



History

Ever since the USA and the Soviet Union split Korea in 1945 there has been constant tension in the region as it has been a proxy for the constant war between the west and the USA and the mostly communist powers in the east, whether it be the Soviet Union or China in more recent times. Both aggressive reunification efforts have been made from the North Korean invasion that started the Korean War and passive disarmament the talks held between Kim Jong-Un and Donald Trump in February 2019 and talks with Putin in April 2019. Arguably harsh UN economic sanctions have been placed on the region in November 2016.

Current issues in the region

However, despite these sanctions North Korea continue to break the 1970 nuclear non-proliferation treaty and the Geneva convention as they possess chemical and biological weapons. They claim that it is necessary for them to have nuclear weapons as they feel constantly threatened by both South Korea and Japan who they feel have access to the might USA army and there powerful collection of Nuclear warheads and they need to be able to defend themselves against this western power. This raises the issue of if the talks and sanctions are really working as the economic sanctions are one of the causes for the 22 million people in North Korea starving and the talks are arguably going nowhere as some nations may say that there has been no significant change in North Korea since the talks begun. This raises the question of whether we should continue putting sanctions as they may be hurting the innocent population more than the regime in charge. Also, should the US continue to talk with the North Korean government or is it a pointless endeavour that only gives the North Korean regime more negotiating power than it should. Finally, there is the whole conference issue of sovereignty and this is a major part of this issue as considering that North Korea see themselves under constant threat from what they call “the west” (Japan, South Korea and USA) should they have the right to make their own decision on how they protect themselves?

Questions delegates should address

- Are economic sanctions damaging the government or population more and should they continue?
- Are talks benefiting North Korea’s regime and should stop having them?
- Should North Korea have the right to make their own decision on how they protect themselves from the enemies