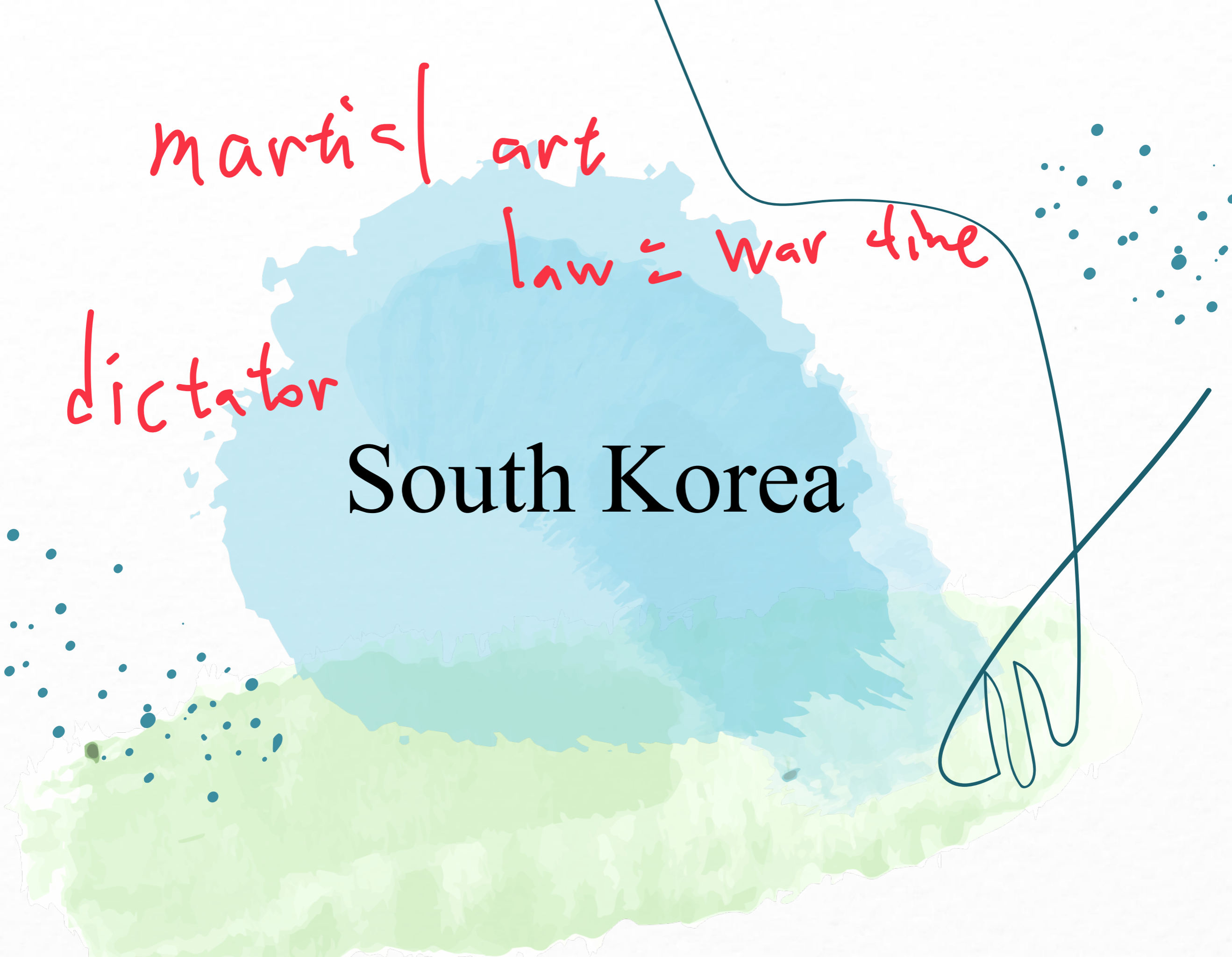


martial art

law = war time

dictator

South Korea



Composition

progress

newest 最新のもの

What do you know about the latest outrage in South Korea?

