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Position: South Korea should pressure North Korea to give up its nuclear ambitions

This position addresses the topic North Korean nuclear crisis.

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“Cutting Kim's lifeline, at least temporarily, might sound draconian. Many of North Korea's 23 million people could starve. But the masses are already starving. Some reportedly subsist on tree bark. Food aid and goods, as in other totalitarian regimes, tend to go to the elite, including Kim.”

From North Korea's nuclear test puts onus on China, S. Korea, by USA Today editorial board (*USA Today*, October 9, 2006) ([view](#))

“It follows that the South Korean and Chinese governments ought to be leading the effort to stop North Korea from going forward. They, more than the United States or the United Nations, have the means to exert pressure.”

From Answering North Korea, by The Washington Post editorial board (*The Washington Post*, October 5, 2006) ([view](#))

“At a bare minimum, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea need to be on the same page - that is, willing to impose draconian sanctions on Pyongyang until its nuclear adventure has ended, and to respond with appropriate force if the North lashes out in response.”

From Kim's Ka-boom, by New York Post editorial board (*New York Post*, October 10, 2006) ([view](#))

“South Korea's reluctance to crack down on Kim Jong Il's regime could undermine the coming six-nation disarmament talks, scheduled for next month and involving both Koreas and the U.S., Japan, Russia and China. The toothlessness of its response to Kim's aggressive pursuit of nuclear weapons puts the U.S. and Japan, which favor more aggressive tactics, in a weak negotiating position.”

From South Korea blinks, by Los Angeles Times editorial board (*Los Angeles Times*, November

14, 2006) (view)

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