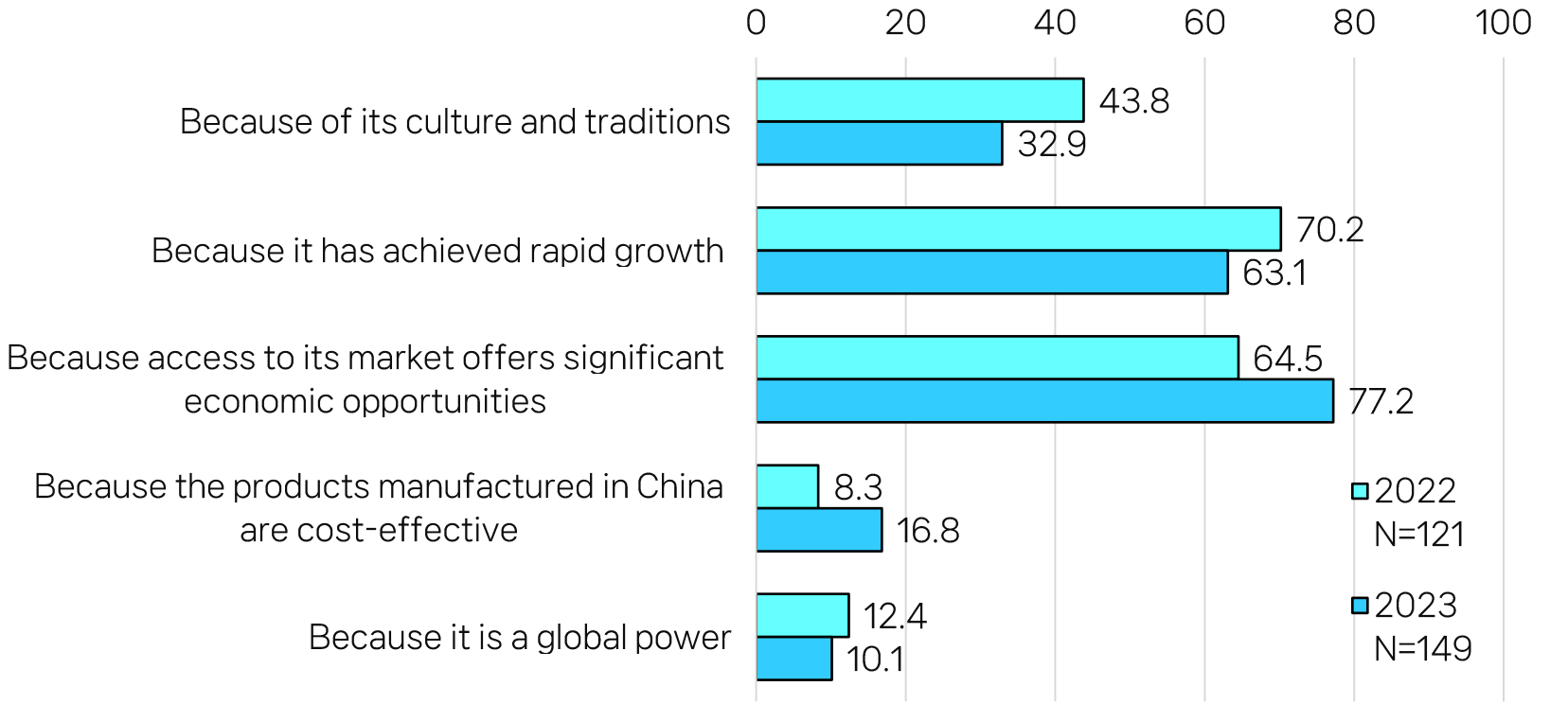


A	B	C	D	E
Favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Unfavorable	Neither

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Reasons for Favorable Impressions

