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Hi Everyone,
A fascinating recounting of a time when Daniel Ellsberg witnessed the launch of an MX missile. A large question mark appeared in the sky. Will humanity transcend this time of fear, war and nuclear weapons? Dan then offers some thoughts on why the Vandenberg 15 were successful in protesting the Minuteman III missiles at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Call President Obama now and insist that he dismantles this doomsday machine. 202-456-1111. Thank you!

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### GLOBAL ZERO

**A World Without Nuclear Weapons**

By Valerie Plame Wilson, Reader Supported News 05 March 13

Twenty-five years ago, [President Reagan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reagan%20MAD) laid out a vision for a world without nuclear weapons, and in his first term [President Obama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Obama%20MAD) boldly picked up that mantle - most famously in his 2009 speech in Prague, where he announced America's commitment to eliminate all nuclear weapons globally. There is now a unique opportunity for President Obama, in his second term, to follow through on that commitment and set the world's course to global zero. He can do this by pursuing further reductions to the United States' and Russia's massive Cold War arsenals and bringing other key countries to the table for the first multilateral nuclear arms negotiations in history.

This week, [Global Zero](https://globalzero.org/) - the international movement for the elimination of nuclear weapons - is launching a global campaign urging President Obama to do just that. And we are calling on him to make a major announcement about this on **April 5, 2013 - the fourth anniversary of his historic Prague speech**.

As part of this campaign, we are rolling out a short video narrated by my fellow Global Zero leader Michael Douglas, which is being promoted by a host of celebrities, organizations and students on social media and that we hope the president will watch.
In addition to the video, the campaign includes a letter to the president from approximately 75 former prime ministers, foreign and defense ministers and military commanders; an official declaration recently adopted by the European Parliament in support of Global Zero's step-by-step plan to eliminate nuclear weapons; and a grassroots petition appealing directly to the president.

We believe that President Obama wants to make good on his commitment to seek a world without nuclear weapons and elevate it to be a legacy issue of his presidency - but he is facing a host of other pressing problems in the world and he needs to hear urgent support for eliminating nuclear weapons.

The Global Zero movement is supported by hundreds of respected national security and military leaders from around the world who understand that nuclear weapons do not address today's security threats - and a powerful grassroots movement that's led by the world's first post-Cold War generation, which rejects absolutely the 20th century idea of basing national security on the threat of mass destruction.

Years from now, when the last nuclear bomb is dismantled, it will be because people all over the world had the courage to demand zero - and a safer world for their children, their grandchildren and all generations to come. Please join this critical campaign at www.globalzero.org and join us as we call on President Obama to set the world's course to zero.

Together, we can make history.

Nuclear Weapons Must Be Eradicated
By Desmond Tutu, Guardian UK
04 March 2013  RSN

No nation should own nuclear arms - not Iran, not North Korea, and not their critics who take the moral high ground.

We cannot intimidate others into behaving well when we ourselves are misbehaving. Yet that is precisely what nations armed with nuclear weapons hope to do by censuring North Korea for its nuclear tests and sounding alarm bells over Iran's pursuit of enriched uranium. According to their logic, a select few nations can ensure the security of all by having the capacity to destroy all.

Until we overcome this double standard - until we accept that nuclear weapons are abhorrent and a grave danger no matter who possesses them, that threatening a city with radioactive incineration is intolerable no matter the nationality or religion of its inhabitants - we are unlikely to make meaningful progress in halting the spread of these monstrous devices, let alone banishing them from national arsenals.

Why, for instance, would a proliferating state pay heed to the exhortations of the US and Russia,
which retain thousands of their nuclear warheads on high alert? How can Britain, France and China
expect a hearing on non-proliferation while they squander billions modernising their nuclear forces?
What standing has Israel to urge Iran not to acquire the bomb when it harbours its own atomic arsenal?

Nuclear weapons do not discriminate; nor should our leaders. The nuclear powers must apply
the same standard to themselves as to others: zero nuclear weapons. Whereas the international
community has imposed blanket bans on other weapons with horrendous effects - from biological and
chemical agents to landmines and cluster munitions - it has not yet done so for the very worst weapons
of all. Nuclear weapons are still seen as legitimate in the hands of some. This must change.

