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**Celebrate the
International Treaty on
the Prohibition of
Nuclear Weapons
as it enters into effect
January 22, 2021**

**THE BEGINNING
OF THE END OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS**



Watch Party and Discussion
The Beginning of the End of
Nuclear Weapons: a
Documentary by Alvaro Orus

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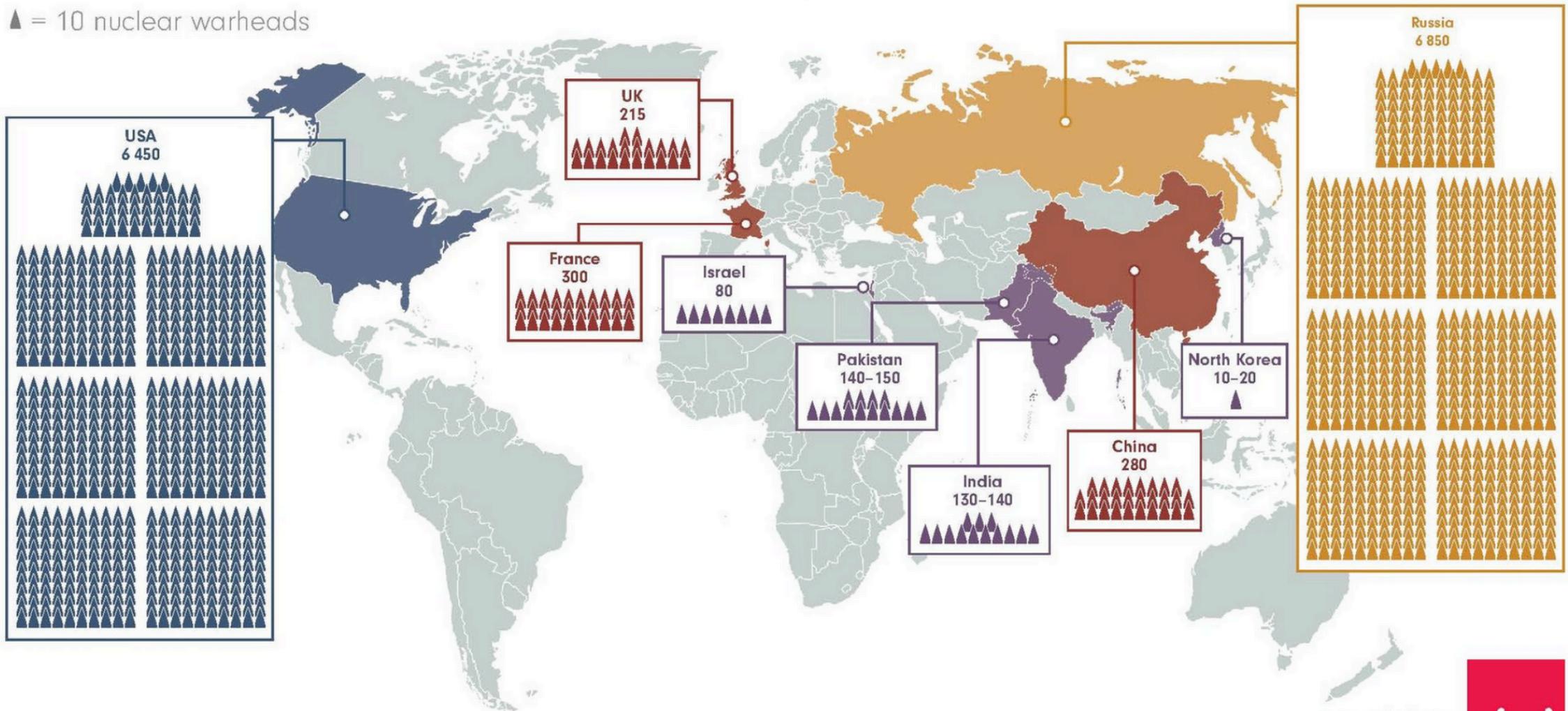
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ESTIMATE OF GLOBAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JANUARY 2018

▲ USA ▲ Russia ▲ China, France, UK ▲ other nuclear weapon-possessing states

▲ = 10 nuclear warheads



- Countries **without** nuclear weapons have led the process for the **T**reaty on the **P**revention of **N**uclear **W**eapons.
- Countries **with** nuclear weapons, including the USA, oppose it.
- In 2017, **UN** representative of 122 countries **voted** for **the treaty**.
- Representatives of **86** countries **have signed** the treaty.



