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# Japan-Korea Relations: Recent Polling

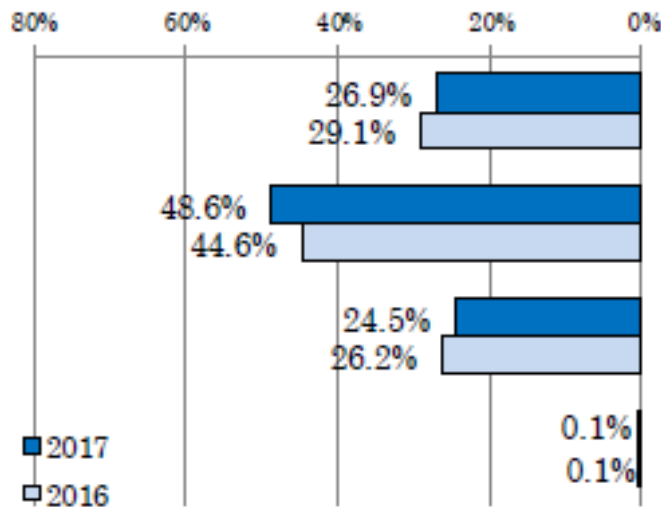
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# Impression of the Other

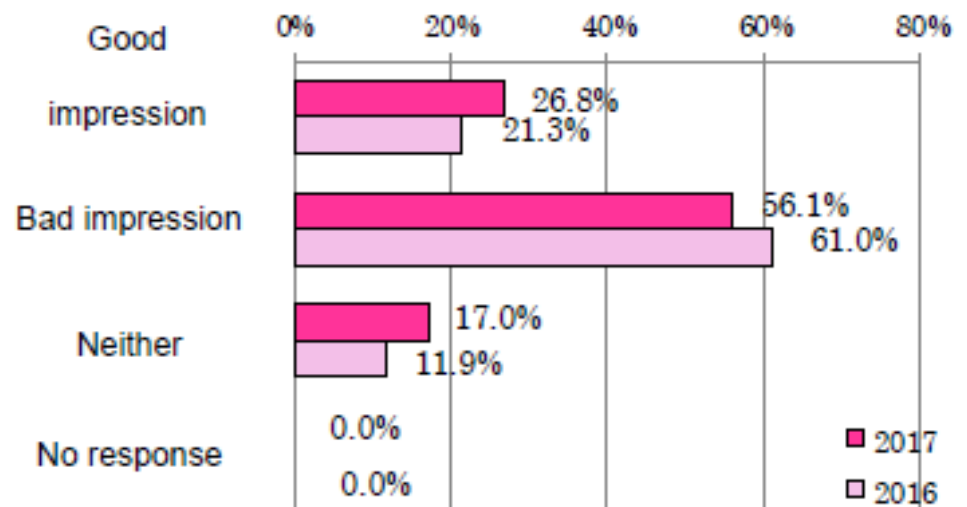
## 2 to 1, Bad vs Good Impression

[Graph 1: Your impression of the other country]

Japanese Public Opinion (N=1000)



South Korean Public Opinion (N=1003)



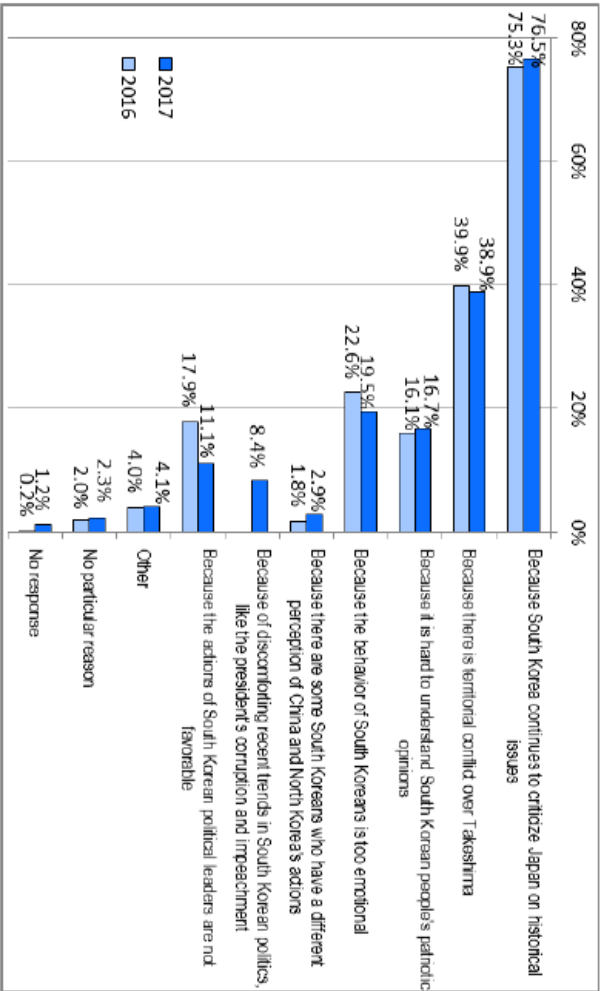
※Good impression includes [good] and [somewhat good], bad impression includes [bad] and [somewhat bad]



