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Suicide is currently the fifth most frequent cause of death in South Korea and the high suicide rate is alarming especially when in comparison to other developed countries, as it is 2.2 times higher than the OECD average. This thesis focuses on suicidality in South Korea after a review of previous theories and approaches to suicide and its causes. Based on available literature and studies, it then analyzes factors which influence suicidality in South Korea and finally it examines the implementation of preventive policies on a state level in order to lower the suicide rate. The goal of this thesis is not to find solutions but to evaluate the mitigation measures which have been implemented so far, to bring attention to the issue and emphasize its magnitude.