

## **North Korea**

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North Korea is a hybrid authoritarian regime with both personalist and single party characteristics. At the time North Korea gained independence according to COW (i.e. in 1948), Kim Il Sung was already in power. Thus there is no SOLS change. (Korea as a whole was independent before 1905, so a case could be made for occupation and the existence of a different leadership post occupation). There has only been a single leadership change in the examined period. As Kim Il-Sung was succeeded by his son Kim Jong-Il who was both his predetermined successor and of the same ruling party, and thus we do not code a SOLS change. (Kim 1995; U.S. Department of State 2010; Kang 1995)

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