

US Nuclear Arsenal

Re: Use with JFK's American University Speech

Between the 1940s and 1996 the US spent at least 5.8 trillion on the development and, testing, and construction of nuclear bombs.

By 1967 at the peak year of our nuclear stockpile, the US possessed some 32,500 deliverable atomic and hydrogen bombs. . . .

Read it again

As of 2010 we have in our arsenal about 5,000 nukes. . .

We spent trillions of dollars in R& D and production and deployment of these weapons. Weapons that would be insane to even think about using.

Just think about what we could have done with the trillions of dollars had this money been applied to problems of Social Security, health care, quality education, and access to higher education for everyone who was prepared for college and professional programs.

And what we could have done with this kind of money in terms of R&D for peaceful pursuits and retaining skilled jobs to undergird the domestic economy to keep the US as the number one exporting nation.

The fact that we used our tax dollars increasingly for so-called national defense we failed to modernize our industry so it could compete with the Japans, Germanys and Chinas of the world. By the 21st century our manufacturing base has all but evaporated. . .

After WW II we were the world's leading lending company. Today we are the world's biggest debtor nation. . . . continuing to exercise influence only on the basis of military prowess alone.