- 51 countries have now **ratified** it.
- Honduras was # 50 triggering the treaty's **entering into force on Jan. 22, 2021**.
- It is a legal contract among the ratifying countries but cannot yet be called a UN treaty since it has not been voted on by the UN Security Council or the General Assembly.

For more information, see <https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/tpnw/>

https://www.icanw.org/the_treaty and

<https://www.justsecurity.org/73711/the-treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons-and-its-limited-impact-on-the-legality-of-their-use/>

What does the treaty mean?

Use of nuclear weapons are now prohibited by international law.

Signatory states

- **Commit** to the total elimination of nuclear weapons.
- **Must not** develop, test, produce, manufacture, otherwise acquire, possess, stockpile, transfer, and receive nuclear weapons
- **Cannot assist, encourage, or induce involvement** with nuclear weapons
- **Are prohibited from allowing another state** to station, install, and/or deploy nuclear weapons in its territory

Impacts of TPNW

Information from: How the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Impacts the United States, and Why the United States Must Embrace its Entry into Force, ALICIA SANDERS-ZAKRE AND SETH SHELDEN, 1/15/2021, *Journal of International Affairs*

<https://jia.sipa.columbia.edu/authors/alicia-sanders-zakre-and-seth-shelden>

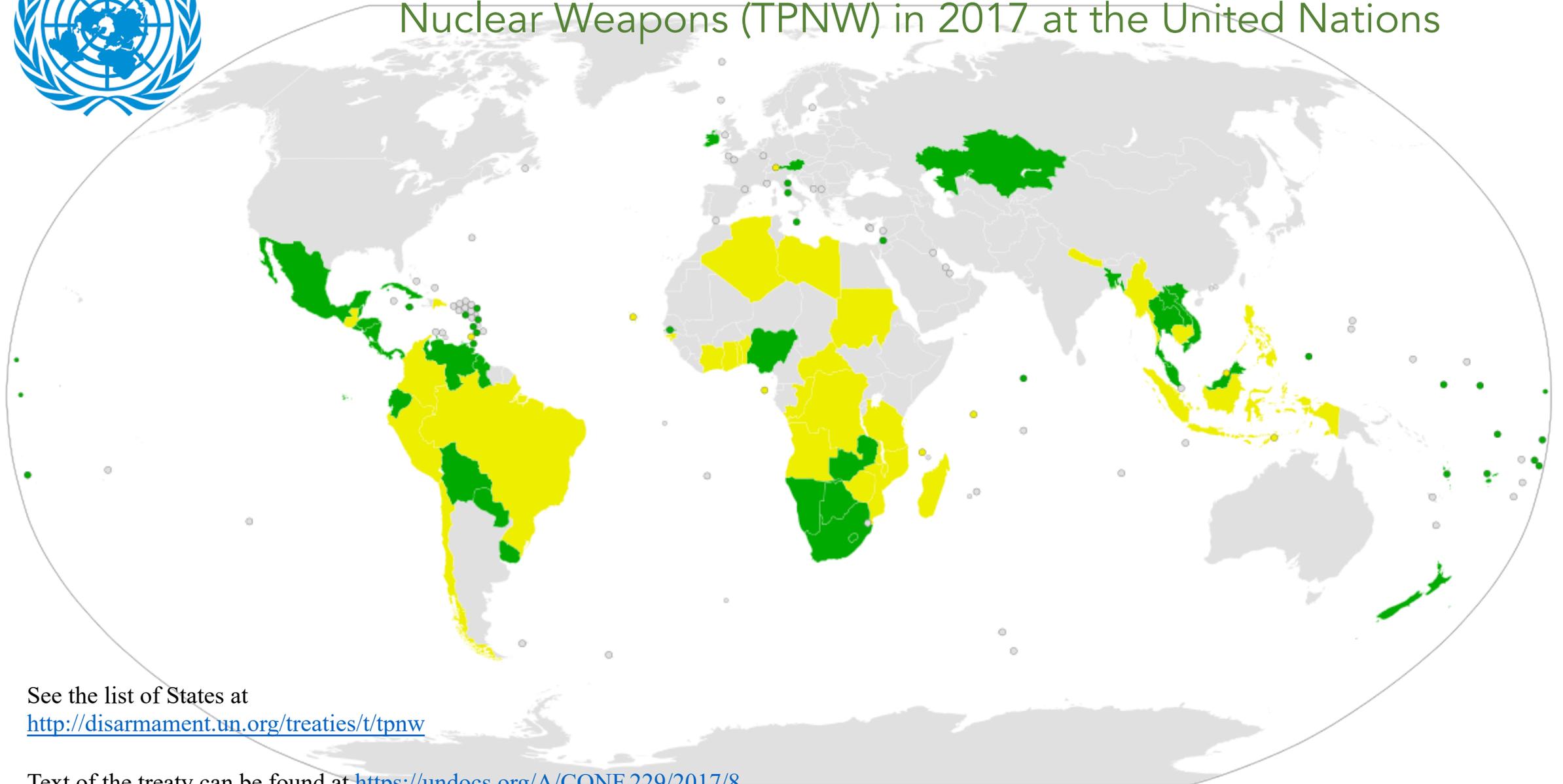
- This is now a **binding international law**.
- It **aligns** nuclear weapons with other weapons of mass destruction.
- It provides a **verifiable framework** to eliminate nuclear weapons
- Treaty states must **assist victims and remediate environments** affected by nuclear use and testing.
- It has **widespread global support**.