(a) anger: outbreak → 人民
K → 変 |

treason



尹錫悅



3hrs → ~~cancel~~ politician



Flu Martial Art

combat → martial art 武术

Background of 2024 South Korean martial law crisis

戒严

危机

Martial Law Declaration

On December 2, 2024,



South Korean president Yoon Suk Yeol said

legal word

“Let’s enact the Martial Law!~~”

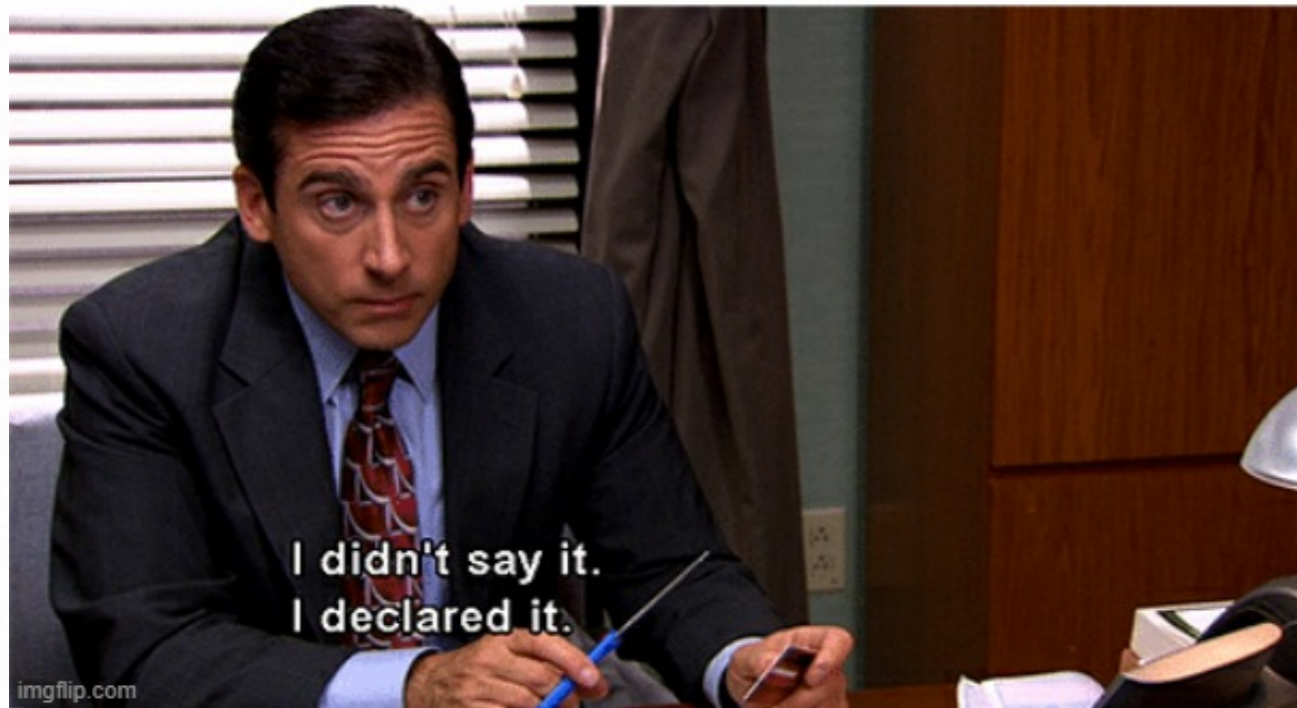
會施行/執行 implement = practice



What was your reaction when you first heard about this news?

Our reaction

South Korean Lawmakers: "You can't just say 'Martial Law'"
President Yoon Suk Yeol:



emergent

Martial Law Declaration

*assemble as
gather*

- In his declaration, Yoon accused the Democratic Party (DPK), which has a majority in the National Assembly, of conducting "anti-state activities" and collaborating with "North Korean communists" to destroy the country, thereby creating a "legislative **dictatorship**".

