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35% OF S. KOREANS VIEW UNIFICATION 'UNNECESSARY'

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Skepticism toward unification with North Korea is rising in South Korea, with the proportions of people who view it as "unnecessary" and those who see it as "impossible" reaching record highs since 2007, when the poll started.

According to the survey on the public unification perception, released by the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies from Seoul National University on Wednesday, 35 percent of respondents indicated that unification is either "entirely unnecessary" or "not particularly necessary." These figures marked an all-time high.

Conversely, the proportion of respondents who support reunification -- whether "strongly" or "somewhat" -- has fallen to an all-time low of 36.9 percent, reflecting a considerable shift in public sentiment.

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