Impacts of NPNW, continued

- Signatory states may **urge other states** to join in bilateral meetings.
- Strong **international standards for victim assistance** may be created, to which the USA might contribute.
- “While the TPNW creates legally binding obligations only for States Parties, it **reinforces existing law**, applicable to all states, regarding non-use and elimination of nuclear weapons....”
- NPNW **increases stigmatization** of nuclear weapons.
- **Financial institutions** may cease investing in nuclear weapons.



Countries that voted for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) in 2017 at the United Nations



See the list of States at <http://disarmament.un.org/treaties/t/tpnw>

Text of the treaty can be found at <https://undocs.org/A/CONF.229/2017/8>

Other
UN
Treaties



BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS BANNED 1972



CHEMICAL WEAPONS BANNED 1993



LAND MINES BANNED 1997



CLUSTER BOMBS BANNED 2008



NUCLEAR WEAPONS BANNED 2017!





Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Founded in 1915

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize because of its work with TPNW. WILPF is a part of ICAN.

Please consider joining us in this work.

- **Become an active member.** <https://wilpfus.org/>.
- **Join local WILPF activities,** see <https://www.facebook.com/WILPFPittsburgh> or email Susan at sm99smith@gmail.com.
- **Educate yourself** about the UN Nuclear Ban Treaty. Starting with Reaching Critical Will (reachingcriticalwill.org).
- **Ask your senators to ratify** the UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty – at bit.ly/wilpfus-bantreatypetition.

Some of this information is from a WILPF flyer (that will be sent with this program document) and can be found at: <http://prop1.org/wilpf/2019/WILPF.FLYER.END.WHOLE.NUCLEAR.ERA.pdf>.



- PNC—Stop Banking the Bomb Letter
- Ban the Nukes, Feed the Hungry (Jan 21 webinar—TPNWW)
- *Artisans of Peace*—Gospel Nonviolence Working Group



DIVEST PHILLY FROM THE WAR MACHINE COALITION



BACKGROUND

WHAT WE'VE DONE

WHERE WE'RE GOING



Divest Philly from the War Machine Coalition



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Divest from Nuclear Weapons

The [corporations manufacturing nuclear weapons](#) are fueling the nuclear arms race for their own financial gain. They actively lobby their parliaments and governments to continue allocating the funds to nuclear weapons. And they support think tanks and other public initiatives to promote the 'need' for nuclear weapons maintenance, modernization or expansion.

<https://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/abolish-nuclear-weapons>

United States Corporations

- [AECOM](#)
- [Aerojet Rocketdyne](#)
- [Bechtel](#)
- [Boeing](#)
- [BWX Technology \(Babcock and Wilcox\)](#)
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- [Fluor](#)
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- [Jacobs Engineering](#)
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<http://www.nuclearweaponsmoney.org/corporations/>





Remembering Hiroshima, Imagining Peace

In 2008, a diverse group of organizations and individuals came together to create a series of events in Pittsburgh. From August 6 – 9, in remembrance of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we began with events focused on peace and a city council proclamation. These led to continued annual activities focused on eliminating nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

In 2020, we produced two virtual events, one of which was a film showing and international exchange on Aug 5, and a panel discussion with two artists and biologist Patty DeMarco on Aug 9.

PNC: STOP BANKING THE BOMB!

Stop Banking the Bomb Campaign Quick Facts

- PNC has over 1.5 billion dollars (or more) in loans and instruments to these notorious nuclear weapons manufacturers:
 - General Dynamics, Honeywell, Boeing (Military), BWX, Jacobs Engineering, Textron, Huntington Ingalls, and Leidos
- Our Campaign Started in September 2018
- We have conducted over 100 pickets and actions in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Erie, Greensburg, NYC, D.C., Morgantown, and Dayton
- We have attended the last three Shareholders Meeting and made statements and demands to divest to the Board
- We currently have an SEC filing to put the divestment of Nuclear Weapons on the shareholder ballot
- We have met with PNC leaders on at least five occasions and each time they would not negotiate with us in good faith.



