



# the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

## General informations

Type of government : the DPRK is a democracy.

Current leader : the current leader of the country is Kim jong-un.

Number of inhabitants : 25,78 millions in 2020.

Religions : the three main religions are Protestant Christianity, Buddhism and Chamanism.

Main political beliefs and values : the DPRK is fundamentally Communist.

Economic situation : due to a lack of statistics published from this country, its economic situation is unknown.

## International position

Major strenghts :

- Even if they are currently at an impasse, bilateral talks with the United States and South Korea increase the likelihood of economic integration
- Young population, low labour costs
- Borders with China and Russia
- Vast mineral resources (coal, iron and other minerals such as copper) that remain largely untapped
- A powerful army and the access to nuclear weapons

Major weaknesses :

- Economically and politically isolated country
- Chronic food and electricity shortages
- Dependence on energy and food imports
- High military spending reduces investment in productive sectors
- Extreme poverty (half of the population)
- Critical lack of infrastructures

Main allies : The DPRK's main allies are China and Russia.

Main enemies : The DPRK's main enemies are the United States and Japan.

Main conflicts : The division of Korea by the United States and the Soviet Union occurred in 1945. Both superpowers created a government in their own image. Tensions erupted into the Korean War, which lasted from 1950 to 1953. When the war ended, both countries were devastated but the division remained. To this day the DPRK is in a near belligerent state with the US.

## **Internal situation**

Press rights : near worst worldwide.

Access to education : as good as in Europe or North America

Access to healthcare : North Korea claims to provide its people with universal and free care at the national level and a health insurance system. This assertion is regularly contested.

Women's right : the north korean law officially claims women and men are equal but inequalities can be seen in the women's access to governmental posts.

Minorities right : bad

Civil/justice rights : near worst worldwide.

Ecology : flawed

Technological advancements : many advances in military technologies (missiles, nuclear bombs, etc)

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