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## Scientists Seek Super Soybean to Help Global Food Shortage

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Elizabeth Lee

LOS ANGELES — According to the United Nations, the world's population will increase by 34 percent by the middle of the century. Global food production needs to meet this increase. A recent study of soybeans, one of the major food crops and sources of protein, may be able to help.

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## South Korea Makes New Rules for International Marriages

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ASAN, SOUTH KOREA — Tens of thousands of South Korean men have married foreign women over the past decade. According to government statistics, however, many of those marriages have ended in divorce. The South Korean government is trying to change that.

Lee Soo-yeon is a Vietnamese migrant bride who now goes by her Korean name. The 30-year-old works as a translator at a center for immigrant women in Asan, a city 48 kilometers south of Seoul. She said her six-year

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## HRW: US Should Cut Security Aid to Uganda Over Anti-Gay Law

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Scott Stearns

STATE DEPARTMENT — Human Rights Watch says the United States should cut back security assistance to Uganda in response to the country's new anti-gay laws. Several European countries have already suspended aid over tougher criminal penalties for homosexuality, but the Obama administration says it is still considering how best to respond.

Supporters of Uganda's new anti-gay law - which can lead to life in prison for homosexual activity - say

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# Stigma Keeps People with Epilepsy from Seeking Treatment

## Today's News



The World Health Organization says millions of people with epilepsy are reluctant to seek treatment because of the stigma attached to their ailment, leading to the premature death of many. WHO has released the first global report on epilepsy.

Nearly 50 million people around the world suffer from epilepsy. The World Health Organization reports this neurological disease affects people of all ages in all walks of life. It says this brain disease can cause seizures and sometimes loss of awareness. Program Manager in WHO's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Tarun Dua says people with epilepsy suffer widespread stigma and discrimination as a consequence of their unusual behavior.

"So, in many settings, people with epilepsy they are embarrassed...children are not allowed to go to school, adults are not allowed to work, sometimes not even marry or the right to drive is also not there," said Dua. "So, these stigma and human rights violations and sometimes also the death that is associated with epilepsy—so premature mortality in epilepsy is three times that of the general population."

Causes of epilepsy include injury around the time of birth, brain infections from illnesses such as meningitis or encephalitis and stroke. WHO estimates 25 percent of cases are preventable.

Dua says early death among people with epilepsy in low and middle-income countries is significantly higher than in wealthy countries. She says the stigma associated with epilepsy is a main factor preventing people from seeking treatment. She says low cost, effective medication to treat the disease is largely unavailable in poor countries as are the number of specialists competent to deal with this brain disorder.

## Comprehension Questions

1. Why are millions of people with epilepsy reluctant to seek treatment?
2. What can this brain disease cause?
3. Why do people with epilepsy in low and middle-income countries die earlier than in wealthy countries?

## Discussion Questions

1. What are the symptoms of epilepsy?
2. Give some examples of stigma.
3. What are you reluctant to do because of stigma?
4. Are there enough specialists competent to deal with the brain disorder in your country?

## New Words & Expressions

Epilepsy	간질 (a condition of the brain that causes a person to become unconscious for short periods or to move in a violent and uncontrolled way)
Stigma	낙인 (a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person)
Ailment	가벼운 질환 (an illness, typically a minor one)
Neurological	신경의, 신경학의 (relating to the anatomy, functions, and organic disorders of nerves and the nervous system)
Seizure	발작 (a sudden attack of illness, especially a stroke or an epileptic fit)
Mortality	연젠가는 죽어야 함 (the state of being subject to death)
Meningitis	~수막염 (a serious infectious disease that causes the tissues around the brain and spinal cord to swell)
Encephalitis	뇌염 (inflammation of the brain, caused by infection)

# Americans to NASA: Focus on Asteroids, Not the Moon

## Today's News



Americans would rather have NASA closely monitor asteroids and comets that could crash into Earth than send an astronaut to the moon or Mars. An Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll, released Thursday, found two-thirds of respondents said monitoring asteroids, comets and "other events in space that could impact Earth" was "very or extremely important."

Americans also want NASA to do more research to further our understanding of Earth, the solar system and the universe. But once again the respondents said they want NASA to conduct the research using robots, not human astronauts.

Toni Dewey, a 71-year-old retired clerical worker in Wilmington, N.C., told the AP in an interview that machines, rather than humans, should be explorers. "It would cost a lot of money to send somebody to Mars," she said, "and we have roads and bridges that need repair here."

Dewey is also not too eager to return to the moon, saying: "We've been there." In fact, only 23% of those surveyed thought we should return to the moon and only 27% favored a manned mission to Mars. The poll comes as the White House renews its push for manned space landings.

During a rally to launch his re-election campaign this week, U.S. President Donald Trump promised that if he wins a second term, the country will "lay the foundation" for landing astronauts on Mars. Even though he has given NASA a five-year deadline to return an astronaut to the moon, Trump recently changed his focus.

But either moon, or Mars, the good news for NASA is that 60% of Americans believe the benefits of space exploration have justified the cost.

## Comprehension Questions

1. What do Americans want NASA to focus on?
2. Why do people want NASA to conduct the research using robots, not human astronauts?
3. What did U.S. President Donald Trump promise during the rally?

## Discussion Questions

1. Do you think that other events in space that could impact Earth is extremely important?
2. Do you agree with Dewey? Why or why not?
3. In what ways are human astronauts better than robots?
4. Do you believe the benefits of space exploration have justified the cost?

## New Words & Expressions

Asteroid	소행성 (one of many large rocks that circle the sun)
Comet	혜성 (an object that moves around the sun, usually at a great distance from it, that is seen on rare occasions from the earth as a bright line in the sky)
Poll	투표 (a study in which people are asked for their opinions about a subject or person)
Respondent	응답자 (a person who answers a request for information)
Clerical	사무직의 (relating to work done in an office)
Manned	유인의 (having a human crew)
Rally	집회 (a public meeting of a large group of people, especially supporters of a particular opinion)
Justify	정당화하다 (to give or to be a good reason for)