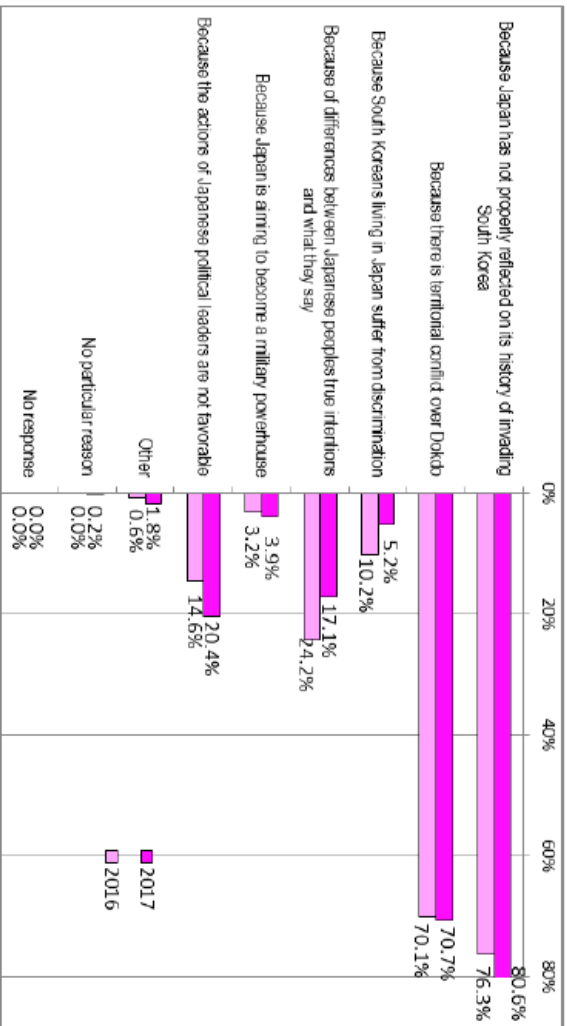
# Reason for Bad Impression

## Territorial Issue Less of a Factor in Japan

[Graph 2: Reason for having a bad impression]  
Japanese Public Opinion (N=486)



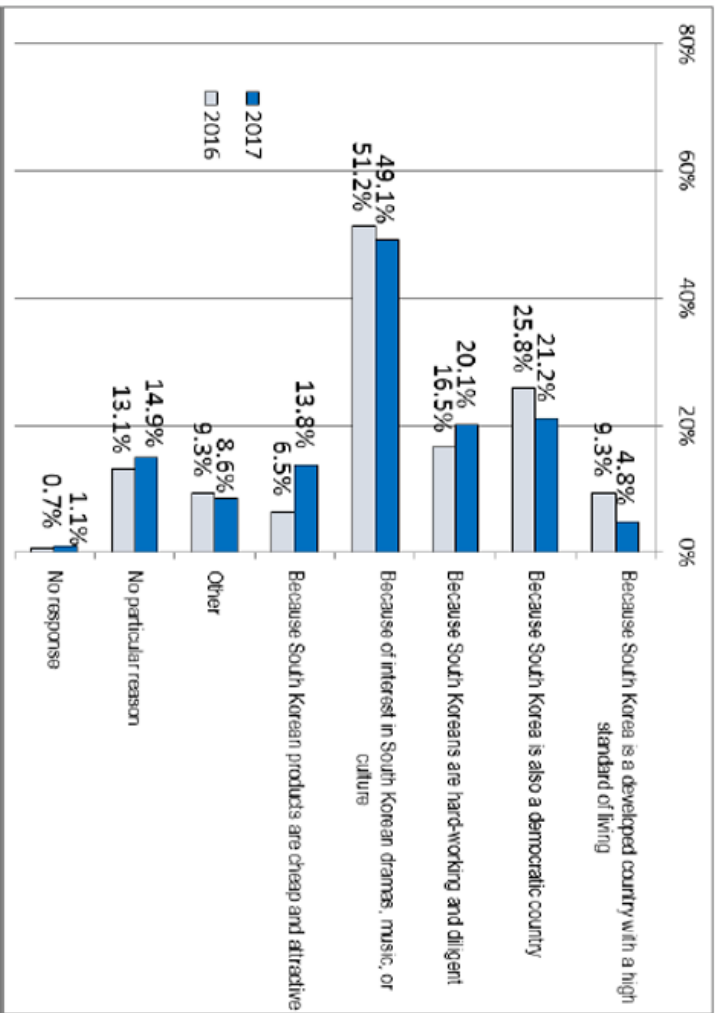
South Korean Public Opinion (N=563)



