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ELIMINATE THEIR NUCLEAR ARSENALS.**

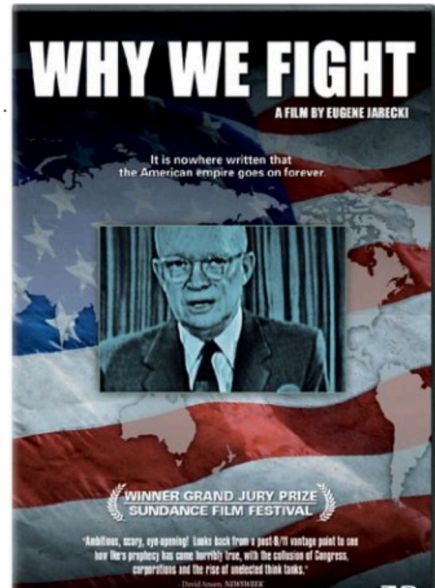
*Lincoln Douglas Debate
Santa Clara University Camp*

OUTLINE FOR PRESENTATION

- Some foreign policy history
- Nuclear weapons history.
- Does having nuclear arsenal deter conventional warfare?
- The Ukraine story.
- Nuclear arsenal costs and dangers: nuclear war, theft.
- Nuclear arsenal elimination: less risk of nuclear war. More risk for conventional war?

SOME FOREIGN POLICY HISTORY

- World War I, the Great Depression, then World War II, then
- Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam War
- From George Washington's farewell address to John Quincy Adams' July 4th Speech to Dwight Eisenhower's Farewell Address...



<https://www.amazon.com/Why-We-Fight-Wilton-Sekzer/dp/B000FBH3W2>

Approaches for Managing the Costs of U.S. Nuclear Forces, 2017 to 2046

October 31, 2017 | Report



CBO estimates that the Obama Administration's 2017 plans for nuclear forces would cost \$1.2 trillion (in 2017 dollars) over the 2017–2046 period. CBO analyzed nine options that would reduce those costs or delay some of them.



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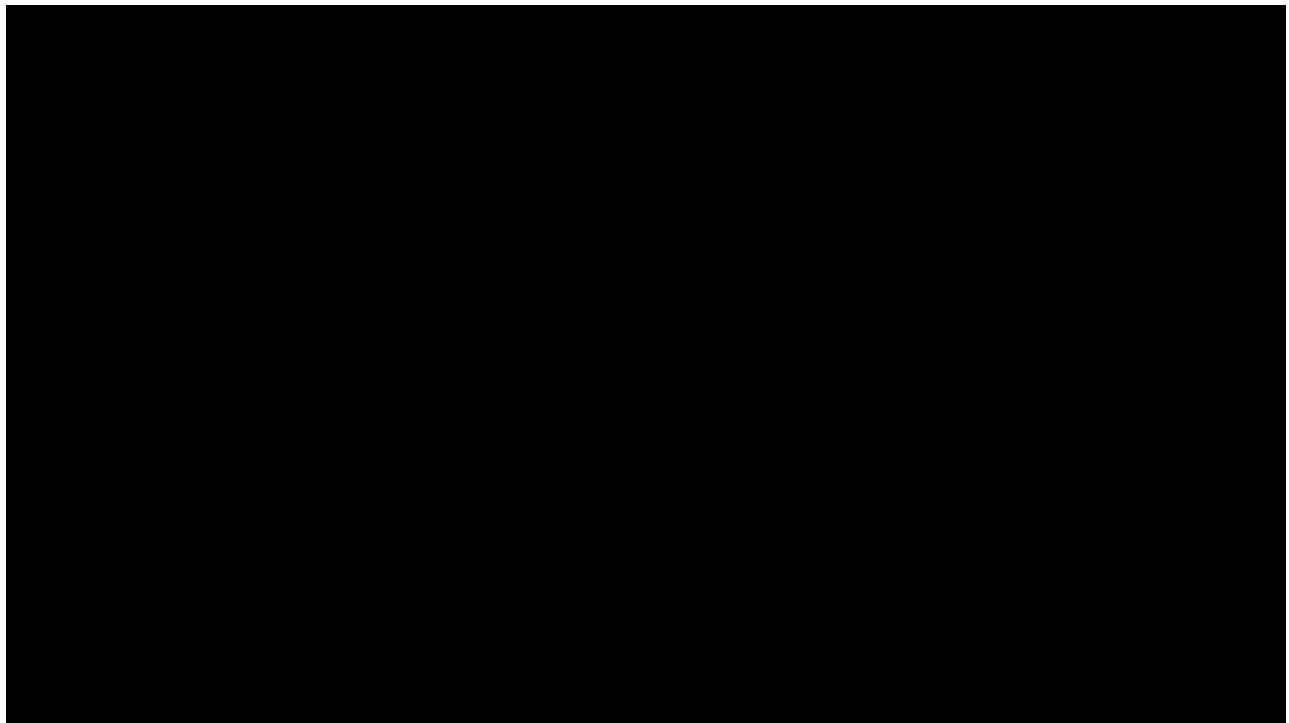
THE PRICE OF PEACE - PBS DOCUMENTARY



