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Q: Why are Koreans not very concerned about North Korea's threats?

A:

1. We are concerned. We just don't want to express our concerns or anxieties everyday. We've been accustomed to North Korea's harsh rhetoric over the past 60 years and know that most threats are just a bluff. Their bark is bitter than their bite. Until the situation turns really serious, most South Koreans simply want to go on with their lives as if everything is normal. That being said, there is a concern about this situation in the back of our minds.

2. I think it's one of the biggest problems our society has, and I don't understand fellow Koreans. Many Koreans believe that there won't be a war with North Korea and North Korea's threat is just a bluff, which is totally wrong. The Korean War has never officially ended. We only agreed to a ceasefire. North Korea's threat is for real, and a war can break out any minute. We have to become more vigilant and united to protect ourselves from the threat of North Korea.

3. I think the threat of North Korea has been exaggerated by the conservative government of South Korea and the United States. A war on the Korean peninsula won't be a simple issue. Interests of major superpowers such as the United States, China, Japan and Russia are all involved. I believe all the issues surrounding the Korean peninsula can be solved peacefully through cooperation and dialogue among the countries involved. We shouldn't rush into a hard-line approach in resolving the North Korean nuclear issue.