

Challenges, Opportunities, and Surprises for Consensus Building in South Korea

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Public Disputes in South Korea

Administration	Environment	Political ideology	Labor	Regional conflicts	Class conflicts	Education	Sum
Kim, Y. S. (1990-1995)	21	9	30	10	20	15	105
Kim, D. J. (1996-2001)	20	11	37	24	35	16	143
Roh, M. H. (2002-2007)	28	17	61	55	30	22	213
Lee, M. B. (2008-2013)	38	7	45	80	67	22	259
Sum	107	44	173	169	152	75	720

(Ga, S. J., 2015)

Used approaches to resolve conflicts

- Power or rights-based (Court decision, Administrative execution, suppression): 33%
- Negotiation: 20%
- Arbitration: 2%
- Mediation: 1%

Institutional Arrangement

■ Executive order for public dispute prevention and resolution (Since 2007) for central government agencies

- Conflict Impact Assessment
 - 2011 (59 cases), 2012 (51 cases), 2013 (26 cases)
- Conflict Management Advisory Council
- Ad-hoc conflict resolution committee
 - 2011 (47 cases), 2012 (48 cases), 2013 (51 cases)

Surprises

- Shi-Hwa Sustainable Development Committee (2004 -)
- KEPCO's experiment on participatory siting committee (2009 -)
- Conflict Resolution on National Mental Hospital in Seoul (2009)
- Conflict Resolution on the Construction of Han-Wool Nuclear Power Plant (2013)

Move forward to cultural change

- Crisis as Opportunity to build consensus
- Political leadership and will
- Human capital for consensus building
- Experimental spirit
- Appropriate institutional arrangement
- Empirical studies

Thank you.