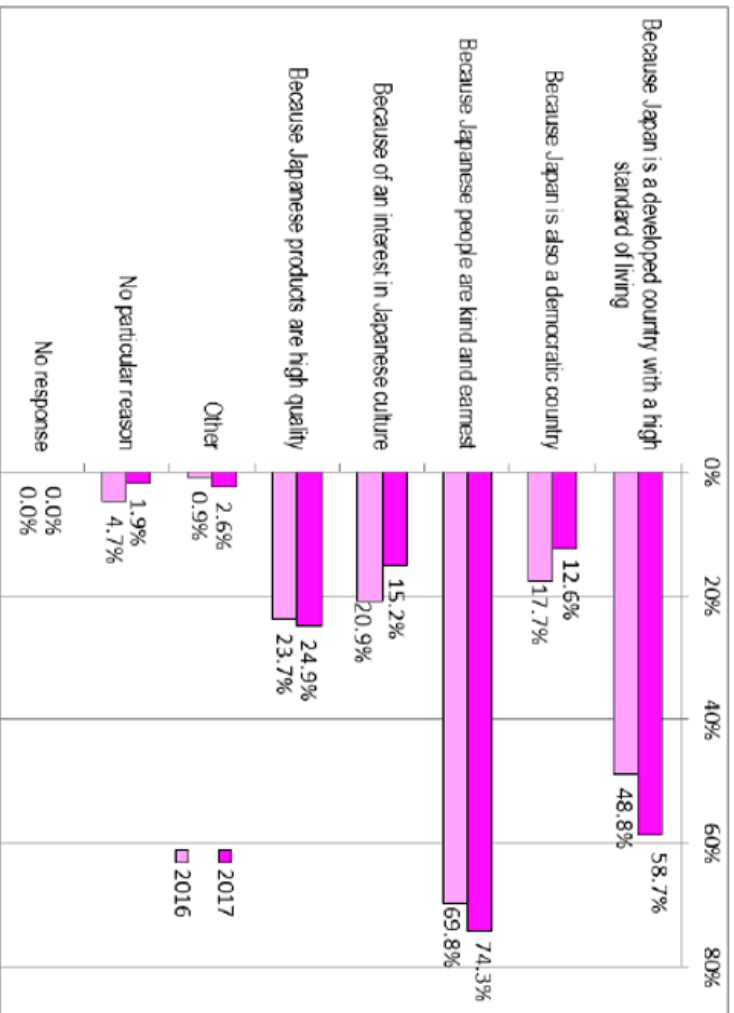
# Reason for Good Impression

## *Culture/People a Strong Factor; Democracy Less So*

[Graph 3: Reason for having a good impression]  
Japanese Public Opinion (N=269)



South Korean Public Opinion (N=269)