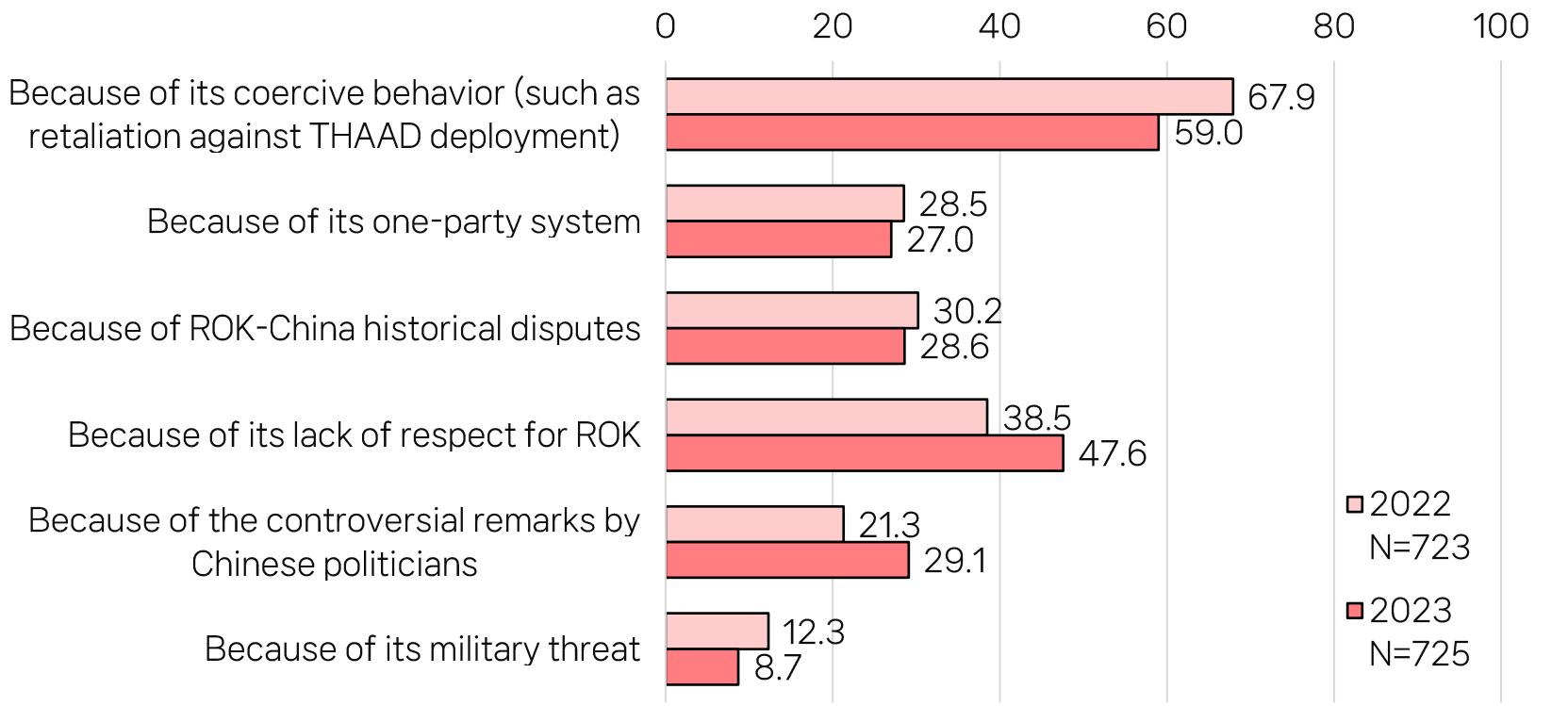
(Only those who answered “Favorable” or “Mostly favorable”)
Why do you have a favorable impression of China? [Up to 2 responses]



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Reasons for Unfavorable Impressions

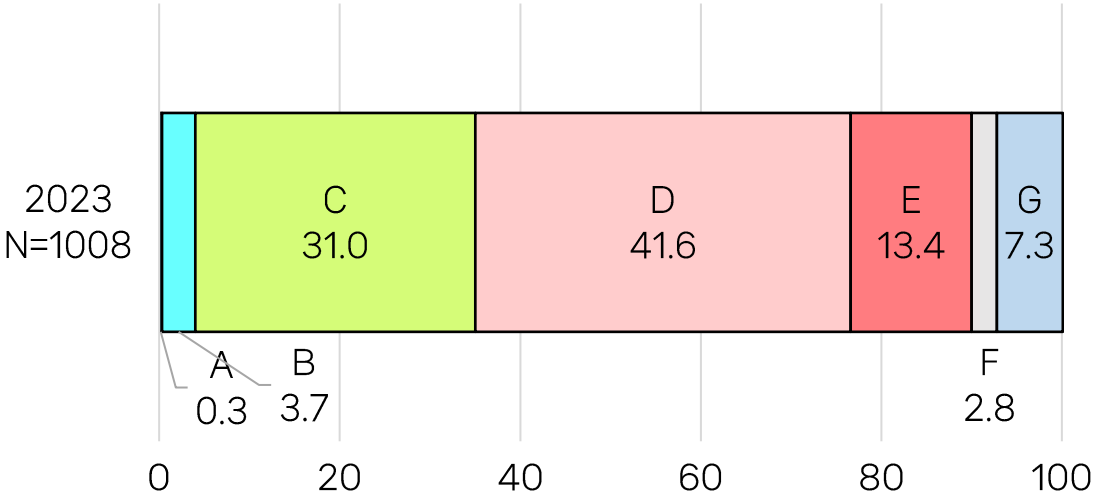
(Only those who answered “Mostly unfavorable” or “Unfavorable”)
Why do you have an unfavorable impression of China? [Up to 2 responses]



