

# Video: The Privatization of Nuclear War. A “First Strike” Use of Nuclear Weapons as a Means of “Self Defense”

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*Today, we are at a dangerous crossroads in our history.*

*Nuclear war is on the table.*

*Politicians are unaware of the broader implications.*

**Say NO to nuclear war. Say Yes to humanity.**

*Say No to WWII*

We will be posting several important articles on the dangers of nuclear war.

*Forward our articles. We are the object of extensive censorship.*

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*The interview with James Corbett was first published in 2015*

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*An important transition in nuclear doctrine occurred in the immediate wake of 9/11.*

*The Cold War MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) doctrine was scrapped by the Bush Jr administration in 2002, replaced by **the first strike pre-emptive use of nuclear weapons as a means of self defense.** (2001 Nuclear Posture Review, adopted by the US Senate in 2002).*

*America’s use of nuclear weapons on a first strike basis is no longer considered as a weapon of total annihilation. Quite the opposite, the preemptive use of nuclear weapons is upheld as a means to ensuring global peace and security.*

In contrast to the Truman era, however, today’s **US thermonuclear bombs are several hundred times more powerful** (in terms of yield) than the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, which resulted in the death of some 100,000 people in a matter of seven seconds.

And in the US, there is a **1.2 trillion dollar nuclear weapons program** in support of Donald Trump's "fire and fury", comparable in some regards to Truman's diabolical 1950 narrative pertaining to the use of the atomic bomb "as a means of self defense" against both China and North Korea.

While the US has waged countless wars in what is euphemistically described as "the post war era" (1945- present), the issue of "self defense" is erroneous: in the course of the last century, the national security of the United States of America has never been threatened.

### **Financing the Culture of War**

Trump's 1.2 trillion dollar nuclear weapons program constitutes a financial bonanza for the defense contractors. US media reports suggest that the nuclear weapons program "makes the World safer".

And there are more than 5000 US nuclear weapons deployed. And now the US is committed to developing a generation of "more usable" low yield tactical nuclear weapons (bunker buster bombs) which are "harmless to the surrounding civilian population because the explosion is underground".

"Making America Great again"...

"Blowing up the Planet" on a first strike basis as a instrument of peace and global security.

Those who decide on the use of nuclear weapons believe their own lies.

And what the US public does not know that is that on September 15, 1945, confirmed by declassified documents, [the Truman administration released a secret plan to bomb 66 Soviet cities with 204 atomic bombs](#), at a time when the US and the Soviet Union were allies.

And those who dare to say that the use of nuclear weapons threatens the future of humanity are branded as "conspiracy theorists".

### **Where is the antiwar movement?**

#### **Video**

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