

"Introduction to Do Nuclear Weapons Pose a Serious Threat?: At Issue." *Do Nuclear Weapons Pose a Serious Threat?* Ed. Helen Cothran. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2005.

Forget Iran, North Korea, and Al Qaeda; according to this article, the United States poses a greater nuclear threat than any other nation or group on the planet. In addition to having a vast stockpile of nuclear weapons and the materials required to make them, the U.S. has also made relatively aggressive moves regarding nuclear weapons in recent years, including withdrawing from the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty and threatening the "axis of evil" (Iran, Iraq, and North Korea) with retaliation if these countries continue to pursue their own nuclear programs. The hostile decisions of the United States have only increased the probability of a nuclear holocaust. It is ironic that the nation that first created nuclear weapons and used them as a way to save American lives in World War II is now the most likely to be destroyed by its own creation.

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