

In this critical moment for Iran during the crisis with their elections, the New York Times ran an Op-Ed piece citing the great need for more spending and attention to prevent a nuclear explosion in the US.

It was very detailed about the billions of dollars and infinite projects the author felt we needed to spend to protect our country from a very real nuclear threat. The threat has always been real, but he never once mentioned our military budgets, what we already spend on our programs, nor the industries profiting from this fear. He thinks this is where our budget need to prioritize, like we have money? He also omitted what millions of us think is the most critical path toward prevention.

Re: New York Times Op-ed, “A Threat in Every Port”, Prof. Lawrence Wein, June 15th, 2009

Dear NY Times,

Prof. Lawrence Wein makes an excellent case for why we have increased our Military and Defense budgets at such an alarming and record breaking rate, and why the industry is one of the handful hiring in this desperate economic time. Unfortunately, he completely omits the most vital and cost effective measure in needing “to do everything [we] can to prevent a terrorist from detonating such a bomb on our soil.” That measure is to urgently get back to the table. China, Russia, Israel, India, Pakistan, the US, we’ve all been charging ahead quietly with the nuclear arms race. How can we expect others to do as we tell them? Albert Einstein urged us in 1945 to come together to dismantle, curtail, to protect our materials, to stop. When we begin to exemplify transparency, to build this needed trust we will have our greatest nuclear threat prevention program.

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