

## CFR Resources

[“Global Governance Monitor: Nuclear Proliferation,”](#) last updated August 17, 2017.

An in-depth look at nuclear nonproliferation, including the current policy landscape. (9,200 words)

Zachary Laub, [“The Impact of the Iran Nuclear Agreement,”](#) last updated May 8, 2018.

An easy-to-read summary of the Iran nuclear agreement. (2,100 words)

Ankit Panda, [“‘No First Use’ and Nuclear Weapons,”](#) last updated July 17, 2018.

A digestible summary of American nuclear policy. (2,300 words)

## Articles

Graham Allison, [“How to Stop Nuclear Terror,”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2004.

An article that provides a framework for thinking about nuclear terror and presents clear, straightforward strategies for preventing it. It is based on a speech made by former President George W. Bush. (3,800 words)

Joseph Cirincione, [“What Should the World Do With Its Nuclear Weapons?”](#) *Atlantic*, April 21, 2016.

An article that challenges many of the narratives about nuclear weapons put forward by the media and by President Donald J. Trump in a fun, approachable way. (1,800 words)

Catherine Collins and Douglas Frantz, [“The Long Shadow of A. Q. Khan,”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, January 31, 2018.

An article that tells the story of Abdul Qadeer Khan, a Pakistani nuclear scientist who sold his knowledge to countries that wanted to begin

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nuclear programs, looking for a lesson for ongoing nuclear nonproliferation efforts. (2,700 words)

J. W. de Villiers, Roger Jardine, and Mitchell Reiss, "[Why South Africa Gave Up the Bomb](#)," *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 1993.

A detailed history of South Africa's nuclear program along with a look at its current nuclear policy. (3,800 words)

Uri Friedman, "[North Korea: The Military Options](#)," *Atlantic*, May 17, 2017.

A walk-through of what a military strike against North Korea, in the name of destroying the North Korean nuclear program, would entail. (2,900 words)

Rick Gladstone, "[A Treaty Is Reached to Ban Nuclear Arms. Now Comes the Hard Part](#)," *New York Times*, July 7, 2017.

An evenhanded news story about the signing of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It can be paired with the pieces by Klimas and Slater. (1,000 words)

Philip Gordon, "[The Unsung Success of Nuclear Nonproliferation](#)," *Nikkei Asian Review*, April 7, 2016.

An opinion piece that suggests that, in spite of concerns about North Korea and President Donald J. Trump's pessimism, nuclear nonproliferation has been quite successful. (1,000 words)

John Hersey, "[Hiroshima](#)," *New Yorker*, August 31, 1946.

A classic journalistic account of the effects of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima, as told through the lives of six ordinary people. First published in the *New Yorker*, this piece is also available as a book. (152 pages/30,000 words)

Joshua Keating, "[The South African Precedent](#)," *Slate*, March 9, 2018.

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An analysis of South Africa's nuclear history that draws parallels to more recent nuclear nonproliferation efforts. (1,800 words)

Jacqueline Klimas, "[Top Commander Says Banning Nukes Would Make Wars Worse](#)," *Politico*, March 31, 2017.

A news story about the military's negative reaction to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It can be paired with the pieces by Gladstone and Slater. (700 words)

William Langewiesche, "[How to Get a Nuclear Bomb](#)," *Atlantic*, December 2006.

A story of a journalist's travels, examining the ways in which a nuclear weapon might fall into the hands of terrorists. (10,300 words)

Terence McNamee, "[Forget the Libya Model. South Africa Shows the Path to Peace With Pyongyang](#)," *Foreign Policy*, May 22, 2018.

A look at how disarmament in South Africa might serve as a model for disarming North Korea. (1,800 words)

Adam Mount, "[Trump's Troubling Nuclear Plan](#)," *Foreign Affairs*, February 2, 2018.