Democratic Party

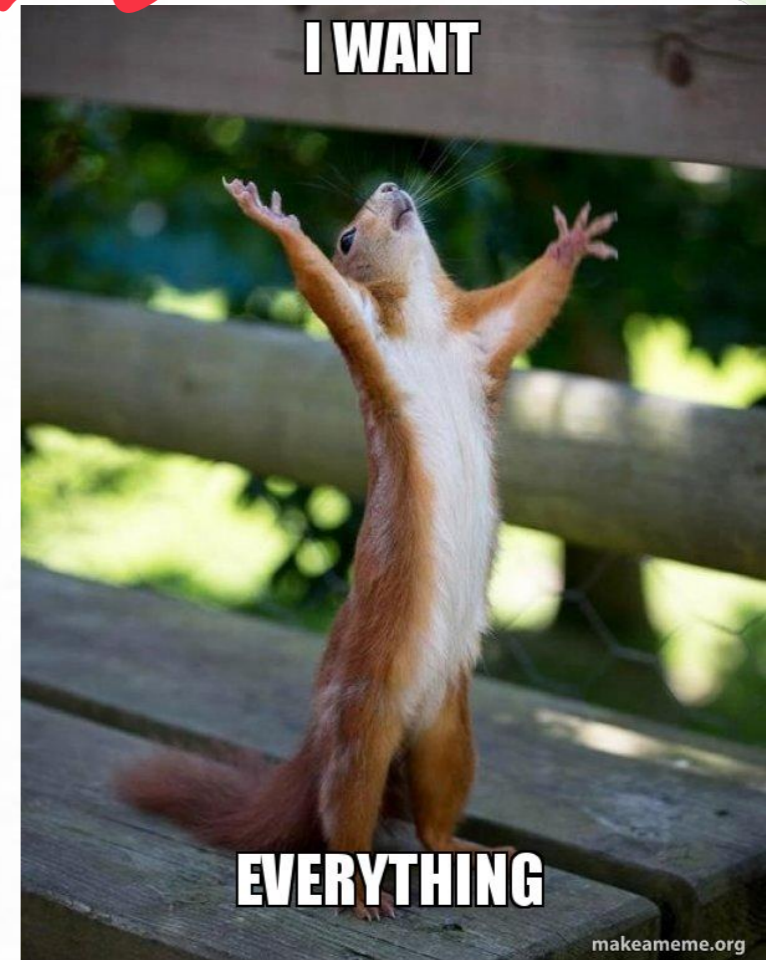
*capitalism country
suffix = thinking*

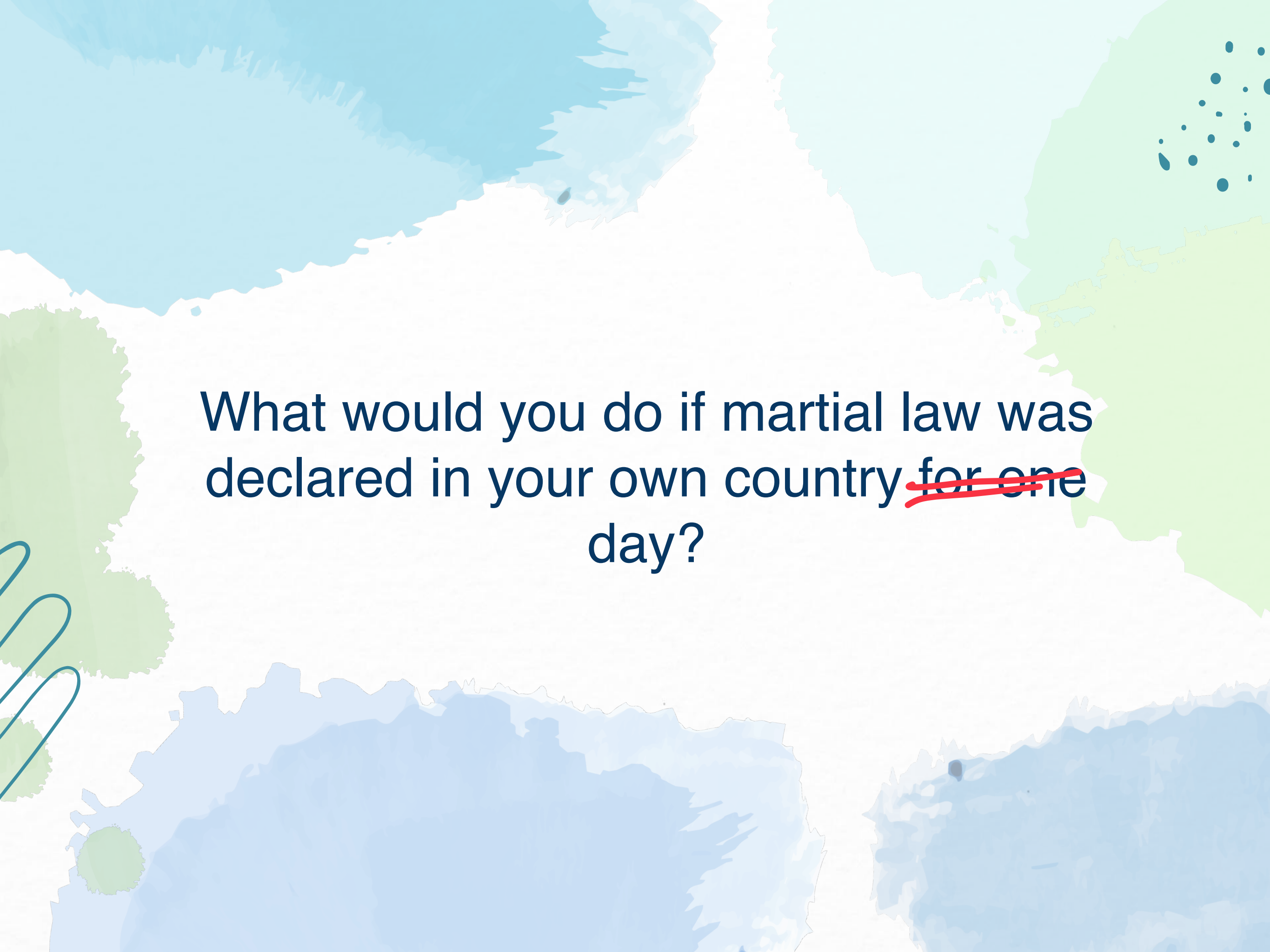


Martial Law Declaration

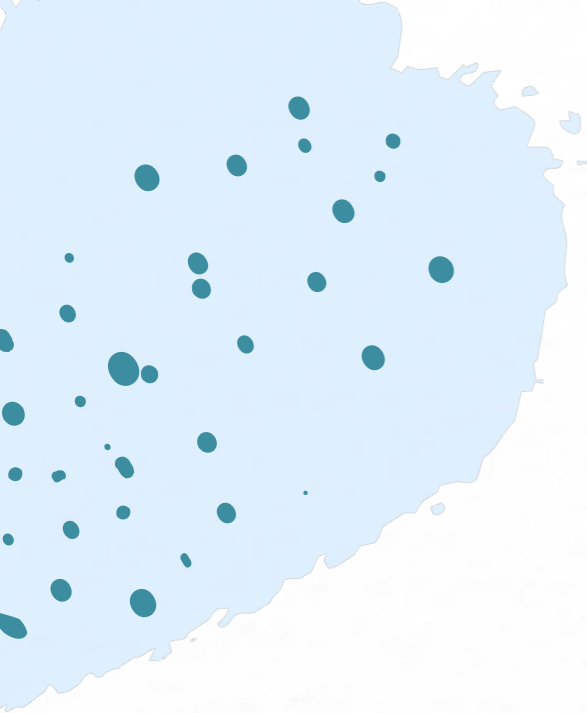
not allow = forbid = 禁止

- The order prohibited political activities, including gatherings of the National Assembly and local legislatures, and suspended the free press.

