

OMNI NEWSLETTER: 2nd SPECIAL NUMBER ON NUCLEAR WAR
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US THREATENING TO ATTACK IRAN FOR SEEKING NUCLEAR POWER BECAUSE IT COULD LEAD TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT US IS NOT WORKING TO ELIMINATING US NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR THE WEAPONS IN OTHER NUCLEAR NATIONS, BUT IN FACT RECENTLY ENABLED INDIA TO ENHANCE ITS NUCLEAR ARSENAL.

NUCLEAR WAR (first Nuclear GENOCIDE Newsletter June 14, 2007)

We cannot refer to nuclear bombs as weapons, as though their destructiveness is only one of degree with conventional bombs. A one megaton nuclear bomb is about 50 times more powerful than the bomb that produced more than 100,000 deaths in Hiroshima. A one megaton bomb would vaporize 6,000,000 New Yorkers if dropped over Times Square. It's a genocide bomb. But these realities should not cause despair. We can ban these bombs. We have the intelligence and the knowledge. We only lack the will. What could cause us to feel despair is the silence of the public. Let each of us be leaders to end this danger. Let each of us give up one meaningless activity in our life, and focus that energy on changing our country's nuclear derangement .

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Article 2(4): All members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.

WHAT THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES SAY

FROM THE NUCLEAR AGE PEACE FOUNDATION Below is an overview of an important new feature on the Foundation's website (www.wagingpeace.org), which provides information on the views of US Presidential candidates on issues of US nuclear policy. I hope that you will use this resource and let your friends know about it. US nuclear policy should be one of the most important issues, if not THE most important issue, in this campaign. US voters should not let another election go by without thoroughly understanding the positions of candidates on this critical issue for our common future.

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US Presidential Candidates
Positions on US Nuclear Weapons Policy

One of the most important issues of the 2008 US Presidential election is US nuclear weapons policy. We believe it should be a priority issue when Americans go to the voting booth next year in primary and general elections. It's not our purpose to suggest how people should vote, but rather to educate and inform the public on where candidates stand.

To this end, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is pleased to announce the latest addition to our website. We feature [key quotes](#) made by the major Republican and Democratic candidates on five issues relating to US nuclear weapons policy:

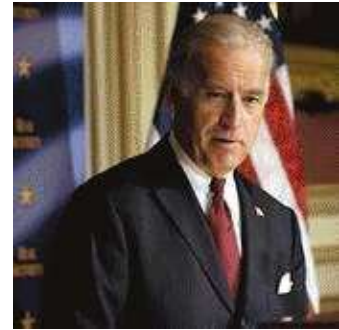
- ? Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
- ? Disarmament
- ? Missile Defense
- ? New Nuclear Weapons / Reliable Replacement Warhead
- ? Use of Nuclear Weapons

[Click here](#) to view the Presidential Candidate quotes page.

Additionally, Foundation President David Krieger sent all candidates a survey asking their positions on several important points. Results of the survey are coming in. [Click here](#) to read what we have received so far. These pages will be updated often over the next 13 months as nuclear weapons issues continue to gain prominence in the presidential campaign. Please check in with us frequently at www.wagingpeace.org to see what else the candidates are saying.

We encourage you to forward this message to at least 5 friends so they too can discover where the candidates stand on an issue that affects each of us so deeply.

If you know of a quote that does not appear in our report that you think should be included, please [contact us](#).



[Read what the candidates have to say about US nuclear weapons policy](#)

Nuclear Weapons: Candidates Debate Nuclear Policy

The Democratic candidates for president clashed over whether or not they would use nuclear weapons against other countries in last Sunday's Democratic Party debate. [Read what the candidates had to say](#). FCNL is currently compiling the major candidates' statements on the issues of Iraq, Iran, and nuclear weapons.

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Hello Dick,

As the presidential candidates strive to stake out their positions on national security, one thing must be crystal clear: **The willingness to use nuclear weapons is not a measure of toughness** or pragmatism; it's immoral and reckless.

[Tell the 2008 presidential candidates we need a plan for a nuclear weapon-free world >>](#)

Using or *threatening* to use such weapons would only erode our security, not enhance it.

