

THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BAN TREATY

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UNTIL WE REACH ZERO

Humanitarian
Impact



A war with only 1% of the global nuclear stockpile would immediately kill **1 million people**. Subsequent global climate disruption would subject **2 billion people** to famine and make earth uninhabitable.

Accidents
Happen(ed)



The U.S. alone has experienced over **1,000 nuclear weapons accidents**. Bombs have been nearly detonated, dropped, and lost indefinitely. From world leaders to technicians, nuclear weapons are not safe in human hands.

Feeding the
Arms Race



The U.S. plans to spend **\$1 trillion** to upgrade and expand the capability of the nuclear arsenal. This destabilizes global security and **encourages all 8 other nuclear-armed states** to upgrade and expand their arsenals to stay apace.

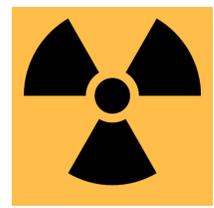
WHY THE BAN TREATY WORKS



Biological
1972



Chemical
1993



Nuclear
2017

Ban → Stigmatize → Eliminate

PEER PRESSURE: Outlawing nuclear weapons undercuts the political currents that sustain them. A ban creates international norms that stigmatize nuclear weapons. It also renews pressure on countries that continue to possess them by underscoring their existing disarmament obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

LEGAL TEETH: The Treaty fills in gaps in existing legal frameworks. It expands the scope of prohibited activities and applies a universal standard to all countries. Prohibited activities will include the use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and transfer of nuclear weapons.

GET INVOLVED

TOWN HALLS

Attend meetings in your neighborhood. Politicians might start paying attention when attendance at town halls starts to shift.

SHOW UP

Join or host an event in your community for **Hiroshima & Nagasaki Day** on August 6 to commemorate the victims of the atomic bomb. Events include vigils, hosting a speaker, art exhibitions, and other community-building programs.



psr.org/news-events/events/hiroshima-nagasaki-commemorations.html

DON'T BANK ON THE BOMB

A campaign in Cambridge, MA divested \$1 billion in pension funds from nuclear weapons. "Don't Bank on the Bomb" is a **global divestment movement** that targets financial institutions to sever economic support from the nuclear weapons enterprise.



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JOIN CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS

Organize in your community by joining a local chapter of an **ICAN** partner.

psr.org/nuclear-weapons/resources.html

LEARN MORE

To learn more about the humanitarian impact of the production, testing, and use of nuclear weapons, visit icanw.org/the-facts/

SHAPE THE CONVERSATION

Spotlight the relevance of disarmament to your community by writing a Letter to the Editor in your local newspaper. Plug into the conversation on the **#nuclearban** on social media to expand coverage of the negotiations. Get started by checking out [@PSRsecurity](https://twitter.com/PSRsecurity) and [@nuclearban](https://twitter.com/nuclearban).



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