

Fresno Center for Nonviolence

Nagasaki & Hiroshima
August 1945

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August 2021:
Tis the summer of our
past middle age.



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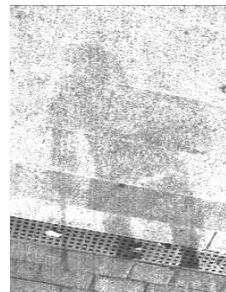
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It has been 77 years since the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and no American President has offered an apology. Still there are those who cried that the bombs were needed to end the war but that has been proven otherwise; the Japanese Emperor had already agreed to surrender. Even the American Military Joint Chiefs of staff had believed that bombing of innocent civilians was wrong. There were no military installations nor bases at either city since the military wanted to see the total devastation the bomb would make.

It was difficult for my father, who had been recently discharged from the War due to injury, believed the government propaganda that at first it was a quarter of million, then a half of a million and finally a million soldiers whose lives were saved by bombing for the rest of his life. That insult isn't just for the dead but for also those, even Americans who had lived through the following decades under this lie, we call the "Cold War." Later President Obama at the beginning of his term went around the world apologizing for his predecessor, George Bush but not once to apologize for the destruction of Hiroshima nor Nagasaki.

If you believe that we of the Fresno Center for Nonviolence are being too critical regarding the nuclear devastation visited on August 6th and August 9th, please be reminded that the current American arsenal of nuclear weapons is the largest ever compiled and that each weapon more powerful than what happened to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Since then, each President has continued to increase the budget for more weapons to make it easier to attack whomever. Recently President Biden has passed a military budget of over 43 billion dollars to add to the nuclear madness. If these pictures make you feel uncomfortable, GOOD. No one should want to fund this future. RG



On August 6, 1945, during World War II (1939-45), an American B-29 bomber dropped the world's first deployed atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The explosion wiped out 90 percent of the city and immediately killed 80,000 people; tens of thousands more would later die of radiation exposure. Pictured above are some of those who died and now their shadows remain.

Before and After



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Our radio show in July, Josh's guest was Dr. Lennie Reeves Villagomez discussing the recent problems in Cuba.