Debates between the candidates about when and under what circumstances they would consider

[Debates on nuclear weapons ignore one critical point: they must never be used again!](#)

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using nuclear weapons ignore the critical reality of the twenty-first century:
Nuclear weapons must never be used again.
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NUCLEAR BOMB PLANS, CIA, AND IRAN

James Risen, *State of War*. Free Press, 2006. See *The Guardian* Jan. 5, 2006 for extract on CIA giving Iran bomb plans.

YOUTUBE FILM ON NUCLEAR AGE

Below is a link for a short film by Foundation member Mary Becker on the News and Politics page of YouTube. The film, which won first prize at the 2006 Cannes online competition, provides a short history of the Nuclear Age and is well worth viewing. Mary would love to see interested people add informed comments to the conversation on YouTube about the film.

http://www.youtube.com/categories_portal?c=25&e=1

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MIDWEST CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR THREATS

"Is Iran the Real Nuclear Threat?" Marquette Univ., Milwaukee.
peace@peaceactionwi.org

GEORGE ON IRAN AND NUCLEAR WAR

I have no idea if you have given this any thought but it is a serious concern of mine. Ever since dropping a nuclear weapon on Japan this weapon has been put away in the arsenal of many countries including many of our allies. To date these weapons have been used as a deterrent to aggressor nations who realize that we could easily wipe out any nation that attacked us. This defensive strategy was what kept us free from wars against our homeland.

G.W. Bush's switch to a offensive as a defense has surely made our allies as well as our enemies look toward us and wonder just what this country is doing. They could easily get the idea that our government is looking for world domination rather than peace. If these allies start siding with Russia, China, and India, we could see those countries build a war machine capable of overwhelming power to initiate a nuclear strike against us because they fear that we are preparing to move from the Middle East into their countries.

We could find ourselves being attacked with no alternative than to send every nuclear missile we have into the middle of Europe and the Far East.

George Bush would then feel complete because he would believe that Armageddon has arrived and he will be taken into heaven to spend eternity with Jesus Christ.

No, I am not crazy.... I am putting a huge puzzle together and I do not like what I see for this planet.

I feel like a lucky one... I have lived a long life and never had to live in a war torn country. I believe this could happen right here in the Good ole USA unless someone quickly finds a way to get Bush back to his Ranch with only animals to care for.

I was very happy to hear John Edwards speech today whereby he talked about the fact that this country Is NOT SAFER TODAY than 6 Years ago. This is 180 degrees form Hillary Clinton's claim that we are Safer today.

<http://firstread.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2007/09/07/350273.aspx>

Did We Miss the Lesson of Nagasaki?

Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 >Did We Miss the Lesson of Nagasaki? >By William D. Hartung
>8-13-07

><<http://hnn.us/articles/41781.html>>

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>Mr. Hartung is the director of the Arms and Security

>Initiative at the New America Foundation. He writes

>frequently on nuclear non-proliferation and U.S.

>nuclear policy.

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>It has been 62 years since the atomic bombings of

>Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but the moral and strategic

>lessons of those devastating acts have still not been

>fully learned.

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>Despite the efforts of scientists like Leo Szilard and

>diplomats like John McCloy to promote alternative means

>for ending the war, the bombings went forward. There

>are still debates among historians and the public at

>large about the primary rationale for the use of the

>weapons. Some interpretations accept the official claim

>that it was done as a way of ending the war as soon as

>possible, on allied terms. Others note that the

>intention of the Roosevelt administration had always

>been to use the atom bomb once it had been developed,

>and that in this sense President Truman inherited a

>policy that already had considerable momentum behind

>it. Other historians suggest that the bombings were

>aimed at preventing the Soviet Union from entering the

>war in the Pacific theater.

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>It is possible that all of these factors were at work

>to some degree, and they may constitute an explanation

>- though not a moral justification - for the attack on

>Hiroshima. But even if one accepts the rationales put

>forward for the Hiroshima bombing, the use of a second
>atomic weapon against Nagasaki just three days later
>seems like an act of gratuitous cruelty on a monumental
>scale.