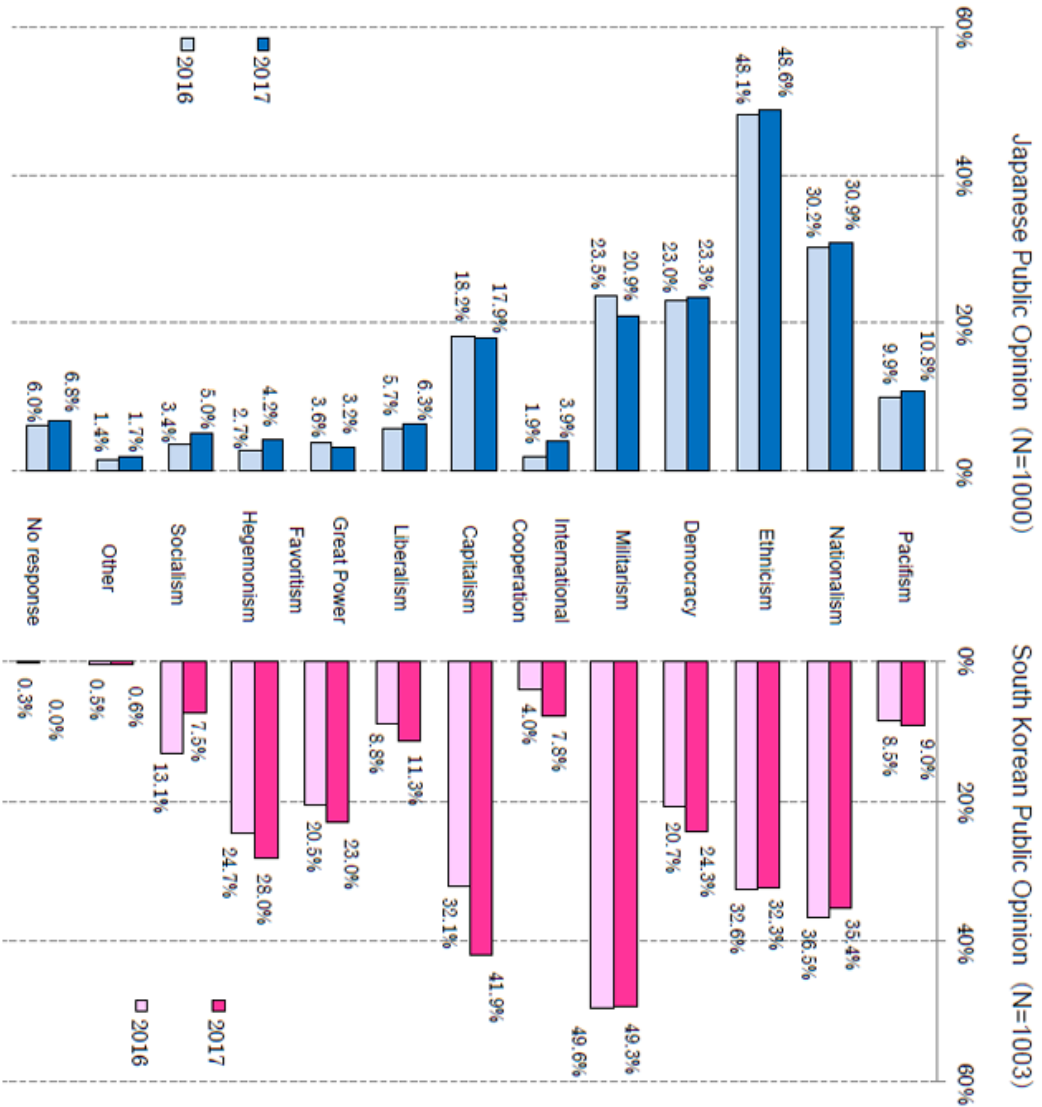
Source: Genron NPO, "5<sup>th</sup> Japan-South Korea Public Opinion Poll," June/July 2017



