

Nuclear Politics

Political Science

How nuclear weapons changed strategic reasoning.

Concepts and concerns.

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Second-strike capability

Mutual assured destruction

Extended deterrence to allies

Stability-instability paradox

No-first-use declarations

Concerns

Proliferation to more states

Accidental or unauthorised launch

Command and control under attack

Erosion of arms control agreements

Educational reference. The stability-instability paradox holds that nuclear stalemate can make lower-level conflict more likely.