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>We now know that Japanese leaders were still reeling
>from the impact of the first bombing when the second
>bomb struck. Debates over terms of surrender were
>deadlocked, but a few more days' time - especially in
>light of the Soviet Union's imminent entry into the war
>- may well have produced an agreement acceptable to the
>United States without the need to destroy Nagasaki. In
>addition, the sheer destructive power of the Hiroshima
>bombing -- killing tens of thousands of people
>immediately while turning the city into a pile of
>radioactive rubble -- should have raised qualms about
>launching another strike in such short order.

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>The Nagasaki bombing went forward in any case and
>subsequent efforts to curb the use of atomic energy for
>military purposes failed. President Truman apparently
>believed that the U.S. nuclear monopoly would last
>indefinitely, telling Robert Oppenheimer that he
>believed that the Soviets would "never" get the bomb.
>Just a few years later he was proven wrong, and the
>nuclear arms race was off and running. With so many
>factors at play, it is by no means certain that U.S.
>forbearance over Nagasaki would have changed this
>tragic outcome, but it might have at least opened the
>door to other possibilities.

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>Six decades later the United States remains the only
>nation to have used nuclear arms as a weapon of war.
>The absence of additional attacks has been driven in
>part by the moral opprobrium attached to the use of
>these weapons of mass terror, and in part by the fear
>of devastating retaliation by another nuclear power --
>particularly on the U.S.-Soviet front. But despite this
>record, the foundations of U.S. nuclear policy remain
>morally suspect. There has not been another Nagasaki,
>but it is U.S. policy to engage in veiled threats to
>launch just such an attack, even if the target nation
>does not possess nuclear weapons.

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>The immorality of U.S. declaratory nuclear policy was
>made evident recently when Barack Obama asserted that
>"it would be a profound mistake to use nuclear weapons
>under any circumstance . . . involving civilians." This
>seemingly common sense statement was roundly criticized
>by rival presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and
>Christopher Dodd, who essentially argued that the

>nuclear option should never publicly be "taken off the
>table."
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>Not only is the prospect of using nuclear weapons in
>circumstances in which civilians will be killed
>immoral, but the threat of doing so violates
>international law, as expressed in an historic 1995
>advisory opinion by the World Court.
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>This policy is also counterproductive at the strategic
>level. The threat to use nuclear weapons against non-
>nuclear states is only liable to spur them to seek
>their own. Taking this stance toward Iran -- even if
>the actual use of the weapons is extremely unlikely --
>will undermine prospects for negotiations to curb
>Teheran's program while giving leverage to officials
>within Iran who want to go from nuclear enrichment to
>nuclear weapons.
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>Short of getting a global agreement to abolish nuclear
>weapons -- a goal worth striving for no matter how
>difficult it may be to achieve in practice -- one of
>the most important steps the U.S. could take would be
>to adopt a policy of "no first use" of nuclear weapons
>against any nation that is not literally poised to
>launch a nuclear attack on the United States. This
>shift in U.S. policy would suggest that it is possible
>to reverse the mentality that led to the bombing of
>Nagasaki, even at this late date.

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Hello Dick,

We each have a responsibility to our children, grandchildren and future generations to end the threat that nuclear weapons pose. And, to carry out this responsibility, we need a leader who agrees nuclear weapons must never be used again!

[We need a President who will make a nuclear weapon-free world a top priority of the next administration.](#)

Keeping nuclear weapons out of the hands of those who would use them, whether terrorist groups or governments, and working to eliminate the world's nuclear arsenals are not challenges we can afford to put off. The next presidential candidate should have a strong plan to:

- Stop the development and production of new nuclear weapons around the world.
- Lock up and safeguard bomb-making materials.
- Promote peaceful, non-nuclear resolutions to the nuclear crises in North Korea and Iran.

This issue must be put on the forefront to make sure nuclear weapons are never used again. **[Tell the 2008 presidential candidates we need a plan for a nuclear weapon-free world >>](#)**

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Success: Congress Stops New Bomb Plant

Four separate committees in two chambers of Congress have now zeroed out funding for the Bush administration's proposal to build a new nuclear weapons facility to be located in one of six states. FCNL worked with people like you around the country to oppose this new facility. But the administration remains committed to its plan to develop and build new nuclear weapons.