# Impression of the Socio-Political Regime

## *Japan as Militaristic? ROK as Ethno-Nationalist?*

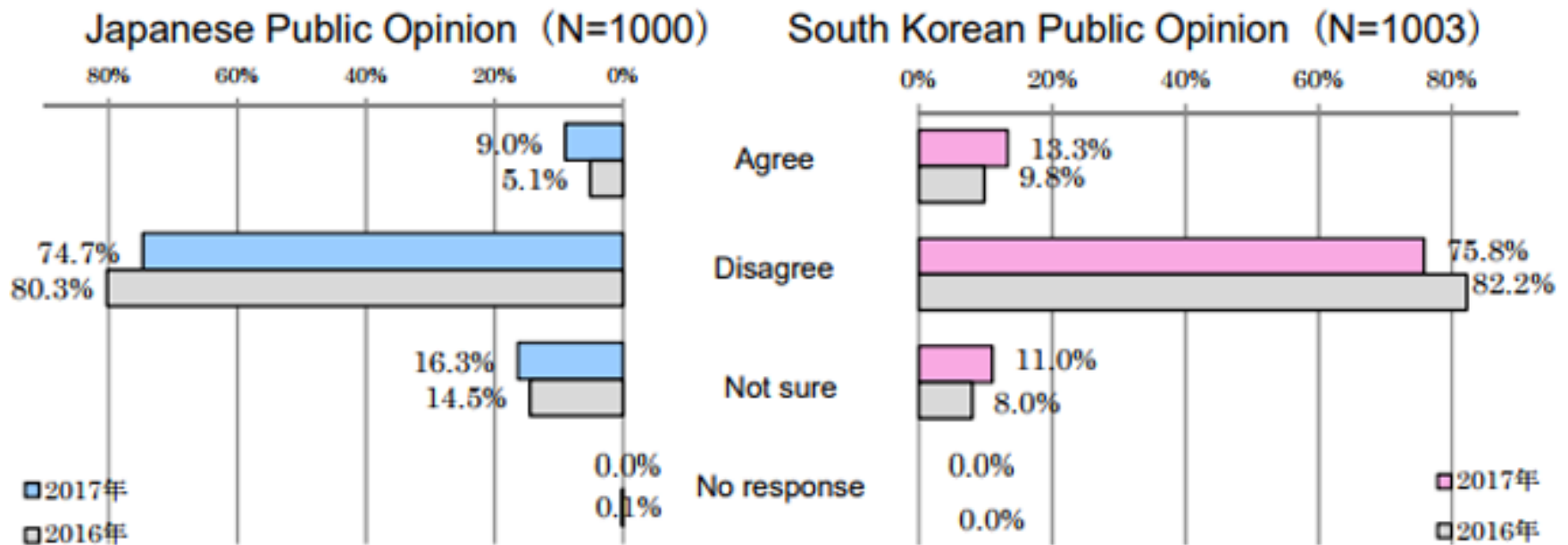
[Graph 5: What do you think of the socio-political regime of the other country?]



