

# Yoon Suk-yeol's Rogue Insurrectionism:

*The US-South Korea far-right coalition and the erosion of South Korean democracy*

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## THE LIGHT REVOLUTION: How South Koreans Stopped Yoon Suk-Yeol's Attempted Coup



On the night of December 14, 2024, 2 million Koreans bearing light sticks, candles, and beacons formed a luminous sea around the National Assembly to demand the impeachment of Yoon Suk-yeol. With the President now suspended from power, what's next for Korea's "Light Revolution"? How can the world support South Korea's quest for democracy, peace, and true sovereignty?

## Democratic resistance – The “Revolution of Lights”

- Broad-Based Coalition:
  - Labor unions, farmers, students, women’s rights groups, opposition lawmakers and overseas Koreans joined in solidarity
- Successful Pushback:
  - Rescinded illegal martial law
  - Impeached Yoon
  - Constitutional Court now tasked with confirming Yoon’s impeachment
  - Fierce demand for democratic accountability and national sovereignty

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# 1 million Koreans march through Seoul to demand that Yoon be deposed

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Yoon's release from jail and the continued uncertainty about the Constitutional Court's verdict on his impeachment spurred Koreans into the streets in numbers not seen since December



## Editorial opinion

[Column] What will happen if the court overturns Yoon's impeachment



[Column] 'All eras in a state of decline are subjective'



[Column] The 'Yoon Suk-yeol principle' for getting out of jail free

[Column] Can Korea stave off China's hot pursuit in the chip industry?

[Column] Why Korean parents just can't quit private education for their kids

[Column] The return of invasion

[Column] Yoon's lone survivor scheme

[Editorial] Trump's strong-arming of Ukraine

**Yoon's abortive coup: An assault on Korea's democracy and sovereignty**  
**윤석열의 실패한 쿠데타: 한국 민주주의와 주권에 대한 공격**



Gregory Elich (Korea Policy Institute), K.J. Noh (Veterans for Peace) and Simone Chun (Korea Policy Institute) will speak on the January 15 arrest of South Korea's Yoon Suk Yeol on charges of insurrection. Join us for an analysis of the broader context in which "Washington's perfect partner" has systematically assaulted Korea's democracy and sovereignty, culminating in his shocking attempted coup, as well as a discussion of how Koreans are fighting back.

**Virtual Zoom: Monday, January 20, 2025, 4:00 PM, PST; January 21, 2025, 9:00 AM, KST**

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**K.J. Noh, "South Korea's martial law fiasco: continuing legitimization crisis in the imperial vassal state," Counterpunch, 2024.12.11**

**Gregory Elich, "How Yoon planned to set South Korea on the path to military dictatorship," Counterpunch, 2025.01.03**

**Simone Chun, "Yoon's rogue insurrectionism: Washington's perfect partnership misfires," Hankyoreh, 2025.01.15**



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# Hanging by a Thread: US-led War Drills in the Korean Peninsula and the Threat of Global Nuclear War

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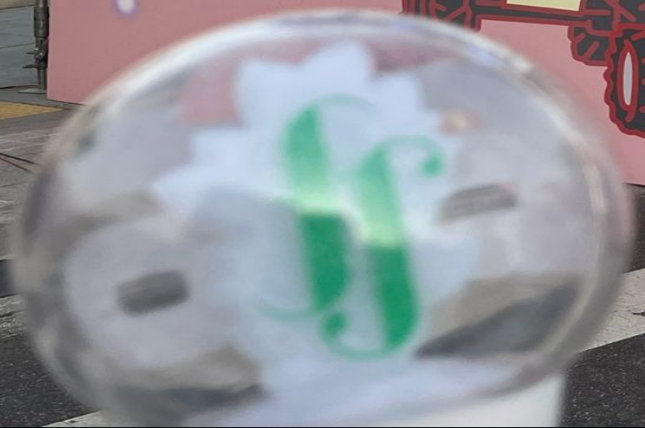
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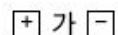


