

*Nuclear Disarmament Proposal
Makes Final Round
In Vote for Top Ten Ideas
To Be Given to President Obama*



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The idea is straight-forward – “US Leadership to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Globally.”

Now it’s beat out some 7,400 other proposals to make the final round of an international competition.

The social networking website Change.org, together with MySpace, is holding a contest to choose the ten best ideas for change in America.

The first round saw more than 250,000 votes cast. About 90 ideas made it into the final round.

Now people from throughout America and around the world will be voting in the final round until 5:00 p.m. EST on January 15th. The top ten ideas selected will be promoted to the Obama administration and to the public, beginning with an event at the National Press Club on January 16th.

There is only one idea pertaining to nuclear weapons in the final round, giving an opportunity for all those who support a nuclear weapons-free world to unite around the proposal.

http://www.change.org/ideas/view/us_leadership_to_abolish_nuclear_weapons_globally

“US Leadership to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Globally” calls for President Obama to make a public commitment to a world free of nuclear weapons, to launch bilateral negotiations with Russia and to start international negotiations for a phased and verifiable treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons by the year 2020. *(See full text below.)*

“We’ve never had a better chance to raise the profile of nuclear weapons abolition and make real progress toward achieving it,” said Nuclear Age Peace Foundation President David Krieger.

Dr. Krieger, who co-founded the nonprofit educational organization 26 years ago, is urging everyone who believes in peace and a safer world for our children to take three steps without delay.

1. **VOTE:** Even if you voted in the first round, you must vote again in this final round to be counted.

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(If you haven't already signed up at Change.org, you will be prompted to put in your name, email and a password that you choose. After signing up, press the vote button.)

2. **PASS THE WORD:** Send a message to everyone on your email list with a personal note of encouragement to take two minutes and vote for nuclear disarmament.
3. **CALL TEN PEOPLE:** Call the ten people you know who are most likely to be influential in getting out the vote and ask for their help.

The idea entered in the change.org competition coincides with two other initiatives by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

1. *The First 100 Days -- A Nuclear Disarmament Agenda for President Obama.*
This project is designed to ask the new President to make the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons a real priority in the early days of his Administration. More at <http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/resources/obama100day/>

2. *U.S. Leadership for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World – An Appeal to the Next President of the United States.* In January 2008, we launched a movement to educate people about nuclear weapons and how they can be eliminated. We believe there is a significant gap in the education of most people which puts our country and the world at risk. We have collected more than 35,000 signatures so far. We will present the Appeal to the new Administration. The text of the Appeal sets out seven prudent steps that would make the world safer. Each step would reduce the threat from nuclear weapons and so will educate the reader on how nuclear disarmament can proceed.
http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/action/urgent-actions/appeal_to_next_pres/index.php

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Change.org idea – full text.

“US LEADERSHIP TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS GLOBALLY

It is far too dangerous to keep global nuclear disarmament on the back burner. Nuclear weapons pose the most immediate, overwhelming and devastating threat

imaginable to our country and to civilization. The only way to assure that these weapons do not proliferate and fall into the hands of terrorists is to abolish them forever, and only the United States has the leadership capacity to bring the countries of the world together to achieve this goal. It is time for the US to assert that leadership, and President-elect Obama has shown by his statements that he is prepared to lead on this issue. We call upon him to make a strong public commitment to US leadership to abolish nuclear weapons globally; to initiate bilateral negotiations with the Russians to take nuclear weapons off high alert status and to dramatically and verifiably reduce the number of nuclear weapons in the arsenals of our two nations; and to convene a meeting of all nine nuclear weapons states to negotiate a new treaty for the phased, verifiable, irreversible and transparent elimination of all nuclear weapons by the year 2020. This would make the United States more secure, restore its credibility throughout the world, and be a gift to all humanity and all future generations. “

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The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation -- The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation initiates and supports worldwide efforts to abolish nuclear weapons, to strengthen international law and institutions, and to inspire and empower a new generation of peace leaders. Founded in 1982, the Foundation is comprised of individuals and organizations worldwide who realize the imperative for peace in the Nuclear Age. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan international education and advocacy organization. It has consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and is recognized by the UN as a Peace Messenger Organization.

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