

END THE NUCLEAR NIGHTMARE

More than 60 years have passed since the first use of weapons of mass destruction, but we must not forget the lives lost at Ground Zero in Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, when the United States bombed Japan, incinerating 100,000 in a single instant. Just a few days later on August 9, another 70,000 were killed by the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. Countless tens of thousands have died of radiation exposure and cancers in years since.

Despite that horror the Soviet Union and United States launched a nuclear arms. Trillions of dollars and countless brilliant minds were wasted to create thousands of weapons that must never be used again.

Over eight years the Bush administration rolled back four decades of progress (slow as it has been) on nuclear arms control. The Obama administration is signaling hope for the elimination of nuclear weapons. This will not happen without continued pressure, and it will not happen if the administration continues to promote nuclear power

as a “green alternative.” Nuclear power is the major source of nuclear weapons proliferation.

Six decades of the nuclear nightmare is enough. There are hundreds of actions we can take to demand a nuclear-free world, but can we work for peace while paying for weapons? Find out where your tax dollars go and what you can do about it.

“In war, truth is the first casualty.”
—AESCHYLUS
Lies about weapons of mass destruction launched the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Now the government promotes fear that a nuclear weapon will fall into the “wrong hands” as a reason to continue its open-ended, brutal war against “terrorism.” The only country to use nuclear weapons: the U.S.

The nuclear bomb is the most anti-democratic, anti-national, anti-human, outright evil thing that man has ever made. . . . This world of ours is four billion, six hundred million years old. It could end in an afternoon.

—ARUNDHATI ROY

The U.S. has spent more than \$5.5 trillion dollars on nuclear weapons since the beginning of the nuclear age, an average of \$98 billion a year of U.S. taxpayer's money.

Discover how not to pay for weapons of mass destruction

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