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Public Opinion on the PRC President

What is your impression of Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China? (%)

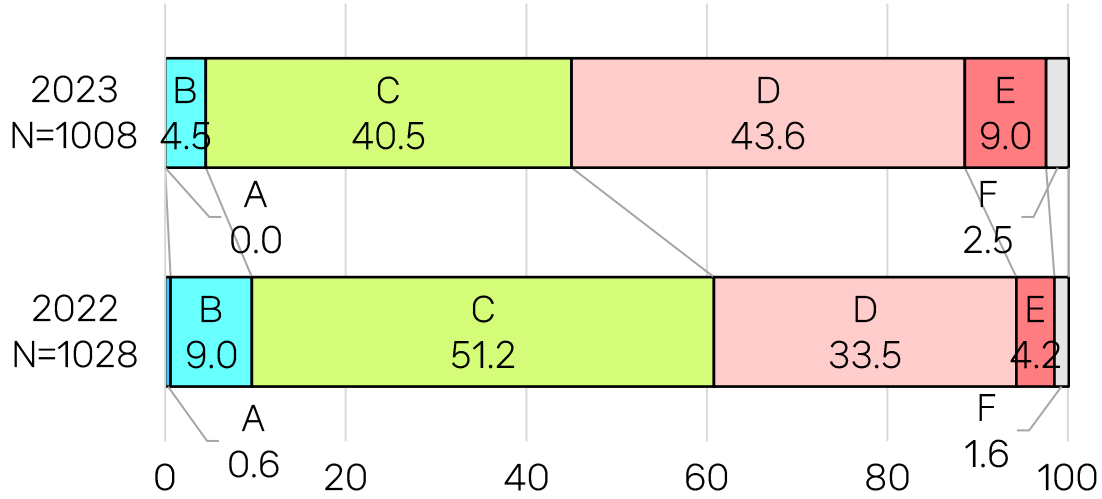


A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Very good	Somewhat good	Neither	Somewhat bad	Very bad	Not sure	Indifferent

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Current ROK-China Relations

What do you think current relations between Korea and China are like? (%)

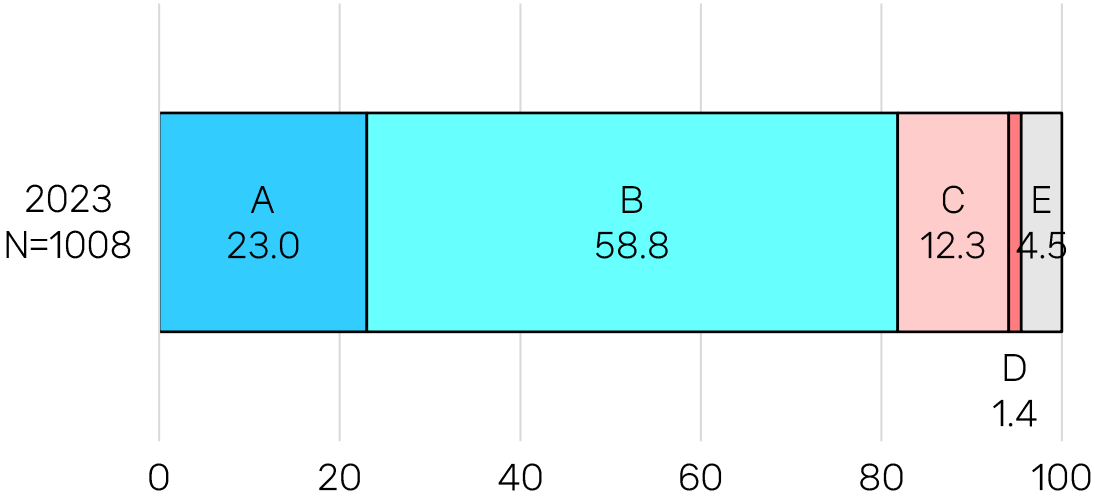


A	B	C	D	E	F
Very good	Somewhat good	Fair	Somewhat bad	Very bad	Not sure

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Importance of ROK-China Relations

