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How to avoid nuclear war with China

By Richard L. Garwin, Frank N. von Hippel, March 13, 2023

The United States is in a developing military confrontation with China over Taiwan, made more dangerous by the enormous perceived stakes: global leadership and the future of democracy. When the United States was faced with analogous stark choices during the Cold War with the Soviet Union, nuclear threats and even “limited” resort to nuclear weapons became more thinkable.

Objectively, this prospective confrontation is absurd; China and the United States should be focused on improving life for their citizens, not on threatening the future of civilization. Yet Kevin Rudd, a former Australian Prime Minister who spent years in both China and the United States, reports in his 2022 book, *An Avoidable War*, that “[i]n the American strategic establishment, China has been transformed from a strategic partner into a strategic competitor—and for most parts of the American elite, to a strategic adversary—all roughly in the handful of years since Xi Jinping came to power in China in 2012.”



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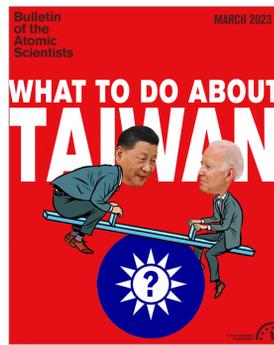
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Raven · 1 month ago
In my lifetime, I've seen the Cold War, been on the Frontline of nuclear disarmament and other campaigns to save the earth, and met amazing warriors and seen the beauty that lies in the hearts of the compassionate. That the threats of nuclear war, that nations feel comfortable using those threats, is anathema. All I can think is WTF? It's time to decide once and for all: life or death? Yes, it IS that simple.

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Gary Childress · 27 days ago
I'm sorry for the way you feel, Raven. I wish there were something I as an individual ordinary US citizen could do to stop what at least some world leaders seem to be pushing us toward (or perhaps this is a cooperative disaster that most if not all of us all responsible for). But I feel very hopeless and unable to affect the amount of positive change that is needed in this situation. I'm agnostic with regards to religion and stuff but if there is a God out there somewhere, then all I want, all I'll ever ask for from... [Read more](#)

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