

Trump poses threat to global security

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It is very hard to understand why any sane and knowledgeable American would support expansion of our weapon nuclear arsenal when even a regional nuclear skirmish involving 100 warheads would likely devastate all life on Earth.

Yet President-elect Donald Trump stated his support for nuclear expansion on Dec. 22 on Twitter: “The United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes.”

He followed up his statement with Mika Brzezinski, co-host of MSNBC’s Morning Joe program. “Let it be an arms race,” he told her. “We will outmatch them at every pass and outlast them all.”

It would be absurd to begin a nuclear race, because nuclear weapons are pointless for anyone who cares about human life or understands their environmental consequences.

Nuclear weapons are unholy disasters waiting to happen, and only useful as threats which do not distinguish between an infant and a terrorist.

A study published by the science journal *Earth’s Future* in 2014 found that if even 100 of the smallest (15-kiloton) nuclear bombs were detonated, firestorms would blow five megatons of black soot 80 kilometers high.

The soot would block the sun,

absorb its heat and destroy 20 to 25 percent of Earth’s ozone layer. This blacking out of sunlight would then reduce global surface temperatures to their lowest level in 1000 years.

Arctic and Antarctic ice would increase by up to 25 and 75 percent, respectively. Such an expansion of ice at the earth’s surface would cool Earth further by reflecting a larger amount of sunlight back into space.

Increased cooling and ultraviolet radiation would threaten food supplies across the globe, possibly triggering a nuclear famine.

Yet, the U.S. still has more than 5700 nuclear warheads today, according to the Federation of American Scientists. That being the case,

the Earth’s Future study takes into account only 1.8 percent of the U.S.’s nuclear capabilities—without factoring in how much more powerful nuclear bombs have become.

The U.S. has been making hydrogen bombs since 1952, which are sometimes more than a thousand times as powerful as “Little Boy”—the 15-kiloton bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

A single 300-kiloton W-87 warhead dropped on San Francisco’s epicenter would kill an estimated 200,000 people and leave 332,000 others with third degree burns, according to a digital map designed by nuclear historian Alex Wellerstein.

“I will be the last to use nuclear weapons,” Trump told NBC’s Today program last year when discussing his plans for dealing with the Islamic State terrorist group.

“I will not be a happy trigger like some people might be. I will be the last. But I will

never, ever rule it out.”

My own feeling is that only someone with the moral standing of a mass terrorist would consider



using nuclear weapons as political leverage.

The president of the most powerful nation on the planet should be the last person to view them as an option.

Furthermore, it makes no sense to spend \$20 billion a year funding an enormous nuclear arsenal when all the nuclear warheads any nation would ever need already exist.

Luckily, the world has made some progress in the anti-nuclear movement. In terms of numbers, there are less than one-fifth of the 63,000 nuclear weapons stockpiled during the Cold War.

It would be a crying shame if our country should allow one woefully misguided human being to bring anti-nuclear progress—of our country and the world—back to square one.

The Doomsday Clock was created by scientists to demonstrate how close scientists believe Earth is to its destruction, with midnight symbolizing annihilation. Original photo of Donald Trump by Nathan Congleton. Changes were made. <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/2.0/legalcode> (David Horowitz / The Guardsman)

CCSF Tarot General Forecast

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Working with animal energy is about tapping into the universal force of nature and all that Mother Earth creates in the animal kingdom. Chances are, you’ve used colloquialisms like “wise as an owl” or “sharp as a hawk”; using the archetypal energy of the animal world helps produce a clearer picture of possible life paths to take.

Advice: Earth Dragon

Represents: Power, Potential, Riches

Discover the beauty that lives inside of yourself and others. If you start this year on a positive note and don’t give into despair, no matter how bleak things look, you only stand to gain. Believe that you can achieve your goals. Look for otherwise overlooked opportunities to succeed. One person’s dirt is another person’s treasure. Have you looked at yourself in mirror lately? Really looked at yourself? Consider all the unique gifts that you have to offer the world. Is it your dogged determination? Your poise under pressure? Your honesty? You have assets that go beyond your GPA or the number of zeros in your bank account. Tapping into those skills might very well attract both scholarly accolades and income, if you pay attention to your own brand of personal power.



Overall Mood of the Campus: The Hare

Represents: Rebirth, Intuition, Balance

2017 is a year ruled by the energy of the number one - the year of new beginnings. In contrast, being all about endings, 2016 vibrated with the energy of 9. Political regimes ended, relationships ran their course, as did careers, and famous people died. You might have felt this intensely during the end of 2016 when Mercury retrograde affected communications, waylaying life and travel plans forcing you to sit down and reconsider your future goals. This spring semester, the mood on campus will be completely different. You could feel as if everything had changed as classes are canceled, new board members step more fully into their roles, and new teachers come to the campus. During this time, stay flexible and use your intuition more than ever. It will be your greatest ally and guide. Trust your gut instincts completely. They won’t steer you wrong. Balance your intuition with practicality and don’t run headlong into anything without a clear plan of action. Plan your semester this way and once you’ve decided on a course of action, don’t do anything by halves. Follow through by leaping right into the task at hand.



Look Within: The Wolf (Reversed)

Represents: Intuition, Learning, The Shadow

When the wolf card manifests itself in reverse, it’s a message that you need to go within yourself to find the answers you seek about how to approach life. You may not feel the need to be social. If this time of change and upheaval becomes too much to handle, don’t be afraid to find a solitary spot on campus to hide in for a bit until you come back to yourself. The political climate will only get more intense both on and off school grounds. This may make you feel mentally combative. It’s probably a good idea to avoid direct confrontations for the moment and instead rediscover your own feelings about current events. A hidden side of yourself might shock you with its profoundness. Examine it when you are in solitude and can spend time in deep philosophical thought. When you study during the first half of the semester, you’ll probably find that you are more interested in the soul of the material rather than reciting dry facts.

