

HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI, JAPAN • AUGUST 6 & 9, 1945



**The U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb** over the heart of Hiroshima. The uranium 235 fissile material exploded into an atomic fireball heating to one million degrees centigrade within a fraction of a second. The U.S. dropped a second bomb over Nagasaki three days later. The plutonium 239 fissile material

exploded over the outskirts of the city causing a blast with winds up to 630 miles per hour. Black radioactive rain fell for hours.

Tens of thousands of persons were instantly killed from the combined effect of the blast, heat, and ionizing radiation in Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Tens of thousands more would die in the months, years and decades to follow from the delayed effects including radiation-induced cancers, immunologic disorders, birth defects, and lasting psychological traumas.

My spoon was lifted when the bomb came down  
That left no face, no hand, no spoon to hold.  
Two hundred thousand died in my hometown.  
This came to pass before my soup was cold.

— NAOMI REPLANSKI, from *Women On War*

“One tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is that this historically unprecedented devastation of human society stemmed from essentially experimental and political aims.”

— Japanese Committee for the Compilation of Materials on Damage Caused by the Atomic Bomb in Hiroshima and Nagasaki

# CUT THE FUNDING FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

- **Since the beginning** of the nuclear age, more than \$5.5 trillion dollars of U.S. taxpayer money have been spent on nuclear weapons.<sup>1</sup>
- **The Obama budget projections** through 2020 include over \$185 billion to maintain and modernize U.S. nuclear weapons systems.<sup>2</sup>
- **Construction** of two new warhead production facilities (Kansas City, MO, and Los Alamos, NM) are underway and a third (Oak Ridge, TN) is near approval.<sup>2</sup>
- **The 2012 budget request** includes \$197 million for research and development of a new long-range nuclear bomber; \$2.6 million for a future Intercontinental Ballistic Missile; and \$1.07 billion to develop a new ballistic missile submarine.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Brookings Institute, [brookings.edu](http://brookings.edu)

<sup>2</sup> Alliance for Global Justice, [www.afgj.org](http://www.afgj.org)

“Currently, the U.S. arsenal contains more than 1,500 thermo-nuclear warheads, most on hair-trigger alert ... Rather than progressing toward the elimination of nuclear weapons, the U.S. is actively working to maintain a large nuclear arsenal in virtual perpetuity.”

—Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance ([www.orepa.org](http://www.orepa.org))

“States must never make civilians the object of attack and must consequently never use weapons that are incapable of distinguishing between civilians and military targets.”

— International Court of Justice (Op., § 78)

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