ARMS RACE IN KOREA AND NORTHEAST ASIA

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ARMS RACE IN KOREA (INTENSIVE LOGIC)

North Korea

Korean War

SK & US

Conventional Deterrence

Nuclear Extended Deterrence

Preventive War

Nuclear Deterrence

Missile Defense

More & Better Missiles

Preemptive Strike

SLBMs HGVs
ARMS RACE IN NORTHEAST ASIA (EXTENSIVE LOGIC)

More & Better Missiles in China

Missile Defense In US

More MD More Anti-A2AD In US

Aircraft Carriers & Submarines in China

More Nuclear Warheads In China

Aircraft Carriers & Nuclear Submarines In SK

Missile Defense In SK

Missile Defense & Development In Japan

More & Better Missiles in NK
PACIFIC FREEZE?

- Need to Freeze and Reverse
- Arms Race under Profound Asymmetry
  - SK’s defense budget > NK’s GDP
  - US > China in defense budget, strategic capability, and technology
- The US and SK can afford to take a unilateral freeze, without jeopardizing their security, to set the stage for a Pacific FREEZE. (Osgood’s GRIT)
- Arms Control in Korea is to treat a symptom; To end the Korean War is to cure the illness
- A Korean peace process can be a catalyst for a Pacific FREEZE.
NORTH KOREA’S SLBM (2019.10)

https://www.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2019/10/03/2019100300916.html
DEFENSE SPENDING (2020)

$761 Billion

China

$778 Billion

United States

– Peter G. Peterson Foundation

https://www.pgpf.org/sites/default/files/0053_defense_comparison-full.gif
NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS

- US: 3750
- China: 350

Bar chart showing the number of nuclear warheads for the US and China.
A COMPARISON OF THE US AND CHINA’S MILITARY CAPACITY

Figure 1. Command of the Commons, Distribution of Six Major Powers

Figure 2. Command of the Commons, the United States and China as Percentages of Six Major Powers