

Economic Costs of Nuclear Weapons

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify how much the nuclear armed states are spending on nuclear weapons.
2. Evaluate the mismanagement of funds on nuclear spending.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the midst of covid-19 how can the nuclear armed states justify their expenses?
2. Are the nuclear-armed states violating their duty to protect the people?
3. How can we engage with policymakers about their defense spending and bring about change?

ACTIVITIES

1. Design a local campaign to inform your colleagues about defense expenditures on nuclear weapons.
2. Contact your local politician about defense bills that fund nuclear weapons
3. Request your local parliamentarian to sign the ICAN parliamentary pledge
4. Ask your local official to support the ICAN Cities Appeal

OTHER RESOURCES

<https://www.brookings.edu/the-economic-implications-of-nuclear-weapons/>

https://www.icanw.org/global_nuclear_weapons_spending_2020

<https://www.nti.org/analysis/articles/costs-us-nuclear-weapons/>

<https://www.sipri.org/media/press-release/2020/global-military-expenditure-sees-largest-annual-increase-decade-says-sipri-reaching-1917-billion>