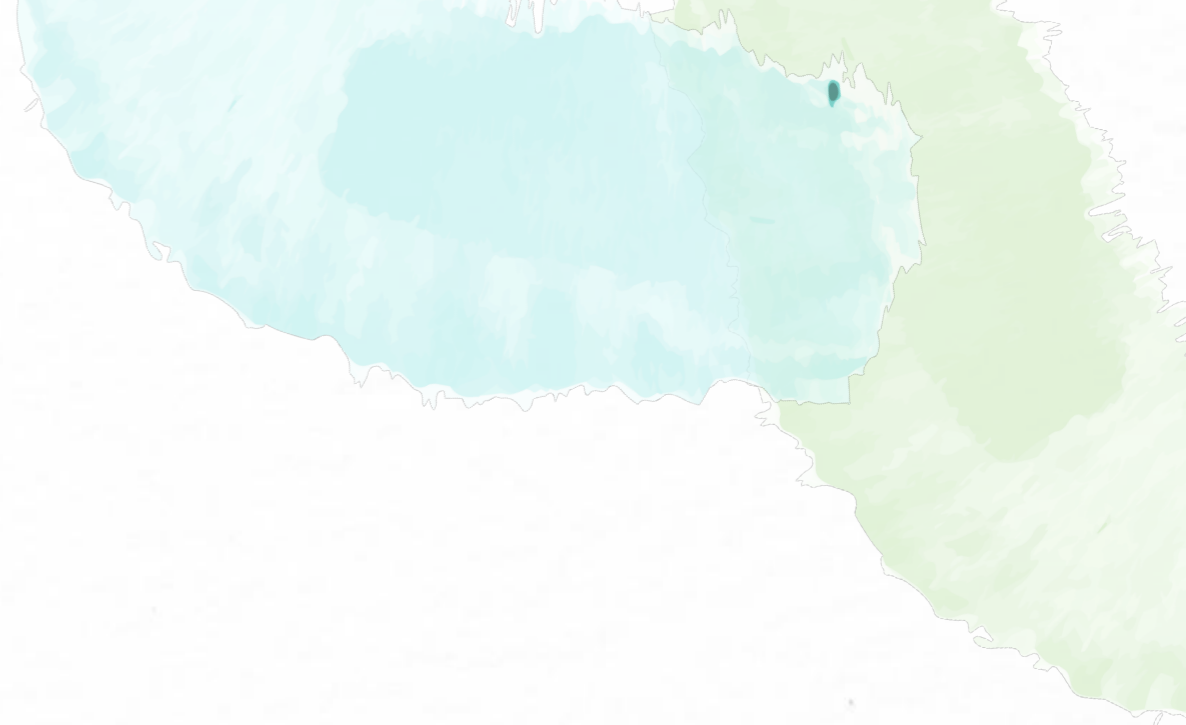




What would you do if martial law was
declared in your own country ~~for one~~
day?



Answer



Immediate Reversal

domestic violence

反政府

protest

cancel

- The martial law decree faced fierce backlash domestically and internationally. Within hours, South Korea's National Assembly voted unanimously to rescind the decree.

(w) everyone agrees

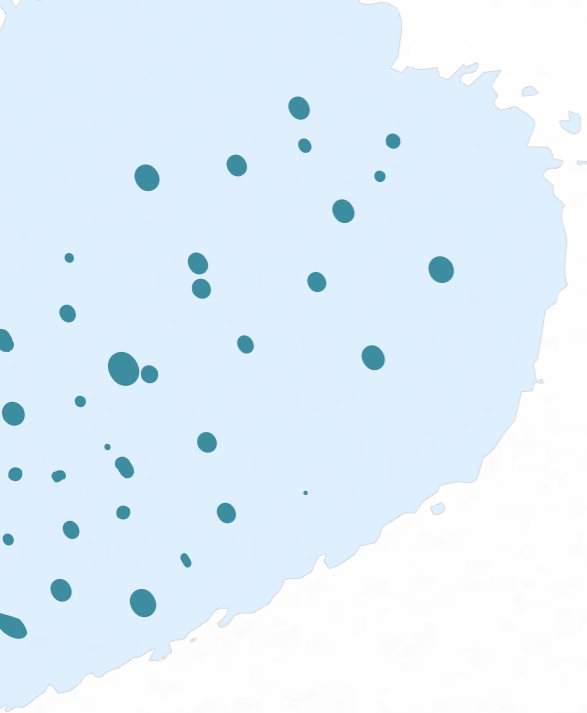
- This unprecedented reversal exposed deep political divisions and governance challenges.

