

Combating Nuclear Terror and Climate Change: Belfer Center Studies in International Security

Nuclear terrorism and climate change are two of the most pressing global security challenges of our time. Both threats have the potential to cause widespread devastation and suffering, and both require urgent action. The Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard Kennedy School is a leading center for research and policy analysis on these and other critical issues. We bring together experts from a variety of disciplines to address the most pressing challenges facing the world today.

The Threat of Nuclear Terrorism

Nuclear terrorism is the use of nuclear weapons or materials by non-state actors. This could include terrorist groups, rogue states, or individuals. The consequences of a nuclear terrorist attack could be catastrophic, with thousands or even millions of people killed and injured. The economic and environmental damage would also be immense.



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The threat of nuclear terrorism is real and growing. In recent years, there have been several high-profile cases of terrorists attempting to acquire nuclear materials. In 2010, for example, a group of terrorists in Pakistan was arrested for attempting to purchase uranium. In 2012, a terrorist group in Syria was found to be in possession of radioactive material. And in 2015, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing in Paris that killed 130 people. The fear is that ISIS or another terrorist group could soon acquire nuclear weapons or materials and use them to carry out an attack.

The Threat of Climate Change

Climate change is the long-term alteration of temperature and typical weather patterns in a place. Climate change is caused by the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, which trap heat and cause the planet to warm. The effects of climate change are already being felt around the world, in the form of rising sea levels, more extreme weather events, and changes in plant and animal life.

Climate change is a serious threat to global security. It can lead to conflict and instability, as people are forced to compete for scarce resources. It can also contribute to the spread of disease and the displacement of populations. The economic costs of climate change are also significant, as it can damage infrastructure and disrupt supply chains.

Combating Nuclear Terror and Climate Change

The United States and its allies must take urgent action to combat nuclear terror and climate change. There are a number of steps that can be taken to reduce the threat of nuclear terrorism, including:

- Strengthening nuclear security measures
- Preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and materials
- Countering terrorist propaganda
- Working with international partners to address the threat of nuclear terrorism

The United States and its allies must also take urgent action to address climate change. There are a number of steps that can be taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including:

- Investing in renewable energy
- Improving energy efficiency
- Reducing deforestation
- Promoting sustainable agriculture
- Working with international partners to address climate change

Combating nuclear terror and climate change are two of the most pressing global security challenges of our time. The United States and its allies must take urgent action to address these threats. By working together, we can create a safer and more sustainable world for future generations.

The Belfer Center's Work on Nuclear Terror and Climate Change

The Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs is a leading center for research and policy analysis on nuclear terror and climate change. Our experts have written extensively on these topics, and we have developed a number of innovative policy proposals. We work closely with policymakers in the United States and around the world to help them understand and address these critical challenges.

Here are some of the Belfer Center's recent research projects on nuclear terror and climate change:

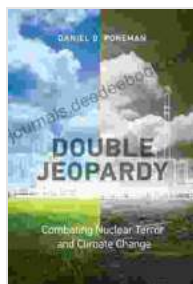
- The Future of Nuclear Terrorism: A Belfer Center Report
- Climate Change and Nuclear Security: A Belfer Center Report
- The Role of the United States in Countering Nuclear Terrorism
- The Economics of Climate Change
- The Impact of Climate Change on National Security

The Belfer Center is committed to helping the United States and its allies combat nuclear terror and climate change. We believe that these are two of the most important challenges facing the world today, and we are determined to make a difference.

Additional Resources

- Belfer Center Nuclear Security Project
- Belfer Center Climate Security Project
- U.S. State Department Bureau of Arms Control, Verification and Compliance

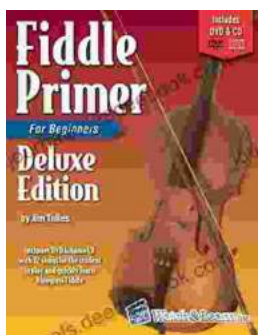
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Change website



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