

# HOW COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES CAN HELP GET RID OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS



Not "some,"  
not "theirs," but  
every single one



You and your educational institution  
can put pressure on the US and other  
nuclear nations to sign, ratify and implement  
the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Treaty on  
the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

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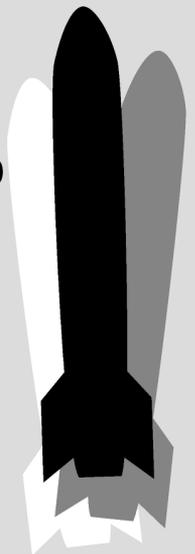
# NUCLEAR

Nuclear weapons are the most destructive, inhumane and indiscriminate weapons ever created. There has not been a nuclear war – yet. None of the world’s 15,000 nuclear weapons have been detonated by accident – yet. But even a single detonation on purpose or by accident would be a humanitarian catastrophe of unparalleled proportions. A “limited” exchange of nuclear weapons, for example between India and Pakistan, could put enough soot into the atmosphere to cause climate disruption and global famine.

**A full scale nuclear war between the US and Russia would be the end of human civilization as we know it, if not the end of all life on earth.**

## NUCLEAR WEAPONS QUICK FACTS

- The modernization of the US nuclear arsenal is expected to cost taxpayers **\$1.7 trillion** in inflation-adjusted dollars over the next 30 years, in addition to the \$30-40 billion per year already being spent
- Most nuclear warheads today are many times larger than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima
- There are **15,000** nuclear warheads in the world today



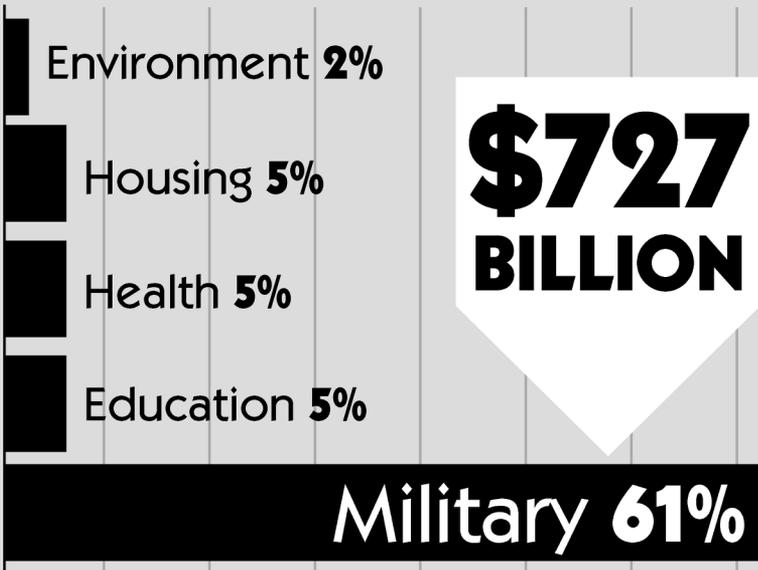
# WEAPONS

Many of these weapons are kept on hair-trigger alert. Sooner or later, they will be used. There have been many close calls already. We are at more risk now than we have ever been. The money and effort that goes into nuclear weapons is a waste of precious human and financial resources needed to solve our most pressing problems. It's important to limit access to the nuclear "button," end hair-trigger alert, renounce the first use of nuclear weapons, and take other legislative steps towards reducing the risk of nuclear war by accident or by design. **But the only way to reduce this risk to zero is to eliminate the weapons - all of them.**

Fortunately, we now have a tool to make that happen.

## 2019 FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY BUDGET

President's Request to Congress 2/12/18



*The remaining 22% includes Veterans, Transportation, etc.*

SOURCE: National Priorities Project

# THE TREATY

There is now an international Treaty making nuclear weapons *illegal*. It's known as the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** (or 'Nuclear Ban Treaty'). Article 1, Section 1 makes it illegal to "develop, test, produce, manufacture...use or threaten to use nuclear weapons." The Treaty was negotiated at the United Nations and has the support of over 120 countries, the international Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, the Pope, the Dalai Lama, and millions of ordinary people across the globe.

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) won the 2017 **Nobel Peace Prize** for their part in making this Treaty possible. This campaign was inspired by the successful international campaigns which led to the prohibition, under international law, of biological, chemical and other inhumane and indiscriminate weapons.



