



HOW CAN PEACE IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTH KOREA?

While the North Korean government is ultimately responsible for the well-being of its people, the United States also plays a role in affecting the day-to-day conditions of North Koreans. In particular, the U.S.-led campaign of military threats, crippling sanctions, and diplomatic isolation against North Korea has failed to improve human rights. In fact, these tactics appear to be exacerbating the problem. As human rights experts have noted, "the status quo has been an unmitigated failure in terms of improving both rights and security."

Instead of increasing pressure and sanctions, the U.S. is more likely to improve the daily lives of North Koreans by working to reduce tensions and build trust. Specifically, ending the state of war with a peace agreement would sap the militarism that undergirds human rights abuses and create the conditions to engage more effectively on human rights.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Urge your Representative to co-sponsor H.R.1369, the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act.
- Join our Korea Peace Now! Grassroots Network.
- Make a tax-deductible donation to directly support our work.



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ABOUT US

Korea Peace Now! Women Mobilizing to End the War is a campaign to educate, organize, and advocate for a Korea peace agreement. We are a growing movement of individuals and civil society organizations working for an end to war and lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

We have hundreds of members in cities across the country, including Korean Americans, humanitarian workers, faith leaders, anti-war activists, veterans, and community organizers. We build support for peace through congressional advocacy for Korea peace legislation, amplifying narratives that highlight the human and environmental impacts of the ongoing war, and building and strengthening our movement through various initiatives.

Our mission is to mobilize collective action grounded in intersectional feminism to end the Korean War; democratize U.S. foreign policy; and contribute to lasting peace across the Asia-Pacific region and the world.



WHY DO WE NEED A PEACE AGREEMENT?

The Korean War (1950–53) never technically ended but was only halted by an armistice. This unresolved state of war has kept Korean people separated and is the root cause of the current security crisis on the Korean Peninsula.

Without a peace agreement, renewed fighting between the United States and North Korea — whether intentional or accidental — could break out at any time. This could result in a potentially deadly and costly war that would impact millions.

The safest and most effective way to avoid renewed conflict is to officially end the Korean War with a peace agreement. A peace agreement would be a crucial step toward denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula by providing North Korea with the security assurances it says it needs. It would help open the door for millions of separated Korean families to be reunited, improve the day-to-day conditions for North Koreans, and would help shift resources away from endless wars and toward basic human needs.

HOW CAN CONGRESS SUPPORT PEACE?

Members of Congress can co-sponsor H.R.1369, the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act, which calls for serious, urgent diplomacy in pursuit of a binding peace agreement to formally end the Korean War.

It also requires a report from the Secretary of State describing a clear roadmap for achieving a permanent peace agreement on the Korean Peninsula; expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State should seek to enter negotiations with North Korea to establish liaison offices in each country's capital; and requires the Secretary of State to conduct a full review of the travel restrictions to North Korea and submit a report to Congress outlining qualifying criteria for exemptions to the restrictions — specifically for those wishing to return to North Korea for family-related events.