Around 130 governments, various UN agencies, the Red Cross and the International Campaign
to Abolish Nuclear Weapons are gathering in Oslo this week to examine the catastrophic consequences
of nuclear weapons and the inability of relief agencies to provide an effective response in the event of a
nuclear attack. For too long, debates about nuclear arms have been divorced from such realities,
focusing instead on geopolitics and narrow concepts of national security.

With enough public pressure, I believe that governments can move beyond the hypocrisy that has
stymied multilateral disarmament discussions for decades, and be inspired and persuaded to embark on
negotiations for a treaty to outlaw and eradicate these ultimate weapons of terror. Achieving such a ban
would require somewhat of a revolution in our thinking, but it is not out of the question. Entrenched
systems can be turned on their head almost overnight if there's the will.

Let us not forget that it was only a few years ago when those who spoke about green energy and
climate change were considered peculiar. Now it is widely accepted that an environmental disaster is
upon us. There was once a time when people bought and sold other human beings as if they were mere
chattels, things. But people eventually came to their senses. So it will be the case for nuclear arms,
sooner or later.

Indeed, 184 nations have already made a legal undertaking never to obtain nuclear weapons, and
three in four support a universal ban. In the early 1990s, with the collapse of apartheid nigh, South
Africa voluntarily dismantled its nuclear stockpile, becoming the first nation to do so. This was an
essential part of its transition from a pariah state to an accepted member of the family of nations.
Around the same time, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Ukraine also relinquished their Soviet-era atomic
 arsenals.

But today nine nations still consider it their prerogative to possess these ghastly bombs, each
capable of obliterating many thousands of innocent civilians, including children, in a flash. They
appear to think that nuclear weapons afford them prestige in the international arena. But nothing could
be further from the truth. Any nuclear-armed state, big or small, whatever its stripes, ought to be
condemned in the strongest terms for possessing these indiscriminate, immoral weapons.

Comments
We are concerned about a recent drift towards vitriol in the RSN Reader comments section. There is a
fine line between moderation and censorship. No one likes a harsh or confrontational forum atmosphere. At the same time everyone wants to be able to express themselves freely. We'll start by encouraging good judgment. If that doesn't work we'll have to ramp up the moderation.

**General guidelines:** Avoid personal attacks on other forum members; Avoid remarks that are ethnically derogatory; Do not advocate violence, or any illegal activity.

Remember that making the world better begins with responsible action.

- The RSN Team

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Mr. Tutu is correct.
For the human race to thrive we need to be in Love not in fear.
Remove the evil causes of fear and we will have Harmony on Earth.
Let's realise the Oneness of All.

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Thanks. This is what everyone should demand of nuclear armed nations. The dismantling of nuclear weapons needs to start at the top -- the most heavily armed nations. Small countries like North Korea build nuclear weapons to keep the big nations like the US from invading them. That is a rational defense policy.
We all believe that if Iraq would have had nuclear bombs it would not have been invaded and destroyed.

The problem is the aggressive nations like the US. The US won't even renounce a first strike policy. When the US threatens a small nation, its leaders always say that "all options are on the table" and this directly means the use of nuclear weapons.

The US has used nuclear weapons in every war since the 1990s. They are the depleted uranium cores in most bombs, rockets, and artillery shells. They spread radiation all over the nation, causing cancers and birth defects for probably generations or maybe even forever. The cancer and birth defect rates in places like Fallujah are so high that the Iraqi government has advised people not to have any babies. There are about 3 million people in Vietnam with serious birth defects caused by all the chemical weapons the US used against the people there.

Thanks for this strong statement. We need more. We need a huge global outcry and boycott of the US.
Remembering when they nearly blew us up

Mon Oct 22, 2012 Posted by: "vfp_chapter39" vfp_chapter39
This article appeared in the Forum Section on Sunday, 10-21, in the Cleveland Plain Dealer

TIFFIN, Ohio -- This month marks the 50th anniversary of the Cuban missile crisis -- when nuclear war between the Soviet Union and the United States was only narrowly averted.

