

Stop the New Nuclear Arms Race

New nuclear weapons do nothing to make the United States more secure

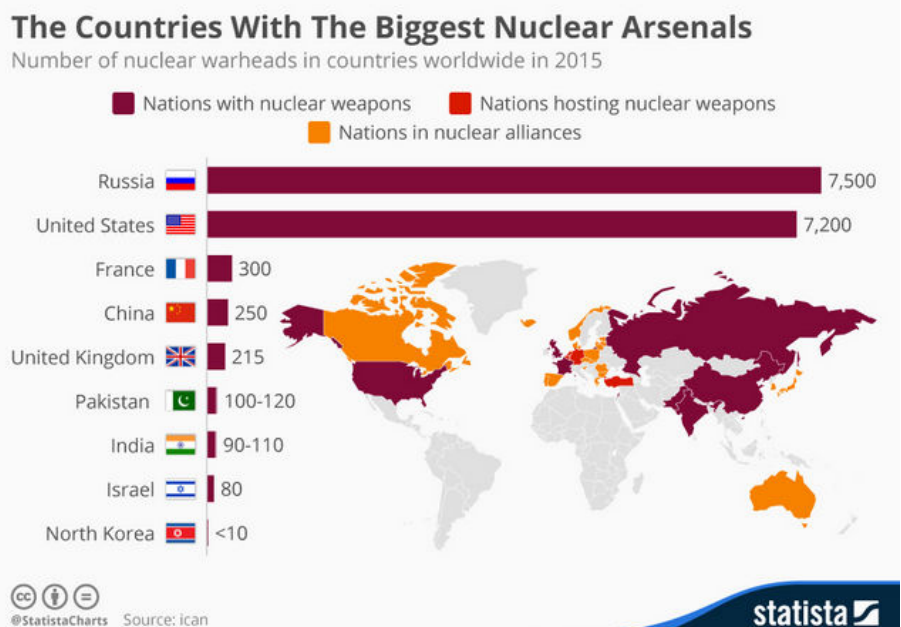


- Current US plans to rebuild our entire nuclear arsenal will stimulate other countries to do the same and intensify the new arms race.
- The plan to spend at least \$1.2 trillion dollars over the next 30 years will add new first-strike offensive nuclear weapons, increasing the threat of accidental use.
- Nuclear weapons did not help us on 9/11; nor have they deterred Russian action in Ukraine, defeated ISIS or al Qaeda, or accomplished any other national security priority.

- We are living on borrowed time. We have managed to avoid a nuclear catastrophe for 70 years — with political crises, computer glitches, and other mistakes, does anyone believe we can avoid one literally forever?

Trillion dollar spending in opposition to global humanitarian impact

- There is an alternative to this wasteful and potentially catastrophic new nuclear arms race. In July of 2017, 122 nations completed negotiations at the United Nations and adopted the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**, calling for the elimination of all nuclear weapons. The U.S. is refusing to sign this treaty.
- An evidence-based understanding of what nuclear weapons will actually do invalidates all arguments for possessing -- let alone "upgrading"-- the current arsenals and nuclear war fighting plans.
- Over 15,000 nuclear weapons in the

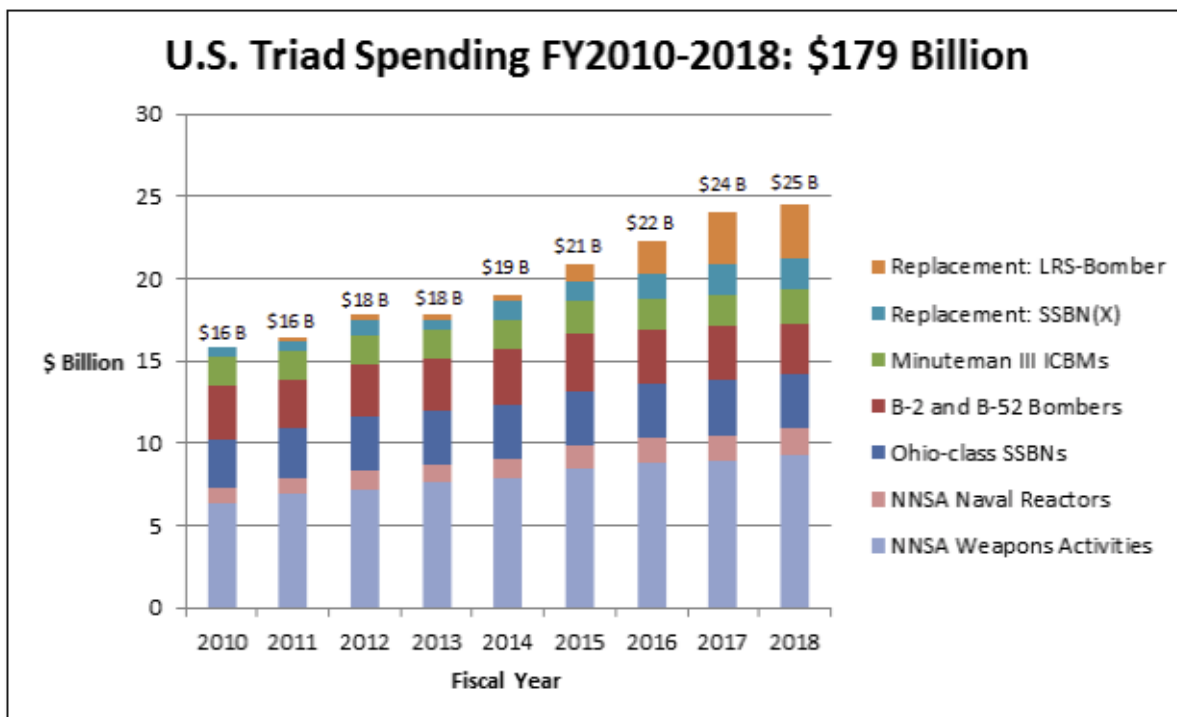


world's arsenals today; the US and Russia possess 95% of the total; detonation of a tiny fraction of the existing nuclear arsenals would likely cause a climate catastrophe.

- Climate scientists and physicians have shown that a large scale nuclear war will drop temperatures across the planet to levels not seen since the last Ice Age and kill the vast majority of the human race; even a very limited “regional” nuclear war will cause enough cooling to disrupt agriculture across the globe and produce a global famine that could kill 2 billion people.

Planned nuclear weapons spending will be a colossal waste of scarce public funds.

Our tax dollars are needed for other priorities, including programs to meet human needs of ordinary American citizens. Current nuclear weapons systems can be kept safe and effective at far less cost until we can accomplish international protocols to get rid of them.



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