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## **Yoon's abortive coup on Dec.3, 2024: “*Washington's perfect partner*” assaults Korea's democracy**

- Culmination of US militarism, domestic unrest, and far-right extremism
- Preceded by over 250 days of US-led war games (largest since Cold War)
- Largest US military force projection since the Cold War
- Washington is using the outdated OPCON provisions to recast the Korean Peninsula as a forward operation for any future conflict the US chooses to instigate with China
- South Korea under Yoon is mobilized for war against North Korea and China
- Yoon extolled by Washington as a “champion of democracy”
- Growing political opposition and mass protests
- Months-long, thorough preparation for the insurrection
- Plans for a shocking level of brutality and repression on a mass scale
- Enabled and sustained by a transnational US-Korea far-right coalition

## Yoon's strategy is aligned with Washington's Indo-Pacific propaganda

- Borrowed from Washington's McCarthy-era playbook to frame any domestic opposition as a pro-communist existential threat, dividing the nation into "patriotic citizens" and "anti-state forces"
- Weaponizing Cold War paranoia for personal and political gain.
- The latest logical extension of Washington's 70-year "ironclad commitment" to South Korea ("read: iron-fisted dominance of Korean politics and independence")
- Washington's promotion of sycophantically pro-American autocrats who will unreservedly prostrate Korean interests before US geopolitical ambitions
- "*Shoot to kill*"--military and police tasked to brutally stifle dissent
- Provoking conflict with North Korea to justify martial law



## US militarism and US-Korea far right coalition

- Structural forces of militarism and authoritarianism remain intact
- Militarized far-right groups empowered by Washington's backing
- Washington's think tanks and media networks supported Yoon's rise
- Far-right mobilization and misinformation
- Violence, threats, propaganda and misinformation
- Framing impeachment as "North Korean", "anti-state", or "China-backed" conspiracies
- Stoking anti-China and anti-North Korea sentiment to justify crackdown
- Instigating unprecedented political polarization, politics of violence
- US militarism → instability, authoritarianism, undermining of sovereignty

## **Call to action: reclaiming democracy and sovereignty**

- End US-led war games in the Korean Peninsula
- Challenge US-led anti-China and anti-North Korea provocations
- Advocate for peaceful coexistence with North Korea
- Confront far-right extremism and political violence
- Support South Korea's pro-democracy movement
- Oppose US-backed militarism, far-right and authoritarian alliances



Thousands of members of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, predominantly young people in their 20s and 30s, stage a protest near President Yoon Suk Yeol's official residence in Hannam-dong, calling for his arrest in Seoul, South Korea, on January 6, 2025. (Photo: Chris Jung/NurPhoto via Getty Images)

# South Koreans Must Keep Up Our Courage Against Anti-Democratic Forces

The movement continues to end Yoon Suk Yeol's legacy of betrayal and dismantlement of Korea's sovereignty.



By SIMONE CHUN  
Jan 06, 2025  
[Common Dreams](#)

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For more than 44 hours [Koreans have braved](#) freezing snowstorms to demand the arrest of the elusive Yoon Suk Yeol, who has barricaded himself inside his official residence in defiance of constitutional and legal authority. Yoon, [extolled by Washington](#) as a “champion of democracy,” has vanished from public view behind hastily erected barricades manned by security and military personnel while ignoring repeated summons from both the anti-corruption and prosecution services.

Capping a monthlong standoff with the National Assembly and the Korean public over his brazen [attempted coup](#), Washington’s “[perfect partner](#)” has spent the past week deploying the armed military and security services at his disposal to physically prevent police from serving him with an arrest warrant for insurrectionism and abuse of authority. Investigators from the Corruption Investigation Office attempting to execute the warrant—the first against a sitting president—were forced to withdraw from the presidential compound after a five-hour standoff with the over 200 armed men deployed by Yoon.



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