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

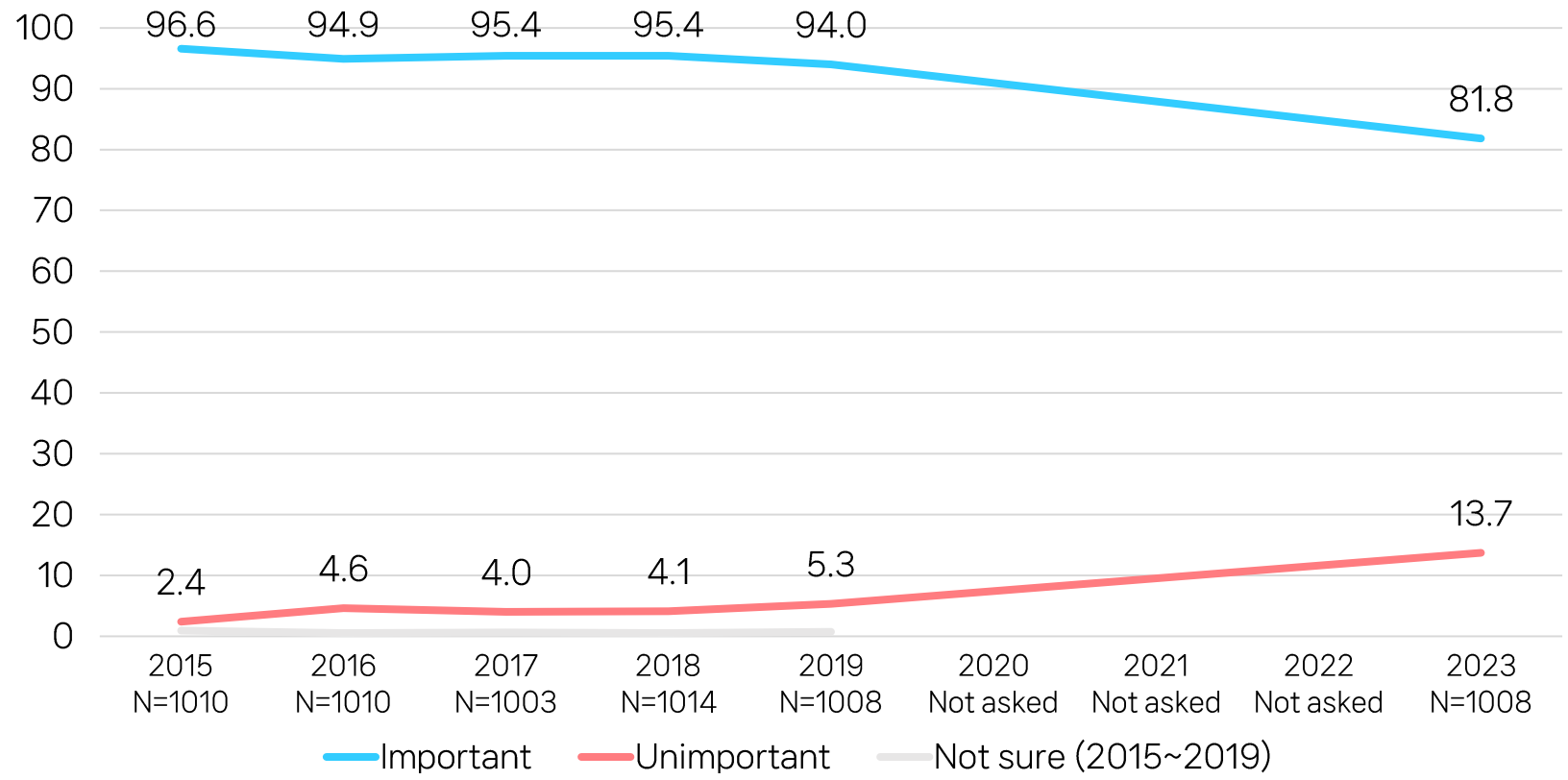


A	B	C	D	E
Important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	Unimportant	Not sure