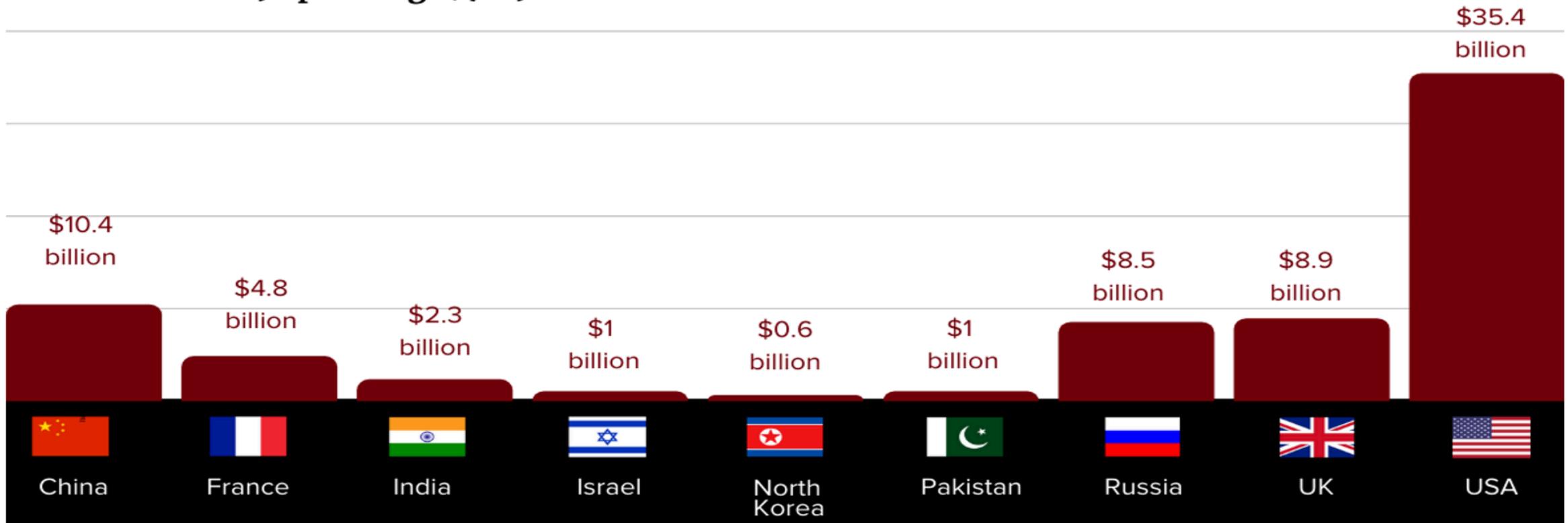
**BUILDING
PEACE
THROUGH
JUSTICE
SINCE 1972**

THOMAS MERTON CENTER

Site: thomasmertoncenter.org
Insta / FB: [@thomasmertoncenter](https://www.instagram.com/thomasmertoncenter)
Twitter: [@tmcpgh](https://twitter.com/tmcpgh)

NUKES ARE A DRAG ON URGENT NEEDS ON HEALTH, GREEN ENERGY, AND RACIAL JUSTICE – WE SAY, NO MORE!

Total 2019 spending: \$72.9 billion





GREEN PARTY *of Allegheny County*



Peace



Ecology



Social Justice



Democracy

- **Nuclear Weapons Violates The 4 Pillars of Our Party**
 - Nuclear weapons promotes war rather than **Peace**
 - The process of creating, maintaining, testing nuclear weapons severely harms the **Ecology** of our planet
 - Trillions of dollars are spent on nuclear weapons instead of funding **Social Justice** programs to end poverty, racism, etc.
 - The ban represents grassroots **Democracy** toward change



Pope Francis at Hiroshima

Catholic Church supports TPNW

‘The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possession of atomic weapons is immoral...we will be judged on this.

--Pope Francis in meeting with ICAN, 2019

Conversion and Transformation

The Story of **Fr. George Zabelka**, Reluctant Prophet
Challenge to Catholic Community and Leadership



Fr. George Zabelka

Discussion Questions

- What did you find most striking/memorable about the video?
- How can we amplify the impact of the treaty in our countries, especially since nuclear nations do not currently support it?

END THE NUCLEAR ERA

Support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, US



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