

## Cover Note

Subject: Poll on the ROK-U.S. Investment and Shipbuilding Agreement - findings, 16 August 2026

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### Why this may be useful

A nationwide automated telephone survey of 1,006 adults found opinion divided on the Korea–US investment and shipbuilding agreement: 36.6% called it a good agreement and 35.4% a bad one, a 1.2-point gap within the survey's margin of error. By contrast, 68.4% said the trade-negotiation details should be disclosed, while 49.2% favored renegotiating the terms and timing. Results are weighted estimates.

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### Interpretive considerations

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The cross-tabulations are descriptive and do not establish causal direction. Regional and age-group estimates have larger sampling errors than estimates for the full sample.

### Method in brief

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National sample of 1,006 adults aged 18 and over, fielded 16 August 2026 by IVR over mobile random digit dialing; response rate 1.75%; contact rate 9.07%; margin of error  $\pm 3.2$  percentage points (weighted). Results were weighted by sex, age and region.

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