[Read more.](#)

U. S. ANTI-NUCLEAR ORGANIZATIONS

Council for a Livable World (DC)

Global Network Against Weapons in Space (Maine) Bruce Gagnon's org.

Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action (Poulsbo, WA) (year around year after year protests against the Trident submarines)

Nevada Desert Experience (Las Vegas), annual protest

Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS) (Takoma Park, MD)

The Nuclear Resister

Magazine, keeps up with political prisoners also

Nukewatch (Wisconsin), edited for many years by a noble couple

Nukewatch Quarterly

I am on the mailing list of all except CLW. We need more people in NWA to connect with these indispensable groups, to help them struggle against nuclear holocaust and to raise awareness and resistance here.

AFSC's work in North Korea: [Read and listen to an interview](#) with Randy Ireson who recently completed 9 years as the development assistance coordinator of AFSC's North Korea program.



Nevada Desert Experience

NDE Newsletter, Divine Strake Hearing, & more

August Desert Witness at Los Alamos

August 3-4

NDE will join Pax Christi New Mexico to vigil, pray and Witness For Peace in Los Alamos, New Mexico on the 62nd Anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, Japan.

~ Friday, August 3rd ~
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Taking a Stand for Peace

Catholic Mass at Santa Maria de la Paz Church, 4:00 p.m.
...an evening with Fr. Roy Bourgeois, founder of [School of the Americas Watch](#),
7:30 p.m. at El Museo Cultural

~ Saturday, August 4th ~

Nonviolence Training will be offered in Santa Fe
Santa Maria de la Paz Church, 9:00 a.m. - noon.

Walk, Pray & Vigil For Peace at Los Alamos, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
BRING PEACE & NUCLEAR ABOLITION BANNERS

[Download the PDF flyer](#)

Visit the [Pax Christi New Mexico website](#) for more information

Reliable Replacement Warhead Funding

Congress is now deciding whether to fund the Reliable Replacement Warhead or not. This would arguably be re-launch the U.S. Nuclear Weapons program, creating 125 new nuclear weapons a year. The House has cut funding in the spending bill for this, but the [U.S. Senate](#) has yet to create a bill in Energy and Water Appropriations that will cut all spending for new nuclear weapons. Speak out and ask your senators to create or support such a bill. Below are links to two organizations that have online campaigns for contacting your senators

[True Majority](#) / [Peace Action](#)

Fort Huachuca Torture Protest Trial Update

Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM, NDE co-founder, is currently awaiting trial for nonviolent prayer protest action at Fort Huachuca denouncing torture training and the Military Commission Act of 2006.

[Read the latest update](#)

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Fayetteville office: 251-1380. Lincoln's staff is better informed than Boozman's (see below), but obviously (her vote to join Bush in appropriating \$95 billion more to keep the occupation going) they need a lot of education. (Send Dick, Melanie, Gladys, Kelly and Donna corrections and additions.)

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<http://pryor.senate.gov/contact/> Pryor has no office in NWA, so call or write him and his

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(Send Dick up to date details.)

--Congressman John Boozman, District 3, 12 counties from Benton to Washington

Lowell office: 479-725-0400. 213 W. Monroe, Suite K, 72745. ASK BOOZMAN WHO ON HIS STAFF IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS. Boozman's new office in Lowell is located at 213 West Monroe in Lowell between I 540 and Business 71. Go there, talk to Boozman's staff members. They are all polite young people, but now, made blind and deaf by the US Corporate/War complex, they need your peaceful explanation of reality and values. To reach that office take Exit 78 off I - 540 and go east. You will be on Hwy 264 which is also West Monroe. The office is in the Puppy Creek Plaza, past the McDonald's on the right. His suite is in the back of the complex to the left. Or write or call. **Ms. McClure** is Assistant Chief of Staff for the Lowell office, Ms. Breazeal focuses on gangs, and Ms. Stacy Davis is constituent staff member.

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DC address: 1708 Longworth House Office Bldng., Washington, DC 20515; 202-225-4301. Leslie Parker, appointments secretary: 202-225-4301. (Or she was, let me know if it's now someone else.)

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