

NUCLEAR MYTH

**Nuclear weapons are well-protected and there is little chance
that terrorists could get their hands on one.**

FALSE: In the aftermath of the Cold War, the ability of the Russians to protect their nuclear forces has declined precipitously. In addition, a coup in a country with nuclear weapons, such as Pakistan, could lead to a government coming to power that is willing to provide nuclear weapons to terrorists.

NUCLEAR FACT

There are up to 2 million kilograms of Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) in global stockpiles, and it takes just 15-24 kilograms for a nuclear weapon. There are 28 countries with at least one bomb's worth of HEU and 12 countries with at least 20 bomb's worth.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/db/heu/index.html>

WHY NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT?

The very existence of nuclear weapons and their production endanger our safety because they are susceptible to terrorist exploitation. Nuclear weapons and production sites all over the world are vulnerable to terrorist attack or to theft of weapons or weapons-grade materials. In addition, nuclear weapons are not helpful in defending against or responding to terrorism because nuclear weapons cannot target a group that has no central location.

REFLECTION

By preparing for nuclear war we are saying that for the sake of the perpetuation of our way of life, we are willing to destroy the life of everyone. No one has the right to make that claim. Life is sacred.

-- James W. Douglas

CORPORATE STAND OF THE CLINTON FRANCISCANS

We, the Sisters of St. Francis of Clinton, Iowa, Associates and Sojourners, oppose the continued maintenance, research, development, and threatened use of the United States arsenal of nuclear weapons. We call on our government to fulfill our commitments to nuclear disarmament as agreed to in the Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1970 and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty of 1996.

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