

Say It Ain't So, Joe!



A cluster bomb in a field in Ukraine, September 2022. Maxym Marusenko / NurPhoto via AP

Are you really going to send cluster munitions to Ukraine? These weapons litter the landscape with unexploded little bombs that often look like toys, and that kill children for years and years to come.

When Russia started dropping cluster bombs on Ukraine this year, your administration correctly called it “a war crime.” Logically, if it’s a criminal behavior, America should not engage in it!

As the International Red Cross says: “Any use of cluster munitions, anywhere, by anyone, must be condemned.”

Please consider how you’d feel if your hometown of Wilmington was to be littered with cluster bomblets, which would lie there for years to come, waiting to be found by the future children of Delaware?

Stumbling towards a catastrophe

Nine months ago, you said we were closer to nuclear war than we’d been in sixty years, since the Cuban missile crisis. You worried aloud then about how to end the fighting in Ukraine. And you warned us that the Russians “are not joking” when they talk about using nuclear weapons.

Cluster and nuclear bombs have some things in common. They are both immoral and, according to a majority of the world’s nations, illegal.

They also both end up targeting children.

If you keep crossing moral and legal boundaries, don't you just bring us ever closer to nuclear war?

**Please, Mr. President:
Don't send cluster bombs to Ukraine.
Don't sleepwalk us into a nuclear war.
Do work to bring about peace.**



Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) opposes any use of cluster munitions, including the delivery of such weapons by the U.S. government to Ukraine. PSR notes that more than 90% of cluster bomb casualties over the years have been civilians, and about 40% of those were children. Our detailed statement can be found at www.psr.org.

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