# Impression of the Socio-Political Regime

*“Militarist” Seems Off the Mark...*

【Graph 29: Should Japan acquire nuclear weapons?】



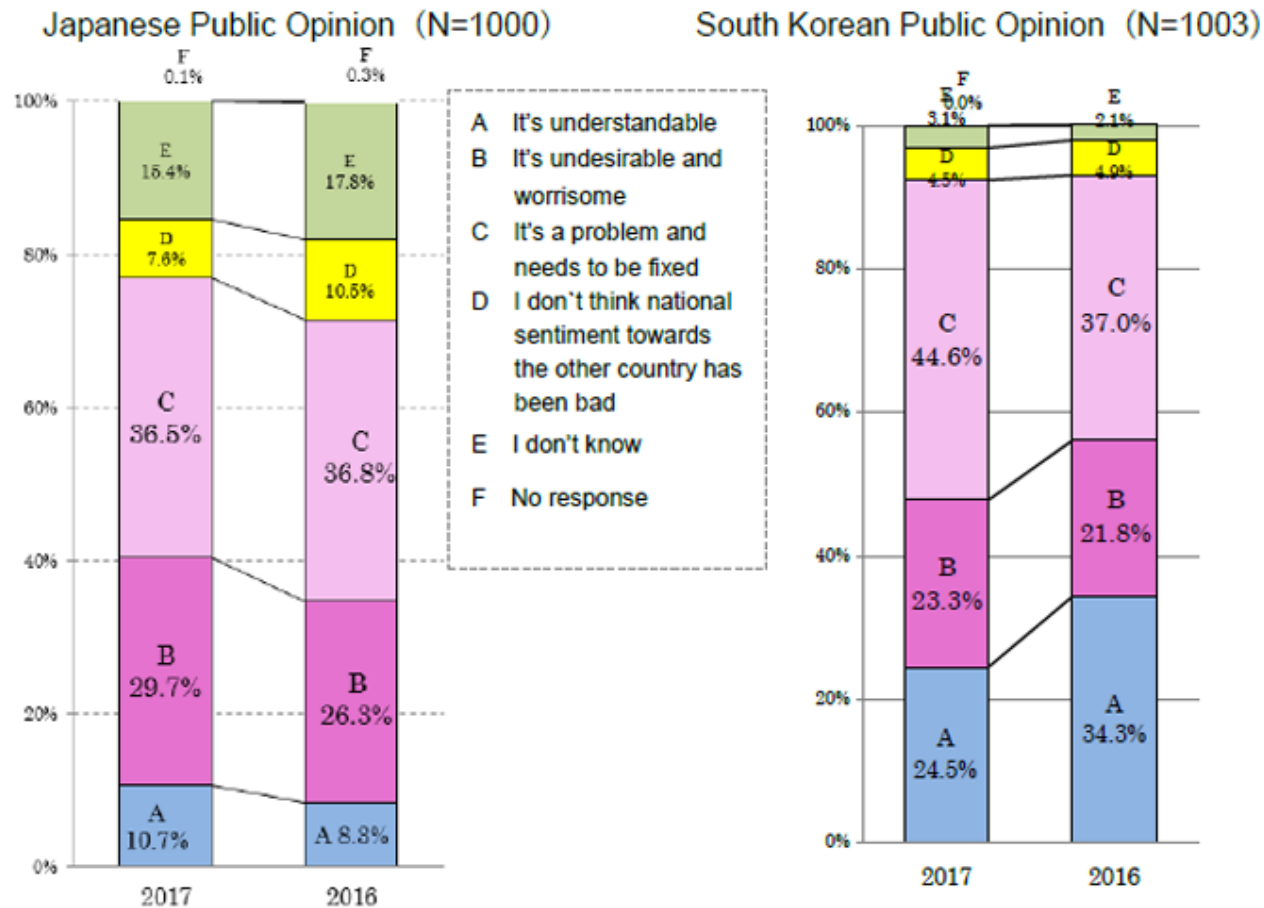
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# Impression of the Situation

