

U.S. Presidential statements re nuclear weapons and war.

“A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.”

Ronald Reagan & **Mikhail Gorbachev** – 1985 - at their summit in Geneva, presaging the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) and the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty... reaffirmed by **Joseph Biden** & **Vladimir Putin**, and by **Vladimir Putin** & **Xi Jinping** – June 2021

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“[My administration] will seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons... We will immediately and aggressively pursue U.S. ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty... [T]o cut off the building blocks needed for a bomb, the United States will see a new treaty that verifiably ends the production of fissile materials intended for use in state nuclear weapons [Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty (FMCT)]...”

Barack Obama – 5 April 2009 – at the Prague Conference on nuclear proliferation, leading to the commencement on 10 April 2009 of negotiations with Russia on New START, signed 10 April 2010, ratified by a bipartisan U.S. Senate in December 2010, effective 5 February 2011... Also in 2010, NATO modified its “Strategic Concept” to involve no strategic nuclear warheads in Europe.

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“We were talking about the de-nuking, de-nuclearize, de-nuking... and President Putin and I agreed that we were going to do it in a very big way. There’s no reason for us to be spending almost \$1 Trillion on military. There’s no reason for you [sic] to be spending \$400 Billion... China is going to be at \$400 Billion. I’m going to say we can settle this, we can spend this on other things... There’s no reason for us to be building brand-new nuclear weapons. We already have so many, you could destroy the world 50 times over, 100 times over, and here we are building new nuclear weapons, and they’re building nuclear weapons, and China is building nuclear weapons... and China is trying to catch up because they’re very substantially behind but within 5 or 6 years, they’ll be even... And we’re all spending a lot of money that we could be spending on other things that are actually, hopefully, much more productive... Hopefully, there’ll never be a time when we need those weapons. If there’s ever a time when we need nuclear weapons like the kind of weapons that we’re building and that Russia has, and that China has to a lesser extent but will have, uh, that’s going to be a very sad day, that’s going to be probably oblivion.”

Donald Trump – 13 Feb. 2025 White House Press Conference re his discussions with **Putin**