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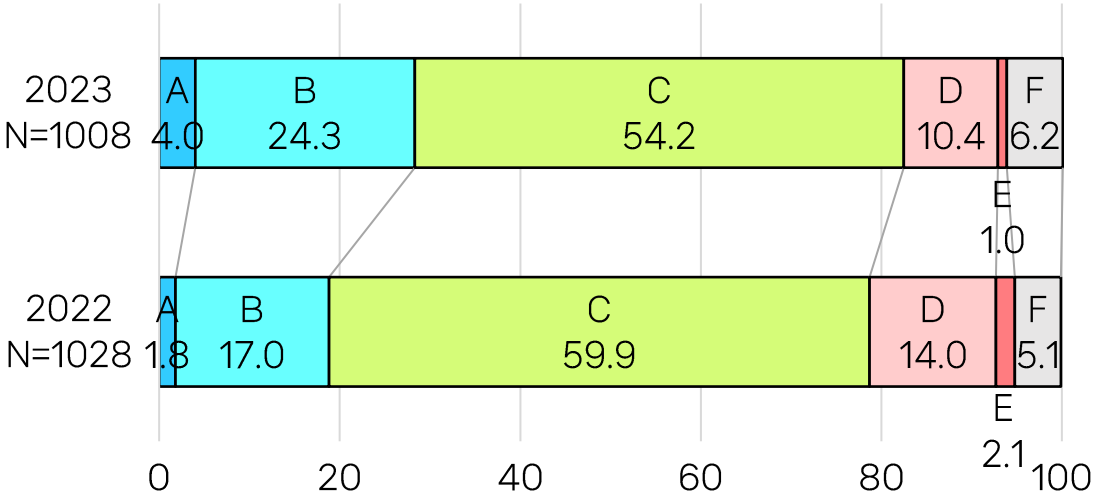
How important are the ROK-China relations to Korea? (%)



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Future of the ROK-China Relations

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

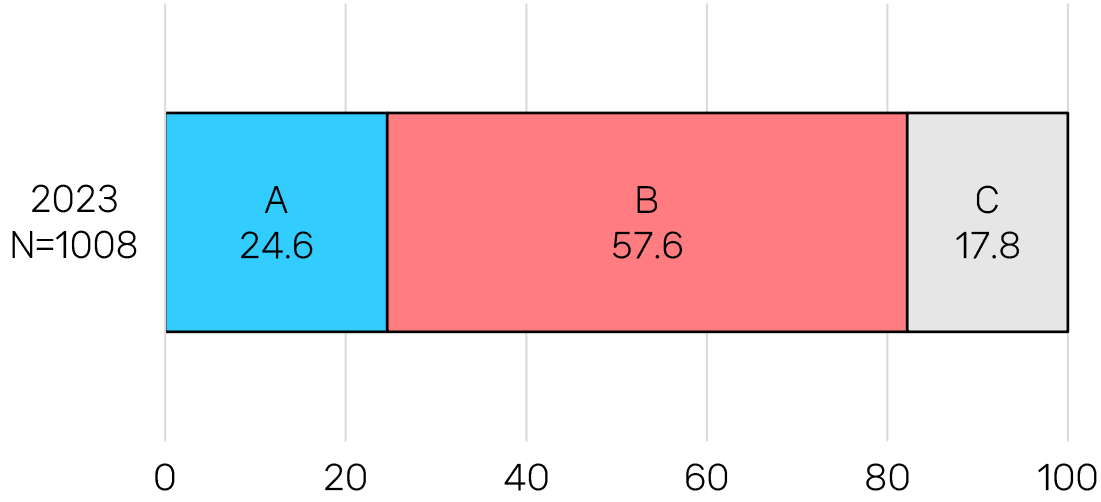


A	B	C	D	E	F
Will improve	Will slightly improve	Will stay the same	Will slightly worsen	Will worsen	Not sure

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ROK-China Economic Relations

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

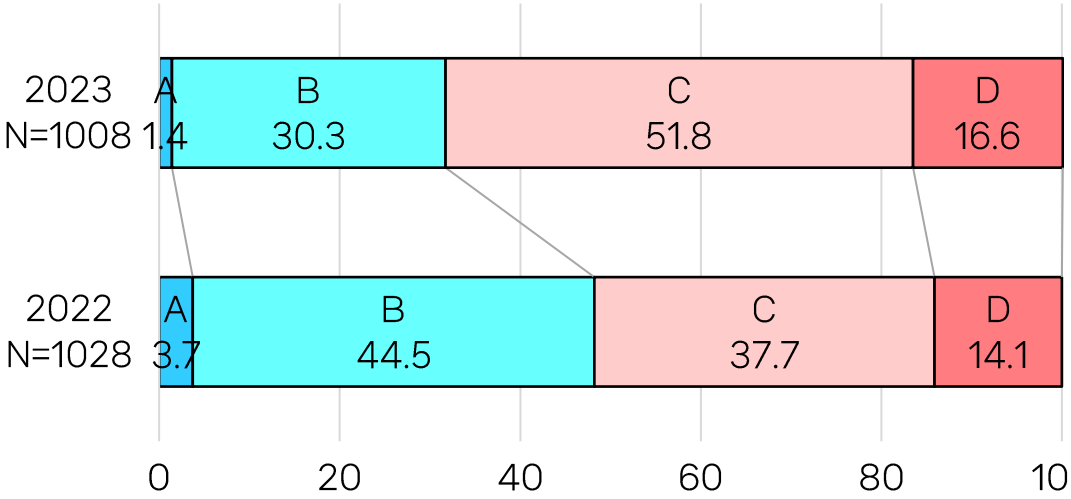


A	B	C
The economies of Korea and China are mutually complementary.	The economies of Korea and China are mutually competitive.	Neither / Not sure

