

Part 1 - What are the best solutions to increase South Korea's fertility rate?

Directions: The following are selected potential solutions South Korea's government has used to increase the country's low fertility rate. Rank order the following potential solutions from 1 being what you believe is the most effective to 8 being the least effective.

_____ (a) Support for pregnancy and childbirth, including support for in vitro fertilization for infertile couples.

_____ (b) Support for medical costs before childbirth and stronger health management for mothers, infants, and children.

_____ (c) Housing support for newlyweds (Funds for purchasing or leasing homes provided at low interest rates for newlyweds).

_____ (d) A 90-day paid leave may be used by women workers before and after childbirth.

_____ (e) A 90-day paid leave may be used by men workers before and after childbirth.

_____ (f) Flexible working hours for parents who wish to freely adjust their working hours temporarily for childcare.

_____ (g) Employers install and operate childcare facilities together with other employers, contract local childcare facilities to support the childcare of their workers, or provide childcare allowances to workers when childcare facilities cannot be installed separately within the workplace. Workplaces with 300 or more full time women workers, or 500 or more full-time workers must install childcare facilities within the workplace.

_____ (h) Expanded income tax deductions for families with children.

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What were the reasons for the order that you selected above? What made some of the solutions better in your opinion than other?

2. What is another solution you would add to the list above that you believe would be effective in increasing the fertility rate in South Korea?

Part 2 - Creating a Population Poster for South Korea, Japan, or Singapore

Criteria for Population Poster

1. The poster should reflect the current population concerns for one of the following: Japan, Singapore, South Korea, or Taiwan.
2. The poster should have a minimum of one photo and text explaining the photo.
3. The poster should be a pro-natal poster, meaning it is promoting an increase in the total number of births.
4. The poster should include text large enough to read and limited in amount as to not overwhelm the reader.
5. Provide sources and your name on the back of the poster.

Part 3 - Poster Questions and Evaluations

1. Describe the poster you created.
2. Explain why you selected the photos, text, graphs, etc., for the poster you created.

Answer this question after all students have presented their poster to the class.

3. Which other students' posters did you believe would be the most effective and why?