# THE PROBLEM

The US government is currently unwilling to sign the Treaty, and in fact, boycotted the negotiations. They are trying to prevent NATO, other allies, and other countries from signing it – even those countries whose people strongly favor it. And the other 8 nuclear nations won't sign it either: Russia, UK, France, China, Israel, India, Pakistan, N. Korea.

# THE SOLUTION

The US and the other nuclear nations will sign this Treaty once there is sufficient pressure on them to do so. As citizens, we can call on our legislators to take immediate steps to pull us **back from the brink** of nuclear war.



Ultimately, we are up against the **26 companies** that profit from making nuclear weapons. These companies have significant control over the re-election budgets of many legislators. That's why the federal government has utterly failed to put an end to these weapons.

But these companies exist to make money, not just to make nuclear weapons. Boycotts, divestment campaigns, and bad publicity can persuade them to focus on other products. For example, a national consumer boycott of General Electric convinced them to move out of the nuclear weapons business.

**Colleges and universities can help these companies to start making the inevitable shift toward legal, globally acceptable activities that address climate change and other social needs.**

Once these 26 companies get the message, they will be the ones to pressure the US government. They will demand a shift in federal funding away from nuclear weapons. In the meantime, this campaign will encourage other countries to take the Treaty more seriously, and that will build momentum toward global abolition.



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Fluor  
General Dynamics  
Honeywell International  
Huntington Ingalls  
Industries  
Jacobs Engineering  
Larsen & Toubro  
Leonardo Finmeccanica  
Lockheed Martin

Moog  
Northrop Grumman  
Orbital ATK  
Raytheon  
Safran  
Serco  
Textron  
Thales  
Walchandnagar Industries

# **HOW YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION**

Remember when the federal government announced their intention to withdraw from the **Paris Climate Accords**? Cities, states, businesses, faith communities and *universities and colleges* defiantly committed themselves to complying with the Accords anyway. Colleges and universities can also comply – as far as they are able to – with the **Nuclear Ban Treaty**. We are calling this “Treaty Alignment” and it is an important way to help rid the world of nuclear weapons.

Many colleges and universities have **investments** that support the companies that make nuclear weapons. Many have **contracts** for products or services made by these companies. And some are undertaking **research** that supports the continued existence of nuclear weapons.

Boycotting, divesting and prohibiting these activities can affect those companies directly, and it can also be a strong encouragement to other institutions to do the same.



**HERE ARE THE STEPS TO TAKE:**

# 1. DECIDE

Who is empowered to make your college or university “Treaty Aligned” and what information will they need to make this decision? A college President may take the lead on this in some cases. In others, it may be the trustees, regents or another type of governing board who need to be persuaded. In many cases, Treaty Alignment will require a significant movement among both students and faculty to make this an issue on campus.

# 2. DISCONNECT

In order to be Treaty Aligned, a college or university will probably appoint a committee to look into its investments, contracts, research and other issues. This committee will come up with a plan for becoming Treaty Aligned before the college/university makes a final decision.

A “Treaty Aligned” college or university:

- Has no investments in any of the 26 companies that make nuclear weapons.
- Does not purchase products or services from any of these companies.
- Prohibits all nuclear weapons-related research and other nuclear weapons-related activities, so far as they are able, within their jurisdiction or control.

# 3. DECLARE

Treaty Alignment for colleges and universities means approving, publishing and enforcing a policy statement that clearly commits the college/university to adhering, as far as it is able, to the provisions of the Nuclear Ban Treaty. This must be made public and continue to be monitored by a committee of some kind.

# TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Countries that sign the Treaty are expected to encourage other countries to sign it too. Likewise, Treaty Alignment by a college or university includes a commitment to encourage other colleges and universities – as well as your town, city and state -- to become “Treaty Aligned.”

## Treaty Alignment can also mean...

- Divesting from banks, insurance companies, investment companies and pension funds who themselves are investing in the 26 nuclear weapons companies.
- Refusing to purchase products or services from companies who themselves supply or sub-contract to the 26 nuclear weapons companies.
- Prohibiting on campus any research or other activities which, even if not directly nuclear weapons-related, are supporting the companies or facilities that are engaged in nuclear weapons research or development.

Colleges and universities can play a crucial role in the unstoppable movement worldwide to make the nuclear nations sign, ratify, implement and enforce the Treaty, before the earth’s civilization is destroyed in a war, or by accident.



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