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Whether China Will Surpass the United States

Do you believe China will surpass the United States and become a global leader in the near future? (%)

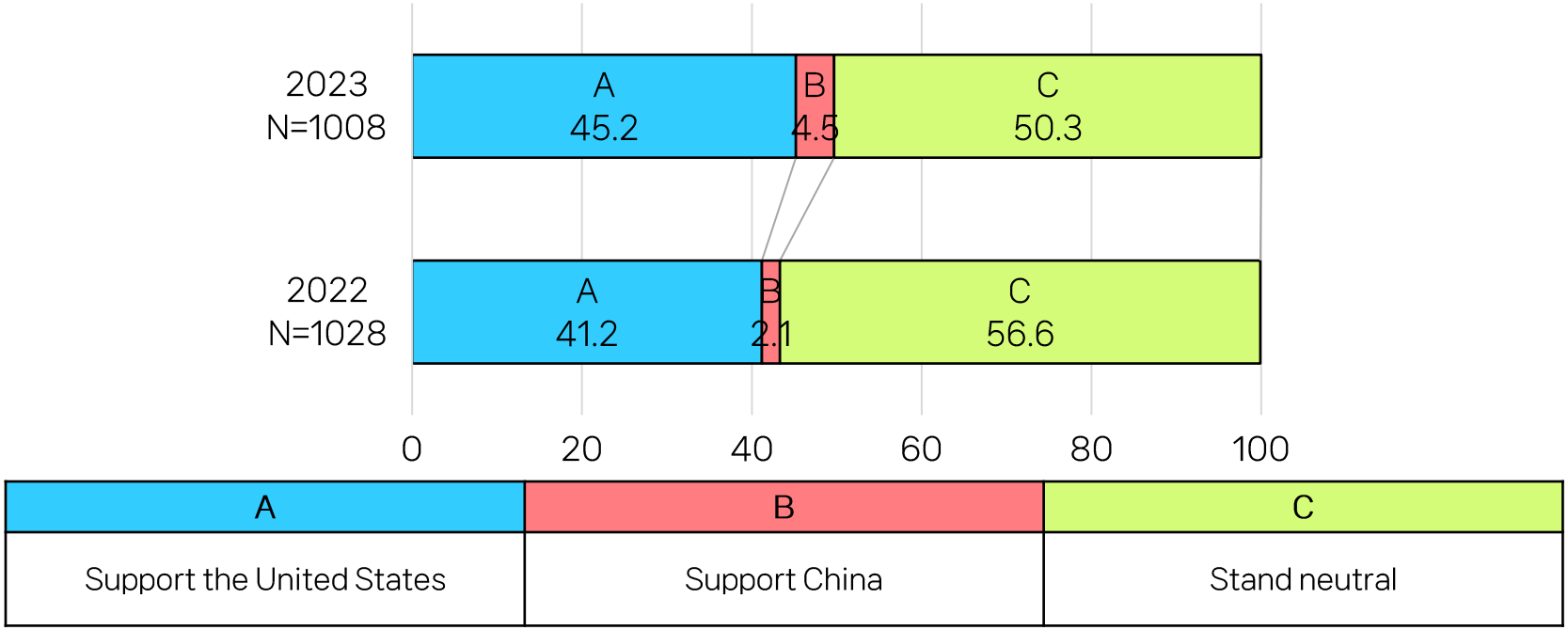


A	B	C	D
Strongly yes	Somewhat yes	Somewhat no	Strongly no

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ROK's Position in US-China Conflict

