

South Korea's presidential candidates

Five candidates are in the running to succeed South Korea's disgraced former president Park Geun-hye, with opinion surveys placing liberal candidate Moon Jae-in as the frontrunner



Moon Jae-in
Democratic Party



44.4%

Former legislator and human rights lawyer narrowly lost to Park in 2012 election. **Favours closer relations with North Korea and reform of South Korea's big conglomerates**

Ahn Cheol-soo
People's Party



22.8%

Software mogul pulled out of 2012 election to support Moon. **Supports international sanctions imposed on North but would press for future inter-Korean talks**



Hong Jun-pyo
Liberty Korea
13.0%

Hardline conservative heads rebranded faction of former ruling Saenuri Party. **Advocates tough approach to North and redeployment of U.S. nuclear weapons in South Korea**



Sim Sang-jung
Justice Party
7.5%

Progressive lawmaker and former labour rights activist. **Pledging to reduce rising wealth inequality, reform conglomerates and adopt conciliatory North Korea policy**



Yoo Seung-min
Bareun
5.4%

Former aide to Park leads second Saenuri splinter faction. **Wants stronger sanctions against North and deployment of more U.S. THAAD missile batteries**

Percentage figures from April 27 Realmeter survey conducted on 1,520 voters nationwide, with margin of error of 2.5 points at 95 percent confidence level