

How do you win a nuclear war?

“You have a survivability of command and control, survivability of industrial potential, protection of a percentage of your citizens and you have a capability that inflicts more damage on the opposition than it can inflict upon you.”

George Bush,
February, 1980

“Japan after all, not only survived but flourished after the nuclear attack. . . . Depending upon certain assumptions, some estimates predict 10 million [dead] on one side and 100 million on the other but that is not the whole population.”

Eugene Rostow,
Director, Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency,
Senate Confirmation Hearings,
June, 1981

Yet, in the next five years the current administration plans to spend an additional \$200,000,000,000 on delivery systems for new and increasingly lethal nuclear weapons. This policy can only accelerate the already threatening arms spiral. It will make nuclear war more rather than less likely.

Physicians for Social Responsibility supports an immediate bilateral freeze on the development and deployment of nuclear arms. Lowered tensions are needed for meaningful discussion of arms control and proliferation issues. Meanwhile the 8,000 physicians, scientists, and concerned citizens who comprise PSR plan to continue to explain the medical consequences of nuclear war through symposia and other educational forums. We must remind Americans that nuclear war is not a problem for military planners somewhere else--it's a problem for each of us. We must build a constituency for peace. We can make a difference.

Time is short. Our future rests on what we and our leaders do about nuclear policy in the days and months immediately ahead.

Please fill out the enclosed pledge card and send your tax-deductible contribution today. Your help now is crucial to the continuation of our efforts to avert nuclear catastrophe.

Sincerely,

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