

# Nuclear Weapons Are Immoral

***“Now is time to affirm not only the immorality of the use of nuclear weapons, but the immorality of their possession.”*** Pope Francis

***“...a peace based on terror, a peace based upon threats of inflicting annihilation and genocide upon whole populations, is a peace that is morally corrupting.”***

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## **Nuclear weapons are a moral issue.**

Nuclear weapons are immoral because they deliberately and *unavoidably* target innocent civilians – women, children and the elderly. As weapons of mass destruction, they cannot be confined to military targets. Military strategists know that millions (or billions) of innocent people would be killed and maimed by any use of nuclear weapons. Their use would be a war crime.

## **Money wasted on nukes is immoral**

It is immoral that our government plans to spend \$1.7 trillion to completely rebuild our nuclear arsenal while children are homeless, suffer food insecurity, lack healthcare and often attend inadequately funded schools. Nuclear weapons are the most wasteful of all military spending. We can never use them, they do not “deter” war, and everyone in the world is *less secure* simply because they exist.

## **All faiths support abolition of nukes**

Many Christian denominations officially support the abolition of nuclear weapons. Many other faiths, – Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu – also support abolition. **One need not be religious to understand that nukes are immoral and must be abolished**

## **Everyone has a responsibility to speak out**

It is the responsibility of people of all faiths and congregations to advocate for moral behavior in individuals and collectively as a nation.

**It is time *all* nuclear weapons are abolished.** The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons provides the framework to make this happen.

***“Disarmament is not an option for governments to take up or ignore. It is a moral duty owed by them to their own citizens, and to humanity as a whole. We must not await another Hiroshima or Nagasaki before finally mustering the political will to banish these weapons from global arsenals.”*** Archbishop Desmond Tutu

***“...the real danger confronting civilization today is that atomic bomb which lies in the hearts and souls of men, capable of exploding into the vilest of hate and into the most damaging selfishness...”*** Dr. Martin Luther King in 1954

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