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The Acquisition of Nuclear weapons Creates a Cold War Atmosphere

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Abstract

This paper's objective is to determine if the use of weapons made from a nuclear source is necessary in the world as a defense mechanism. With in this paper we will identify countries that think it is important to maintain nuclear weapons and why the same countries believe that other countries should not possess the same weapons. This paper's conclusion indicates that the use of nuclear weapons is not necessary if all international treaties are enforced.

Opposing View

The United States must at all times sustain a high level of preparedness. This will allow the United States to respond quickly to any attack posed against the U.S. and it's Allies. The United States must at all times protect its country, people and allies against rogue countries and rebels. The best way to do this would be to use swift force to eliminate the enemy. The United States must maintain nuclear weapons to sustain democracy world-wide.

The United States and Their Cold War Mentality

The United States is the last remaining super power. Because of this, the United States should take the lead in establishing reasonable goals when pursuing nuclear weapons and missile defense systems. The Cold War era has ended, and so should the Cold War mentality that the United States is harboring in support of their supporting argument of their stance on nuclear weapons and missile defense systems. The present stance of the United States has motivated other countries to seek further advancement in the nuclear arena. The United States' present stance on nuclear weapons is unacceptable to the international community because of four major reasons: hypocrisy, morality, wasted resources, and unknown threats. The United States' acquisition of nuclear weapons provokes other nations to pursue the same technology recreating a cold war atmosphere.

The Cold War period is a period between the 1940's and early 1990's whereby the two remaining super powers, United States and Russia, maneuvered against each other to ensure that each would succeed in a time of war against each other if that war took place. During this period, the countries strategically placed their weapons (nuclear) in countries and locations that would guarantee them success in a time of war. The Cold War meant a war that had not actually

taken place, but all the necessary pieces needed for the war were in place. During the early 1940's and late 1980's, the United States and Russia coordinated their foreign policy in accordance with their Cold War mentality and the possibility of war with each other. The Cold War officially ended in 1991 leaving the United States as the only remaining super power.

Since 1991, the United States has acted very responsibly in support of world diplomacy, however as of late; the United States has readopted the cold war attitude towards most of the world. Because of this, the United States' pursuit of nuclear weapons and missile defense system provokes other nations to pursue the same technology recreating a cold war atmosphere. The actions of the United States create problems in the following areas: hypocrisy, morality, wasted resources, and unknown threats.

Hypocrisy

The present U.S. administration has announced many concerns with other countries pursuing nuclear technology, yet the United States is planning and budgeting for a modernization of its nuclear arsenal. The United States has stated its concerns with Iran, and North Korea's wish to obtain nuclear technology, and has led to threatened sanctions among other punishment if they do not adhere to the United Nations Resolutions. Israel is breaking the United Nations Resolutions by maintaining occupation in the Gaza Strip and West Bank; yet they are military and financial clients of the United States. This is hypocrisy at its best.

The United States should be supporting the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which states that each party that signed the treaty would negotiate to disarm their nuclear weapons and do so under strict international control. The United States accused Iraq of not allowing inspectors of the international community to inspect their weapons of mass destruction arsenal, yet also refuses to allow international inspectors to inspect the WMD arsenal of the United States.

Morality

The United State's desire for improved nuclear weapons and missile defense system is also a morality issue. If a nuclear explosion took place, by design or accident, it would create an atmosphere of uncertainty, danger, and severely damage the economy of the world. Nuclear accidents are not acceptable at any time or any place regardless of which country has the accident.

The United States must act responsibly as a world super power. This responsibility should consist of reasonable concerns of other countries and their people when it comes to using nuclear weapons. Today the United States and Russia contain or possess over 96 percent of all nuclear weapons capabilities. Neither country is willing to support the disarmament of nuclear weapons.

Unknown Threat

The United States claims, in its war against terror, that the terrorist is the enemy. There is no identifiable enemy, which means that there is no true reason to maintain nuclear weapons and missile defense systems. The fact that we have no identifiable enemy makes the possession of nuclear weapons increasingly more dangerous for the countries that possess them as well as those that do not.

Waste of Resources

Possession of nuclear weapons simply is not safe for our international community. The small possibility that nuclear weapons will be use is not worth the potential loss of life, nature and property. The United States indirectly motivates other countries, rogue nations included, to acquire the knowledge as well as the hardware to manifest nuclear weapons.

Presently the United States leads an increasing list of countries that are in search of or desirous of increasing their knowledge or arsenal of nuclear weapons. This list includes France, China, Russia, Israel, India, Pakistan and North Korea. These countries have all expressed their desire to increase their military posture by increasing their level of preparedness to use nuclear weapons. They have all undermined the international community for the sake of their own selfish gains. Should this selfishness continue the entire world would be at risk of losing the true ultimate sacrifice, humanity, as we know it?

Non-proliferation Treaty

The use of the Nuclear Treaty of Non-proliferation is not in accordance with its original intent. We started in 1968 with three countries possessing nuclear weapons: United States, Russia (Soviet Union), and the United Kingdom. In the year 1992, we added China and France. Because of self-interpretation, many countries have done what they wanted and how they wanted in referenced to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. These actions, lead by the U.S. has lead to other nation states entering the nuclear weapons business. Other countries claim that they must maintain this same technology in order to maintain a defensive posture against other nuclear weapons barring countries.

Conclusion

In conclusion, because the United States is the Sole super power, it is their inherit responsibility to set reasonable goals on pursuing nuclear weapons and missile defense systems. That responsibility includes the understanding that their lead and actions will set the standard for other countries to follow. Their present stance on nuclear weapons is unacceptable to the international community because of four major reasons: hypocrisy, morality, wasted resources, and unknown threats. The United States' acquisition and sustainment of nuclear weapons

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