not happening in the past

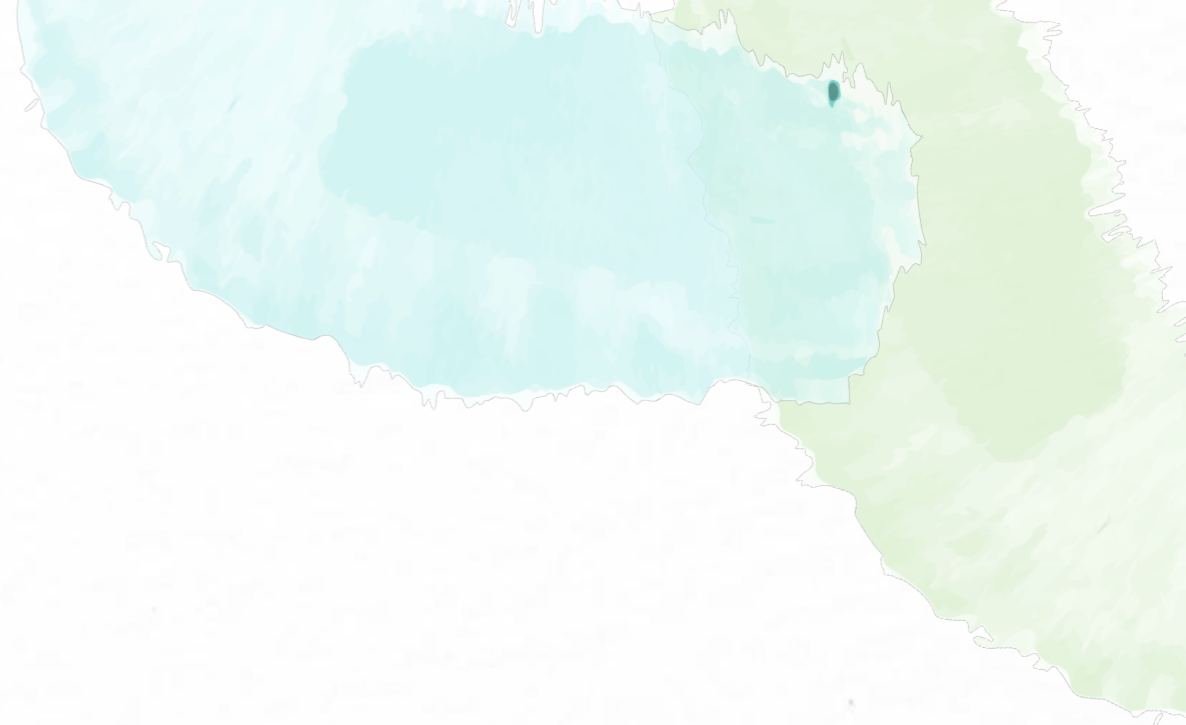


How do you feel about the National Assembly's decision to overturn martial law so quickly?

↓
reverse



Answer



Impeachment of the president

- The opposition subsequently began **impeachment proceedings against Yoon** and said it would continue to do so if he did not resign.
- Uproar over the declaration has led to the resignation of several officials in Yoon's administration, including Defense Minister **Kim Yong-hyun**, and investigations into Yoon, other officials of his administration, and military officers for their role in the implementation of the decree.



Impeachment of the president

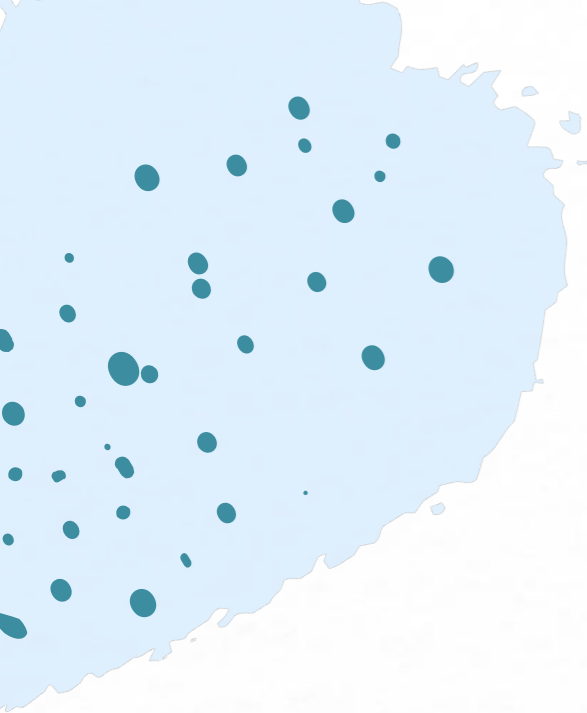
right

- The impeachment passed with 204 votes in favor, and his presidential powers were immediately suspended. Prime Minister Han Duck-soo took over as acting president.
- The Constitutional Court has 180 days to decide Yoon's fate. If permanently removed, a national election must be held within 60 days.

