

The writing process is recursive.

i.e., curves back on itself: each step may include previous steps

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Atomic Dragon: Chinese Nuclear Weapon Development and the Risk of Nuclear War by Gabriel Wacks

Abstract

As China's economy, military, and regional power continue to grow, so do tensions between it and the United States. Long characterized as peaceful, China's ascension to a world power has been accompanied by a marked increase in sophistication of its nuclear arsenal and strategy. China is currently developing stronger nuclear deterrents, and there have been calls from the Chinese military to shift its nuclear policy from a more passive strategy to a higher level of alertness, worrying US military planners. This research will delve into the background of China's nuclear program, details of China's current nuclear development, and the risk to global security that these developments present.

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The Current State of the US Nuclear Arsenal by Maxx Villotti

Abstract

The US nuclear arsenal has reached a critical point in its existence. Approaching the end of their service lives, the weapons that make up the current arsenal must either be upgraded or replaced in order to maintain their effectiveness as deterrents. Nuclear deterrence is still necessary to prevent other states from deploying nuclear weapons, and the arsenal in its current state will not be able to serve this purpose in the near future. To create a long-term, reliable nuclear deterrent, it is recommended that the current weapons in the US nuclear arsenal be replaced with a Reliable Replacement Weapon. Current Life Extension Programs are short-term solutions that do not guarantee the United States will have a modern, reliable nuclear force well into the twenty-first century.

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