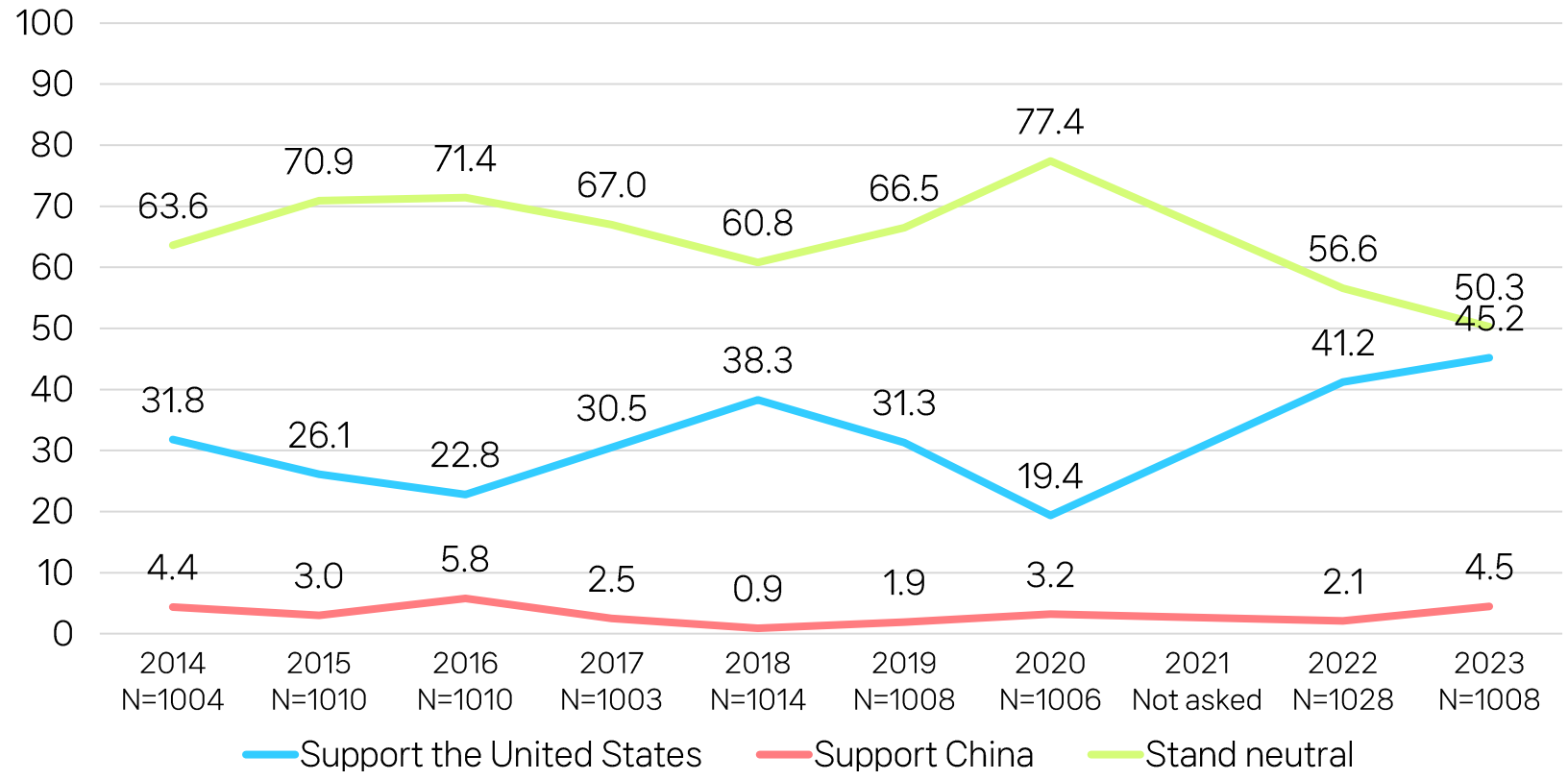
If a serious US-China conflict were to occur, what position should ROK take? (%)



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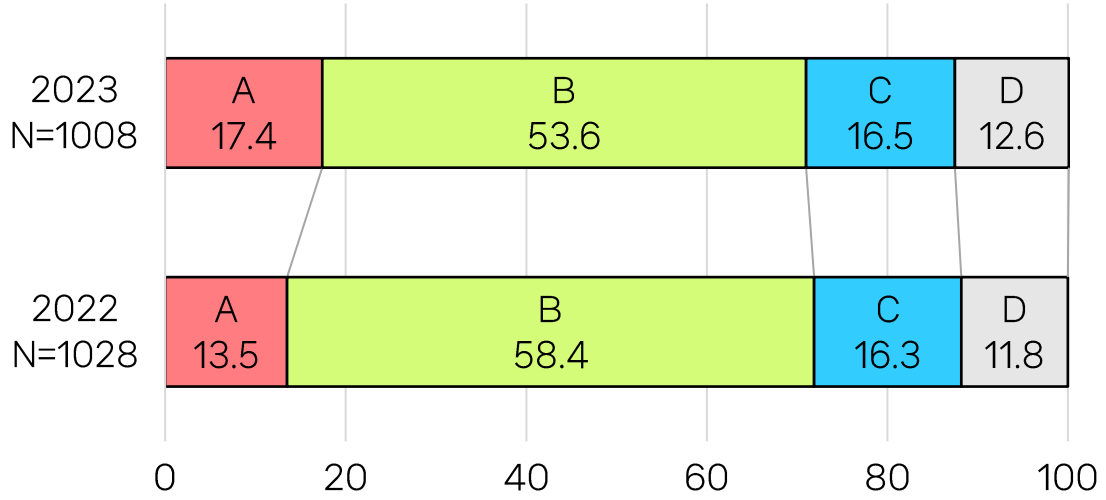
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Opinion on THAAD Deployment

