

The Fascist Trump/Pence Regime Has Called for a New Nuclear Arms Race

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“The Trump/Pence Regime is a Fascist Regime. Not insult or exaggeration, this is what it is. For the future of humanity and the planet, we, the people, must drive this regime out.”
– from the Refuse Fascism Call to Action

Nuclear weapons are the world's most destructive weapons. In August of 1945, the U.S. became the *only* country ever to use them in war – bombing the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, instantly killing, burning alive, or vaporizing *tens of thousands*. Firestorms engulfed the cities. Shockwaves and winds over 1,000 miles an hour shattered buildings, hurling people through the air. Today, the U.S. possesses nearly 7,000 nuclear warheads – enough to destroy the world five times over. While the U.S. has *always* refused to sign any “no first use” policy, it has claimed that its nuclear arsenal was mainly for defensive purposes and deterrence. **Trump is aggressively breaking with that, bragging about massively expanding the U.S.'s nuclear arsenal and viciously expressing his eagerness to use it. This threatens the entire world.**

- For 70 years, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists has released its yearly “Doomsday Clock,” indicating how close the world is to devastation from nuclear war and other threats. At the end of January, they moved the clock closer to “midnight” – indicating the greatest threat the world has faced since 1953. A primary factor they cited was Donald Trump becoming president. Never before has the Bulletin decided to advance the clock largely because of the statements of a single person.
- On December 22, 2016, Donald Trump tweeted, “The United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes.”
- According to Joe Scarborough, during a foreign policy briefing, “three times [Trump] asked about the use of nuclear weapons. Three times he asked, at one point, if we have them, why can’t we use them?”
- December 23, 2016 Trump told MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program: "Let it be an arms race, because we will outmatch them at every pass and outlast them all."

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