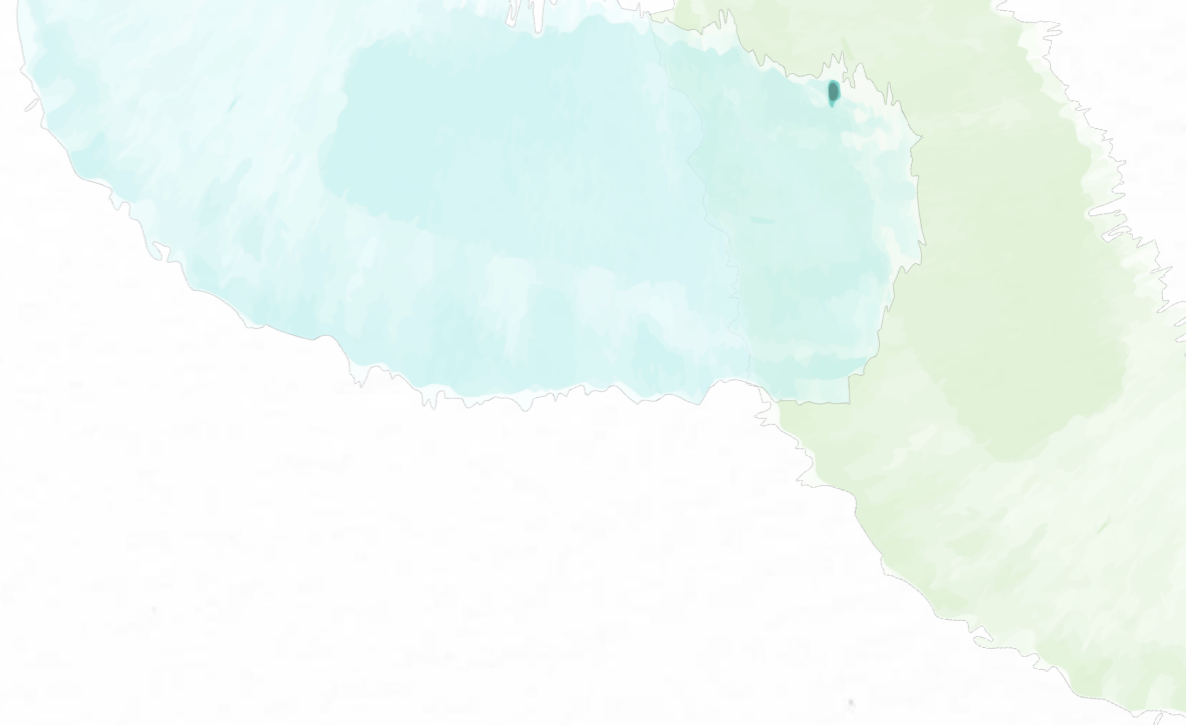


★ region

What are the real culprits behind his decision?



Answer



Speculations on President Yoon's Decision

Political Pressure and Declining Popularity:

- President Yoon faced mounting criticism over his leadership, including domestic policies and handling of social issues.
- His approval ratings were reportedly dropping, especially among younger generations who viewed his policies as favoring the wealthy and elite.
- Declaring martial law might have been an attempt to reassert control and project strength in the face of political vulnerability.



Speculations on President Yoon's Decision

Fear of Civil Unrest:

- In recent months, South Korea saw increasing protests and strikes, particularly over labor rights, housing prices, and economic inequality.
- Yoon might have viewed these protests as a threat to national stability, potentially believing that martial law would suppress dissent and restore order.



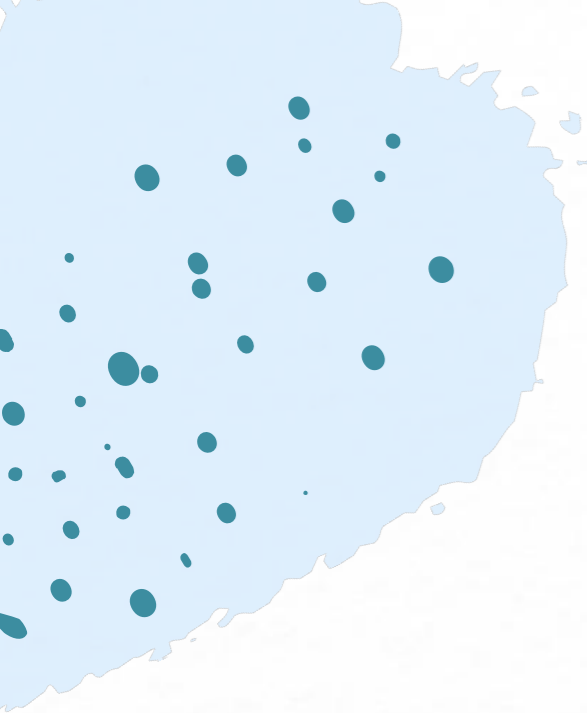
Speculations on President Yoon's Decision

North Korean Threats as Justification:

- Yoon has taken a hardline stance against North Korea, frequently emphasizing its military threats.
- The martial law declaration might have been partly based on exaggerating or misinterpreting intelligence about North Korean activity, using it as an excuse to tighten control domestically.

Imagine if you were him, would you
make such a decision under this
circumstance? Why or why not?

situation



Answer