What do you think of the THAAD deployment? (%)

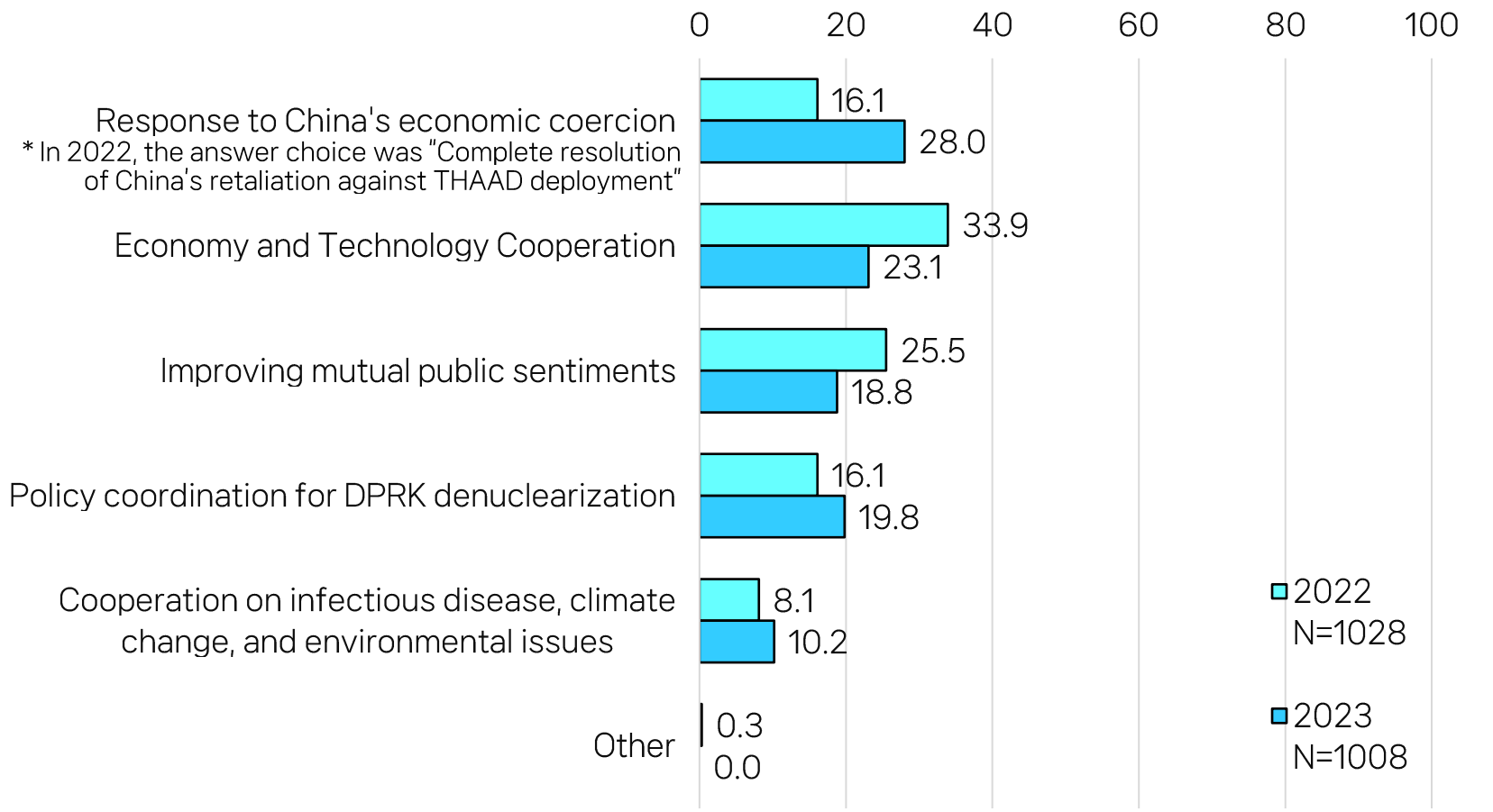


A	B	C	D
Should not deploy from now and should withdraw the one already deployed	Should operate the one already deployed, but should not deploy from now	Should deploy more	Not sure

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Top Policy Priority toward China

What is ROK's top policy priority toward China? [Single Response] (%)



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