*Most Think Worrisome, Undesirable, Need to be Fixed*

[Graph 4: What do you think about current state of public sentiment for other country?]

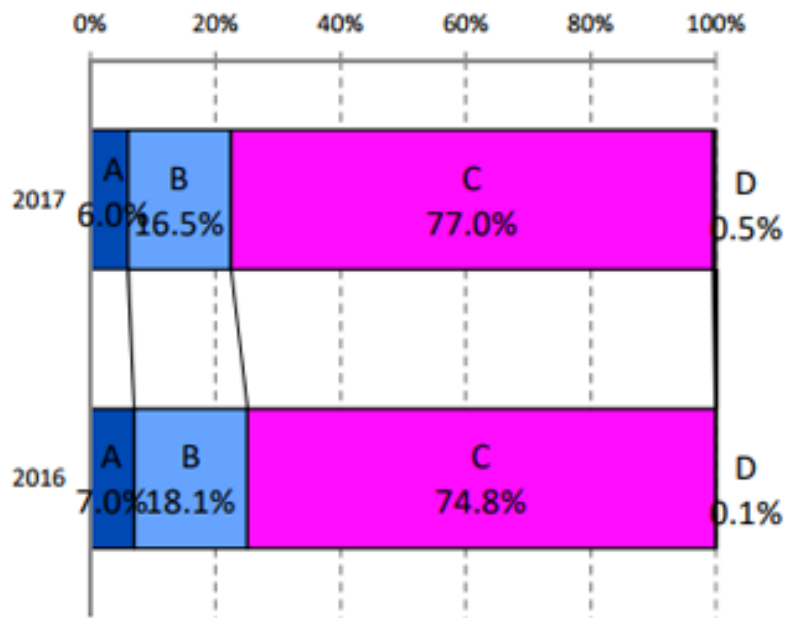


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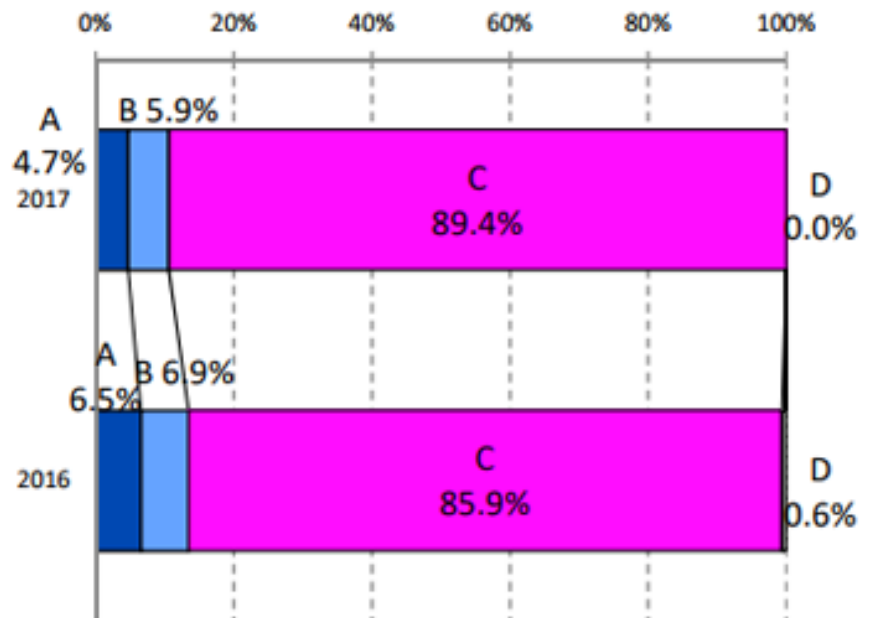


# Few Friends/Acquaintances Among Them

Japanese Public Opinion (N=1000)



South Korean Public Opinion (N=1003)



	A	B	C	D
	I have close friends or acquaintances	I have a few friends/acquaintances that I talk to occasionally	I have never known any Japanese/South Korean people	No response

Source: Genron NPO, "5<sup>th</sup> Japan-South Korea Public Opinion Poll," June/July 2017

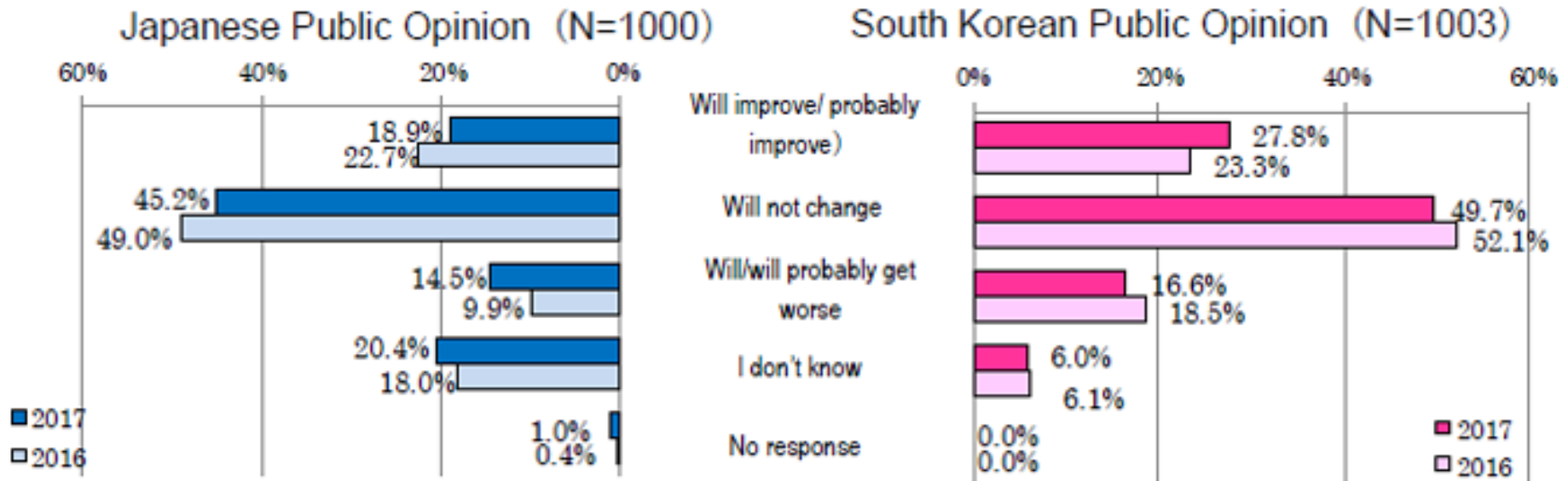




# Optimism for the Future?

*Not much...*

【Graph 7: Future of Japan-Korea relations】



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# But What Can/Should Be Done?

*Some Ideas, but Little Agreement (except about media)*

[Graph 8: What should be done to develop Japan-South Korea relations?]

