

# Know Your Nukes

Think you know current U.S. policy on nuclear weapons? Take the test and see if you know your nukes.

1. The United States has a policy forbidding preemptive nuclear first strikes.

TRUE     FALSE

2. The Bush administration is working to build support for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), which bans all nuclear explosions everywhere, by anyone.

TRUE     FALSE

3. Decades of arms control treaties have reduced the size of the U.S. arsenal to how many nuclear weapons?

A. Under 100  
B. Under 1,000  
C. Under 5,000  
D. None of the above.

4. How many of the following international treaties on nuclear weapons has the Bush administration abrogated, never ratified, or walked away from?

A. Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty  
B. Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty  
C. Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty  
D. All of the above

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## ANSWERS

- 1. FALSE.** The Bush administration's Nuclear Posture Review of 2001 asserts the right of the United States to use nuclear weapons first—even against non-nuclear states—*even though 81% of Americans said the U.S. should never use nuclear weapons first.*
- 2. FALSE.** Although the United States has observed a moratorium on nuclear testing since 1992, it has never ratified the CTBT. President Bush has said he will not ask the Senate to ratify the treaty—*even though 87% of Americans say we should participate in the CTBT.*
- 3. D. None of the above.** The United States continues to cling to a Cold War-era arsenal of 10,000 nuclear weapons—6,000 of them in its active arsenal with another 4,000 in lower states of readiness—*even though a majority of Americans think the U.S. needs no more than 100 nuclear weapons to deter other countries from attacking.*
- 4. D. All of the above.** The Bush administration has torn up or thrown into disarray years of work by negotiators working toward nuclear disarmament. This unilateralist approach has actually encouraged non-nuclear nations to pursue nuclear weapons development and has fueled a new arms race—*even though 84% of Americans said the U.S. should commit to seeking the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons and make a greater effort toward that goal.*

If you found the answers above surprising, please join UCS and support our campaign to reverse U.S. nuclear policy. For more information or to join online go to [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org).

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