



CENTER FOR ARMS CONTROL AND NON-PROLIFERATION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

“...We might think of people we love – the first smile from children in the morning; the gentle touch from a spouse over the kitchen table; the comforting embrace of a parent – we can think of those things and know that those same precious moments took place (in Hiroshima)... Those who died – they are like us. Ordinary people... They would rather that *the wonders of science be focused on improving life, and not eliminating it...*”

–President Obama at Hiroshima Peace Memorial, May 27, 2016

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

As with every person, organization and industry worldwide, the Center's 2020 was defined by the COVID-19 pandemic. It presented new challenges for us as our work turned entirely remote. Our meetings with Congressional staffers, our interviews with the press and our educational dinners for Members of Congress all went virtual. Despite these challenges — and perhaps even because of them — I am prouder than ever of our staff, supporters, experts and friends for adapting with us. Since our first day of remote work, we haven't missed a beat.

This year also marked 75 years since the dawn of the nuclear age, beginning with the anniversary of the Trinity nuclear test in July and the anniversaries of the U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August. The Center staff helped coordinate a massive online commemoration event centering on *Hibakusha*, victims of radiation, and those working to reduce and eventually eliminate the nuclear threat.

The Center continues to meet the increased demand for information and analysis of U.S. nuclear weapon and non-proliferation policy by creating short articles, factsheets, podcasts, and videos, which we publish and distribute through various traditional and social media sources. We remain the go-to source for concise, timely, non-partisan analysis of the issues Members of

Congress and their staffs deliberate. Our experts made themselves available for "deep dive" discussions with various individual Congressional offices throughout 2020.

Our staff wrote or were quoted dozens of times in our main topic areas: U.S.-Russian relations, North Korean and Iranian nuclear programs, emerging strategic technologies, qualitative arms control measures, ballistic missile defense, U.S. nuclear posture, the Pentagon budget and more.

We continue to be among the longest-serving organizations in the community, and continue to have unparalleled access to Members of Congress due in part to our member and staff briefings and relationships with experts.

In 2020, the Center employed and was guided by the most diverse staff and board of directors in our history. My goal is to continue to broaden the Center's reach, diversity and relationships in the coming year.

Sincerely,



John Tierney
Executive Director
Member of Congress, 1997-2015



OUR STORY

The Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation is a Washington, D.C.-based 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan research, policy analysis, and education organization dedicated to reducing and eventually eliminating the number of nuclear weapons and the risk of nuclear catastrophe, and enhancing international peace and security in the 21st century. The Center was originally formed as the research branch of Council for a Livable World, founded in 1962 by Manhattan Project nuclear physicist Leo Szilard and other scientists who

pioneered the development of atomic weapons and became concerned about their use and spread. In 1980, the Center spun off into its own independent organization. Since then, the Center has retained its focus on nuclear weapons but expanded its activities to include other present and emerging security threats. Along with the Council for a Livable World, the Center has been at the forefront of U.S. arms control and national security policy for almost 60 years. ■

COMMUNICATIONS OUTREACH IN 2020

The Center continues to actively educate, inform and serve as a resource on nuclear, national security and peace issues. At the beginning of 2020, the Center underwent an extensive [website upgrade](#) to better serve those viewing our site on mobile devices. The Center's experts were featured in [myriad publications](#) through op-eds, television appearances, and radio/podcast interviews. The newly launched Nukes of Hazard [Instagram account](#) grew to nearly 900 followers. Our most popular content across social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) was about nuclear weapons spending, diplomacy with Iran, the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) and nuclear testing.



Nukes of Hazard

Our [blog, videos and podcast](#) continue to be a strong component of our storytelling. In 2020, we produced five [podcast episodes](#) with more than 5,500 listeners. This podcast is free to listen and subscribe to, and is available on iTunes, Google Play and Stitcher. **Some of our most popular episodes in 2020 include:**



The President and the Nuclear Button

With the 2020 presidential election looming large, it was a good time to look at the absolute power the President has over U.S. nuclear weapons, the history of presidential launch authority, how our nuclear launch system actually works, and what steps we could take to make it more democratic.