A critical look at the Donald J. Trump administration's nuclear policy. (1,600 words)

George P. Shultz, William J. Perry, Henry A. Kissinger, and Sam Nunn, "[A World Free of Nuclear Weapons](#)," *Wall Street Journal*, January 4, 2007.

A piece written by four former senior U.S. officials that briefly lays out a path to ridding the world of nuclear weapons. (1,400 words)

Alice Slater, "[Democracy Breaks Out at the UN as 122 Nations Vote to Ban the Bomb](#)," *Nation*, July 13, 2017.

An opinion piece supporting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear

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Weapons. It can be paired with the pieces by Gladstone and Klimas.  
(1,100 words)

Henk Cor van der Kwast, "[The NPT: Looking Back and Looking Ahead](#),"  
*Arms Control Today*, July/August 2015.

A detailed, wonky analysis of the most recent NPT review conference.  
(2,100 words)

Jana Winter, "[Why America Can't Spot Dirty Bombs](#)," *Daily Beast*, February  
21, 2017.

An account of a government report about "dirty bomb" detection that  
also serves as a primer on this terror threat. (1,700 words)

## Books

Joseph Cirincione, *Bomb Scare: The History and Future of Nuclear Weapons*,  
2008.

A book that discusses the history and policy of nuclear weapons and  
nonproliferation, summarizing different perspectives. (224 pages)

Jonathan Fetter-Vorm, *Trinity: A Graphic History of the First Atomic Bomb*,  
2012.

A succinct, compelling graphic novel that tells the story of the first  
atomic bomb, focusing both on the scientific side of its development and  
on the story of how the people who worked on it came to recognize its  
power and consequences. (150 pages)

John Hersey, *Hiroshima*, 1989.

A classic journalistic account of the effects of the nuclear attack on  
Hiroshima, as told through the lives of six ordinary people. First  
published in the *New Yorker*, it is also available in book form. (152  
pages/30,000 words)

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Richard Rhodes, *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*, 1986.

A classic, Pulitzer Prize-winning account of the development of the first atomic bombs. (896 pages)

Stephen M. Younger, *The Bomb: A New History*, 2009.

A brief introduction to nuclear weapons technology and policy—an excellent starting place for many readers. (256 pages)

## Multimedia

Carnegie Corporation of New York, "[U.S.-Russia Relations: Quest for Stability](#)," 2019.

An extensive collection of videos, timelines, and interactive maps and graphs about historical and current issues in U.S.-Russian relations.

"[The World on the Brink](#)," John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

An online exhibit in the John F. Kennedy Library about the Cuban Missile Crisis. It narrates the thirteen-day crisis day-by-day, illustrating the narrative with archival material and recordings from the library's collections.

Morgan Knibbe, "[The Atomic Soldiers](#)," *New York Times* February 12, 2019.

A chilling collection of interviews in which U.S. soldiers who were assigned to be close to atomic tests describe what it was like to experience a nuclear blast. (15 minutes)

"[Radiolab: Nukes](#)," *WNYC Studios*, April 7, 2017.

An exploration of the American nuclear chain of command from the award-winning podcast. (58 minutes)

"[Uranium: Twisting the Dragon's Tail](#)," PBS, July 29, 2015.

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A documentary on uranium and the science behind nuclear technology, both peaceful and military. Clips are available [here](#). (2 hours)

[“What Happens in a Bomb Blast?”](#) Outrider.

A well-designed tool for visualizing the impact of a nuclear explosion, with clear explanation of each effect. [This](#) is a similar tool with more options but less explanation.

## Research

Clifton B. Parker, [“Public Opinion Unlikely to Curb a U.S. President’s Use of Nuclear Weapons in War, Stanford Scholar Finds,”](#) Stanford, August 8, 2017.

A thorough summary of a scholarly article on public opinion and the use of nuclear weapons. (1,100 words)

[“Nuclear Proliferation International History Project,”](#) Wilson Center.

A collection of research and reporting on nuclear nonproliferation from a nonpartisan think tank.