

AI Acceptance in Korea

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World's Biggest Superpowers in 2024



Total Strength

Per Capita Strength

Exports & Trade,
Education, GDP,
Military Strength,
Foreign reserves,
Growth projection

World's Most Innovative Countries in 2025

Switzerland - 66.0
Sweden - 62.6
U.S. - 61.7
South Korea - 60.0
Singapore - 59.9
UK - 59.1
Finland - 57.7
Netherlands - 57.0
Denmark - 56.9
China - 56.6

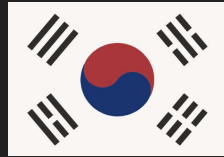


Top 15 competitive cities in AI:

Seoul ranks second

A future we cannot see

“What is good for me, should also be good for other people around me”



“What is good for others, is most often also good for me”

Distribution Industry Development Act

Law passed in 2012



Adults in South Korea

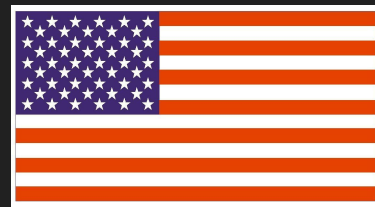


“Being a world leader in scientific achievements
is important” – **95%**

“Government investments in scientific research
is important” – **90%**

“I have no confidence that scientists will act in the best interests of the public.”

27% - All Adult Americans



48% - Donald Trump supporters

Trump Team Dismantles Efforts to Find a Cure for Cancer and Other Deadly Disorders and Diseases

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Trump seeks to end climate research at premier U.S. climate agency

White House aims to end NOAA's research office; NASA also targeted

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Trump's Science Policies Pose Long-Term Risk, Economists Warn

Since World War II, U.S. research funding has led to discoveries that fueled economic gains. Now cutbacks are seen as putting that legacy in jeopardy.

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Trump proposes massive NIH budget cut and reorganization

Will Republican-led Congress support a 44% decrease for world's largest medical research funder

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Scientists sound alarm on Trump administration's dismantling of research funding

September 31, 2025 6:35 PM EDT

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ATTACKS ON SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY

SENATOR BLUMENTHAL | MINORITY STAFF
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

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How the Trump administration is dismantling science in the U.S.

The scientific workforce, biomedical research, and global health initiatives all face widespread, perhaps permanent damage

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