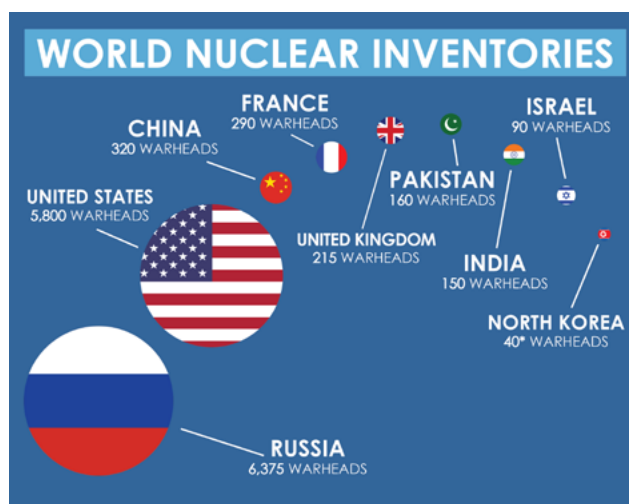
Down the Rabbit Hole: Planning for Nuclear War

Since the beginning of the nuclear age, there have been hundreds of serious and well-drilled plans about how the United States would win wars with nuclear weapons. But when a military plan calls for the use of thousands of nuclear weapons, and assumes an enemy will respond in kind, how do you define winning?

Some of our most popular Nukes of Hazard blog posts in 2020 included an explainer of the [National Defense Authorization Act process](#) and in-depth analyses of the [unraveling of the Iran nuclear deal](#). We also produced a [popular video](#) about why it's unnecessary to restart explosive nuclear testing, and an [infographic](#) detailing every U.S. ally's support for renewing the New START agreement.

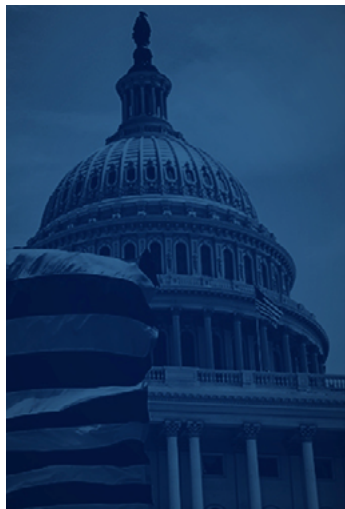
FACT SHEETS AND ANALYSIS

The team continues to create easy-to-understand [fact sheets](#) out of the complex subjects of [nuclear weapons](#), [defense spending](#), [national security legislation](#) and other impactful topics for Members of Congress and their staff. These are created both upon request of Congressional offices, and based on our own interpretation of needs.



MEMBER AND STAFF BRIEFINGS

In 2020, the Center conducted 282 meetings with Congressional staff and 125 meetings with Members. Our education efforts have served as the foundation for hearing questions, floor statements, new champions and more.



In light of COVID, the Center adapted to transition most of its formerly in-person events into successful virtual events. In fact, 2020 saw increases in participation and access for some Hill staffers, and going forward, we hope to add virtual components to many events to enable easier access and expanded participation.

Our guest speakers for member briefings included Ambassador Kenneth C. Brill, Ambassador Laura Holgate, Former Deputy General of NATO Rose Gottemoeller, and Former Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security General Frank Klotz.

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Our staff briefings have covered nuclear risk reduction, biothreats and COVID-19, Iran-related challenges, the future of U.S. ICBMs, nuclear testing, navigating nuclear diplomacy in the age of social media, nuclear modernization plans, nuclear terrorism, and a three-part briefing series on challenges the United States will face in 2021 in China, Russia, and the Middle East. We also conducted three rapid-response briefings that covered the clash between China and India in June, the fires and explosions in Iran in July, and Iran and the UN Security Council in September.

FINANCIALS

The Center's audited financials and 990s are available [on our website](#).

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