

Candidate 5 evidence

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies National 5 Resource Sheet	
Candidate Name	Scottish Candidate Number
<p><u>INTRO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiroshima, 150,000, Nagasaki • 15,000 in the world 20x more powerful than original <p><u>BIG BOMBS GO BOOM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bright strong light • fireball - hot as the sun • wave of pressure (765mph) • Wind 500 mph • high amounts of radiation <p><u>FOR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • threat/deterrant • cannot be forgotten • "The atomic bomb was a golden opportunity given by heaven for Japan to end the war." - Hideo Satomura, Japanese chief cabinet secretary in WW2 <p><u>AGAINST</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The use of the atomic bomb, with its indiscriminate of women and children, revolts my soul." - Herbert Hoover Republican President (1929-1933) • Alternatives → Bomb demonstrations • Could wipe out life completely • Lots of Money. <p><u>C-For</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "And let him who has no sword sell his mantle and buy one" Luke 22:36 <p>* conclude Christian viewpoints!*</p> <p><u>C-Against</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goes against 'Just war principles' • NOT "Every effort must be taken to avoid killing civilians" <p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I hoped to explore the issue... • I believe... • I understand, however... <p style="text-align: center;">DONE</p>	

Is It Ethical For The U.K To Own Nuclear Weapons ?

The first ever nuclear bomb was dropped on Hiroshima during the Second World War and it killed around 150,000 innocent citizens. Nine days later, a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. These are the only two nuclear bombs ever used in conflict. These bombs also ended the Second World War as they forced Japan to surrender. Now, seventy years later there are 15,000 nuclear bombs in the world. All of which are 20 times more powerful than the original "Little Boy" bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

When a nuclear bomb goes off, it first creates a bright, strong light. Simultaneously, a fire ball as hot as the sun radiates from the detonation point. This kills anybody or anything in its reach. Following the fireball, there is a huge wave of pressure travelling at the speed of light (765 miles per hour). This creates winds of 500 miles per hour. This shatters windows and flattens buildings. Nuclear explosions also leave behind large amounts of radiation which can affect the land for thousands of years after the detonation.

"The atomic bomb was a golden opportunity given by heaven for Japan to end the war." - Hisatsune Sakomizu, Japanese chief cabinet secretary during World War Two. Hisatsune Sakomizu believed that dropping a nuclear bomb on

Hiroshima was the right thing to do as, although its aftermath was horrific, it ended the war.

Some people believe that it is ethical for the U.K. to own nuclear weapons as they are a good deterrent for war. This means people in the U.K. feel other countries are less likely to attack the U.K. Another reason why people believe nuclear weapons are a good idea for the U.K. to own is that knowledge of nuclear bombs cannot be forgotten. Therefore, we should make the most of it.

"The use of the atomic bomb, with its indiscriminate killing of women and children, revolts my soul." - Herbert Hoover Ex-Republican President (1929-1933).

This quote shows that Herbert Hoover was against the use of nuclear weapons as they kill too many people.

Some people believe that it is un-ethical for the U.K. to own nuclear weapons because there are always alternatives. For example, instead of dropping a nuclear bomb on Hiroshima, the USA could have done demonstrations to threaten Japan rather than immediately bombing them. Another reason why people are against nuclear weapons is that a small nuclear war could wipe out all life on earth completely. The Trident weapon system costs the U.K. 39 billion pounds every year. Many people believe this money could be spent on different things such as secondary

education which only receives 41 billion pounds a year.

Some Christians believe it is ethical for the U.K. to own nuclear weapons for self-defence: "And let him who has no sword sell his mantle and buy one." - Luke 22:36
This quote suggests nuclear weapons in the U.K. could be used for defence.

Some Christians believe that it is un-ethical for the U.K. to own nuclear weapons as it goes against the "Just War principles". Rule Number 7 of the 'Just War principles' is: "every effort must be taken to avoid killing civilians." As nuclear weapons have such a big impact, this would go against the 'Just War principles'.

I hoped to explore the issue of whether it was ethical for the U.K. to own nuclear weapons. I personally believe that it is un-ethical for the U.K. to own nuclear weapons as the effect of a nuclear weapon is so catastrophic that it cannot be justified in the long run. I understand, however, why people feel it is ethical for the U.K. to own nuclear weapons for reasons like self-defence.