

# PROBLEMS

A nuclear war could:

- Destroy the whole world in several ways
- Kill nearly everyone on earth
- Contaminate everything with deadly radiation
- Blow ash and dust into the stratosphere and block out the sun for 10 years, preventing any plants from growing, and causing “nuclear winter” that would kill nearly everything

For these reasons – and because of the worsening climate crisis – the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists set the “Doomsday Clock” at only **two minutes to midnight** – the closest it has been since 1953.

A huge number of experts – scientists, top-level military professionals and diplomats, and well-informed laypeople – are alarmed that **our survival is in extreme danger** from nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons are **not reasonable** and **not practical**. But the hawks claim that we who want humanity to survive are not realistic.

For decades the U.S. has had a policy of launching nuclear weapons in a “first-strike” to start a nuclear war. We have designed, built and deployed nuclear weapons to do exactly that. **We must stop the madness!**

Now Trump has his finger on “the button.” No president should have this unilateral power. The Olympia Coalition is urging Congress to pass legislation to stop this.

# SOLUTIONS

Well informed people have been urging solutions at the federal level AND organizing at the grassroots to **ABOLISH** nuclear weapons and to reduce the risk in several ways even before we abolish them entirely.

People have organized opposition to nuclear weapons from 1945 to the present. Historian Lawrence Wittner researched that and found that when people are quiet the nuclear dangers increase, but when we organize opposition we push the governments back and reduce the dangers. See his book ***Confronting the Bomb*** for solid information and encouragement.

On July 7, 2017, the United Nations General Assembly passed the “Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.” Of the UN’s 193 member states, 122 of them – almost two-thirds of the world’s nations – supported this treaty. If enough nations ratify the treaty it will prohibit the possession, development, testing, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons. We urge the U.S. to ratify this treaty and **ABOLISH ALL** nuclear weapons worldwide!

The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons – and our statewide coalition, Washington Against Nuclear Weapons – have been working to **stop bad legislation** and to **promote good legislation** at Congress. We oppose provocative new weapons. We urge “No First Use” legislation. See this brochure’s center back panel and contact us for more information.

# SMART LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Since our founding in May 2017, the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons has organized and accomplished many strategically smart activities, such as:

- Holding a gigantic “**ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS**” banner on an I-5 overpass over I-5 every week (*See photo on back*)
- Staffing information tables at the Olympia Farmers Market and other public settings
- Gathering many signatures on anti-nuclear petitions
- Meeting with our U.S. House member and staffers of both U.S. Senators
- Convincing Olympia City Council to pass a resolution opposing nuclear weapons
- Dealing with relevant state legislation
- Showing several relevant films and facilitating community discussions
- Organizing a public celebration honoring the global organization that got the U.N. to pass the abolition treaty. (See the middle of the previous column.)
- Conducting speaking engagements in several public places
- Producing and airing TV programs about the current nuclear crisis
- Sharing information through our e-mail list
- Meeting every month to accomplish even more. **Please join us!**

We hold this banner on an overpass over I-5 in Olympia for one hour every week. Many motorists honk and wave their support! The public is on our side! We need your help to increase our outreach and build a stronger grassroots movement!



We set up this display in the Olympia Timberland Library for a full month in early 2018 as part of our outreach:



More volunteers will help us increase our vigorous outreach activities.

**Please join us!**

## JOIN US!

The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons meets every month and welcomes new people. We continually organize and carry out a variety of strategically smart local activities. See examples inside this brochure and in the previous column.

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### **Our coalition includes these members:**

Fellowship of Reconciliation's Olympia chapter  
(360) 561-3627

A new website will be developed.

Veterans for Peace's Olympia chapter #109  
(360) 867-1487 or (360) 888-3704  
[mills.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:mills.dennis@gmail.com)  
[www.veteransforpeace109.com](http://www.veteransforpeace109.com)

Green Party of South Puget Sound  
Contact Pat at 360-951-9538  
[facebook.com/groups/gpsp](https://facebook.com/groups/gpsp)  
[twitter.com/GreenPartySPS](https://twitter.com/GreenPartySPS)

### **We invite more organizations to join us!**

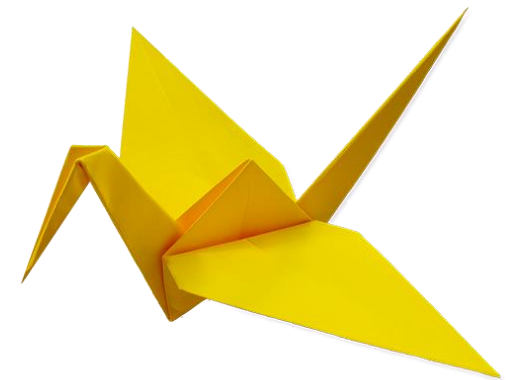
We are an active member of this statewide coalition:  
Washington Against Nuclear Weapons  
(206) 547-2630 [www.wanwcoalition.org](http://www.wanwcoalition.org)

See information posted at the Nuclear Weapons part of [www.parallaxperspectives.org](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)

*Let's work together to abolish nuclear weapons!*

## Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

We work in a variety of strategically useful ways in the Olympia area and also as part of a statewide coalition.



To contact us, see the middle of the back page.

We look forward to connecting with you!