http://www.freetochoose.tv/program.php?id=price_of_peace

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT?

- Segment from Yes, Prime Minister. How effective are nuclear weapons as deterrent to invasion by conventional forces?
- Do UK, US, and Nato nuclear weapons deter Russians from invading Ukraine or Estonia?



NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO PREVENT U.S. INVASIONS

- *Obtaining nuclear weapons is a way of getting reliable defensive capability on the cheap.*
- If a totalitarian country doesn't have nuclear weapons, will the U.S. invade? (Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria ...)

South China Morning Post EDITION: INTERNATIONAL
INSIGHT & OPINION

How North Korea's nuclear weapons are helping to prevent war

B. Z. Khasru says North Korea is following the lead of other small nations threatened by foes with superior military might. Kim Jong-un's gamble might just pay off – if China can live with a nuclear neighbour

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Atomic bombs are proving to be blessings for small nations that face enemies with far superior conventional and nuclear forces. This is especially true of North Korea, which expects to reap nuclear peace dividends, as fiery rhetoric gives way to cool heads.

<https://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/article/2127985/how-north-koreas-nuclear-weapons-are-helping-prevent-war>

MAYBE NUCLEAR WEAPONS REDUCE CHANCE OF WAR...

YOUR TAKE

Peace Train: Do nuclear weapons prevent war?

No, they do not: War has continued despite stockpiles

By Tom Mayer

Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center

POSTED: 08/04/2016 04:22:05 PM MDT

ColoradoDaily

YOUR TAKE

- *Nuclear weapons advocates often say that nuclear weapons prevent war and thus make our world safer. Is this assertion credible? Here are five compelling reasons to doubt this so called "nuclear peace" claim.*

http://www.coloradodaily.com/your-take/ci_30207773/peace-train-do-nuclear-weapons-prevent-war

NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR FRANCE, NONE NOW FOR UKRAINE

- *the French...developed their own nuclear arsenal. Thus, the French face no credible threats of invasion today, not because they're part of NATO, but because they have their own stockpile. Naturally, this also saves France the expense of maintaining a large conventional force for purposes of defense. ...*
- *Ukraine once possessed a large nuclear arsenal. when the USSR was dissolved, 130 nuclear missiles were on Ukrainian lands. By 1994, however, the US, UK, and Russia...assured Ukraine that they would guarantee Ukraine's safety if it gave up its nuclear arsenal.*

JUST WAR THEORY AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

ACTON INSTITUTE POWERBLOG

Classical Liberalism, Foreign Policy, and Just War

by JORDAN J. BALLOR • July 19, 2006

- *Detroit News* editor Nolan Finley raised the question of our policy toward rogue regimes like Iran and North Korea: “Why don’t we just nuke ‘em?” ... Finley’s column raises an important and real difficulty with regard to nuclear weapons: “We know as well as our enemies do that we’ll never push the button.”
- [T]he question of whether it is immoral to possess nuclear weapons is different than the question of whether it is moral to use nuclear weapons, and the two may not be entirely compatible.
- There is the potential for a paradox...in that it may well be moral to have nuclear weapons as a deterrent, in the style of mutually-assured destruction, but that it would always violate just war principles to use them.
- Even Finley’s emphasis on tactical and smart weapons is overwrought, I think, given that even conventional smart weapons almost always result in some sort of collateral damage to civilians.

<http://blog.acton.org/archives/1037-classical-liberalism-foreign-policy-and-just-war.html>

NATURAL RIGHTS VS. UTILITARIANISM

- Contrasting natural rights and utilitarian approaches to Lincoln-Douglas topics.
- Strengths of utilitarianism. Challenges.
- Strengths of natural rights. Challenges.