

# Military and Strategic Studies

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Case Study: North Korean Strategy



# Moving Violations

Consistent pattern of provocations

Testing American and South Korean responses



# Moving Violations

The Blue House raid

The *USS Pueblo*

The EC-121 shootdown

The Panmunjom incident



# Moving Violations

The *Cheonan*  
The Yeonpyeong  
Island incident  
Missile launches

# The Secret Sauce



Why has North Korea been able to provoke South Korea and the U.S. in this fashion?

Why has North Korea continued to pursue nuclear weapons?



# Irrational or Strategic?



Are the characterizations of Kim Jong Un as irrational and impulsive warranted?

What do the last two answers suggest about the rationality of North Korea's nuclear ambitions?

How should this shape US/RoK strategy toward North Korea?