

Political Science 562: Strategy and National Security

THE NUCLEAR WORLD IN THE EARLY 21st CENTURY TASK
Due at the beginning of class 18 April 2017 (6%)

I expect, and will grade accordingly, that you will comply with the following:

- 1) All written work will be single-spaced with normal default spacing, 1" margins, and of required length or the handwritten equivalent. You will use a font with a size of 11 or 12 and a face such as Times New Roman or the equivalent. Examples of faces you will not use are courier new and O C R. *Failure to use an appropriate font can cost a 1.0 cut.*
- 2) When you draw from a reading or another source, credit the reading or source with a note in the form – (Bressler, p. 180). *If I find inadequate sourcing, I will assign a cut of up to a full letter grade.*

You may not collaborate on this task.

I suggest reading first: My website: *Brookings*, Einhorn, “Non-Proliferation Challenges Facing the Trump Administration,” March 2017.210

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Topic: National Security (IV)

Sub-Topic: The Nuclear World in 2017 (I)

My website: *Arms Control Association*, “Nuclear Weapons Who Has Then at a Glance,” Jan 2017

My website: Jordan, Chapter17, “Nuclear Policy,” pp. 351-355

1. (10) **In a 3/4-page essay**, describe the nuclear capabilities of the states with nuclear weapons.

My website: The Economist, “Nuclear Weapons: the new nuclear age”

Global Politics, Chapter 6, “Global Security, Military Power, and Terrorism,” pp. 225-232

2. (10) **In a 3/4-page essay**, explain why *The Economist* believes that currently the “best that can be achieved is to search for ways to restore effective deterrence, bear down on proliferation and get back to the dogged grind of arms-control negotiations between the main nuclear powers.”

Focus: U.S. Nuclear Policy

My website: *2010 Nuclear Posture Review*, pp. 15-43

3. **In a short-essay each**, describe the issue and the U.S. policy regarding:

- a. (5) reducing the role of nuclear weapons in US national security strategy (15-17),
- b. (5) maintenance of strategic deterrence and stability (19-30),
- c. (5) the concept of extended deterrence and allied reassurance (31-35), and.
- d. (5) sustaining a safe, secure, and effective nuclear arsenal. (37-43)

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Topic: National Security (V)

Sub-Topic: The Nuclear World in 2017 (II)

Focus: NPT (I)

Global Politics, Chapter 6, “Global Security, Military Power, and Terrorism,” pp. 225-228

My website: Summary of the N.P.T.

Wikipedia, “Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons”

My website: Carnegie Endowment, “The Plan for IAEA Safeguards,” Nov 2012

My website: *Brookings*, Einhorn, “Non-Proliferation Challenges Facing the Trump Administration,” March 2017, pp. 1 & 2 and sections 3,4,5, & 7.

- 4. (8) **In a ½-page essay**, describe the non-proliferation treaty.
- 5. (5) **In a short essay**, describe the role and task of the IAEA, including the additional protocols.
- 6. (8) **In a ½-page essay**: describe the shortfalls of the NPT.
- 7. (8) **In a ½-short essay**, describe the problems with the NPT, from the perspective of the non-nuclear weapon states.

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Topic: National Security (VI)

Sub-Topic: The Nuclear World in 2017 (III)

Focus: NPT (II)

My website: *NYT*, Sanger and Broadmarch, “As Nuclear Security Summit Begins, Materials Remain Vulnerable to Theft,” March 29, 2016

- 8. (5) **In a short essay**: describe the problem discussed in this article.

My website: Nick Miller, *Washington Post*, “U.S. nonproliferation policy is an invisible success story,” 16 October 2014

- 9. **EXTRA CREDIT (4) In a short essay**, describe why Miller says the U.S. nonproliferation policy is an invisible success story.

Focus: The Iran Nuclear Agreement

The Economist, “What you need to know about Iran’s landmark nuclear deal”

The New York Times, “Future Risks of an Iran Nuclear Deal”

My website: *The Washington Post*, Miller and Rabinowitz, “Why the Iran deal is a logical extension of U.S. nonproliferation policy,” April 21, 2014

My website: *NYT*, Sanger, “Iran Sticks to Terms of the Nuclear Deal, but Defies the U.S. in other ways,” 13 July 2016

My website: *Brookings*, Einhorn, “Non-Proliferation Challenges Facing the Trump Administration,” March 2017, section 2

10. (10) **In a one-page essay**, describe the nuclear deal with Iran and what these articles mention as the rationale for it and as the flaws in it.

Focus: North Korea

My website: *Brookings*, Jones and Pollard, “North Korea brings out Trump’s serious side,” 7 Mar 2017

Brookings, Einhorn, “Non-Proliferation Challenges Facing the Trump Administration,” March 2017, section 1

11. (8) **In a ½-page essay**, describe the issue from the perspective of the U.S. and the states in East Asia.

Focus: Russia

My website: *Brookings*, Pifer, “How Washington should respond to Russia’s missile treaty violation,” 7 Mar 2017

12. (8) **In a ½-page essay**, describe the issue from the U.S./NATO perspective.