

BASIC Commission submission

One sudden death is a tragedy to those directly affected. The loss of a single civilian life in conflict ought to be a serious concern to any responsible government. The launch of all the missiles on one Trident submarine would result, within a few minutes, in a civilian death toll which would be measured in millions. There is no human history of loss on this scale in such a short time.

When a government prepares to step so far beyond the realms of normal moral conduct, it might be expected that there would be a clear, unambiguous and universally supported justification for their stance. Instead, we have the confused and feeble reasoning presented in the 2006 White Paper.

To study British nuclear policy is to enter a looking-glass world where logic does not apply, and nothing is as it seems.