Coincidentally, the last presidential debate for 2012 just happens to be on foreign policy, and is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 22 -- 50 years to the day since President John F. Kennedy's dramatic television address to the nation which led to a week of heightened anxiety, to put it mildly, among the people of the world. It is to be hoped that candidates President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney will be asked to weigh in on the lessons of 1962.

First, some background: The crisis developed out of the conflict over the Cuban revolution of 1959. The Kennedy administration pulled out all the stops in an effort to bring down the new Castro regime. Trade sanctions, sabotage, assassinations and finally the Bay of Pigs invasion were launched in an effort to roll back Fidel Castro's revolutionary government, which then took a sharp turn to the left and turned to the Soviet Union for support.

Premier Nikita Khrushchev, acutely aware of U.S. nuclear Jupiter missiles based close to Soviet territory in Turkey, approved sending military aid, troops and nuclear weapons to Cuba. Khrushchev's goals were to protect his new Cuban allies and to achieve nuclear deterrence vis-à-vis the United States on the cheap. At that time, the Soviets had very few long-range nuclear missiles.

After a U.S. spy plane discovered missile sites under construction on Oct. 14, the crisis rapidly escalated. When Kennedy spoke to the nation, he demanded that the missiles be removed, and imposed a naval blockade of the island.

We know now that the crisis was a classic example of misperception and misunderstanding -- the fog of war in action. Soviet leaders thought incorrectly that the United States government would accept missiles in Cuba since the United States had missiles in Turkey, on the doorstep of...
the USSR. U.S. leaders did not know that the Soviet military already had 162 nuclear warheads in Cuba, as well as nuclear armed torpedoes on its submarines. Both sides thought, incorrectly, that they understood the situation as well as the motives of the other side. They were wrong.

It seems clear in retrospect that the president was poorly served by his top military advisers. Secret White House tapes made during the crisis reveal that the Joint Chiefs of Staff were unanimous in pressing for war, and hurled charges of "appeasement" in an effort to intimidate Kennedy into launching an attack on Cuba. At one point, after the president left the room, the joint chiefs can be heard mocking him.

It later emerged that both sides had grossly misunderstood the situation, and nuclear war had been averted more by accident than competent statesmanship. Robert McNamara, Kennedy's secretary of Defense, later worked to abolish those weapons worldwide. In the end he concluded that, unless we act, the indefinite combination of human fallibility and nuclear weapons must at some point result in "the death of nations."

What is perhaps most alarming about the crisis is that both U.S. and Soviet leaders behaved as if the addition of nuclear weapons to the mix had little impact on their handling of the crisis. In a mind-boggling display of hubris, they allowed a dispute over a transient tactical advantage to put at risk the fate of the entire planet, both the natural world and human generations yet unborn.

If that sounds insane, it should. This is what Albert Einstein warned about in 1946 when he declared that, "The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking, and we thus drift toward unparalleled catastrophe."

Do you think either Romney or Obama would have done better than Kennedy during the crisis? Do you trust either one of them to be stewards of weapons quite capable of extinguishing life on the planet? Well, I don't either. So, on this our 50th anniversary of being more lucky than good, let us make a commitment to rid the Earth of nuclear weapons. It can be done.

Oliver is emeritus professor of political science at Heidelberg University in Tiffin. He is now in Eureka, Calif., helping Veterans for Peace restore the Golden Rule, the very first anti-nuclear sailing vessel.
There are two problems for our species’ survival—nuclear war and environmental catastrophe, ” says Noam Chomsky in this new book on the two existential threats of our time and their points of intersection since World War II.

While a nuclear strike would require action, environmental catastrophe is partially defined by willful inaction in response to human-induced climate change. Denial of the facts is only half the equation. Other contributing factors include extreme techniques for the extraction of remaining carbon deposits, the elimination of agricultural land for bio-fuel, the construction of dams, and the destruction of forests that are crucial for carbon sequestration.

On the subject of current nuclear tensions, Chomsky revisits the long-established option of a nuclear-weapon-free zone (NWFZ) in the Middle East, a proposal set in motion through a joint Egyptian Iranian General Assembly resolution in 1974.

Intended as a warning, Nuclear War and Environmental Catastrophe is also a reminder that talking about the unspeakable can still be done with humor, with wit and indomitable spirit.
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