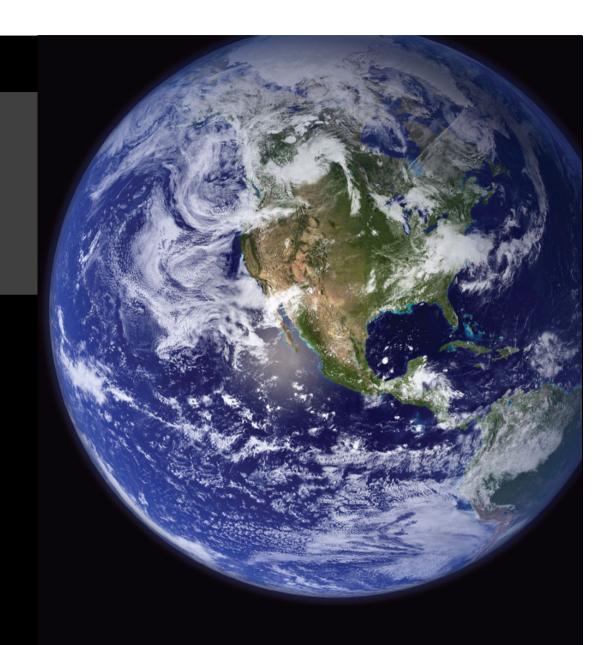
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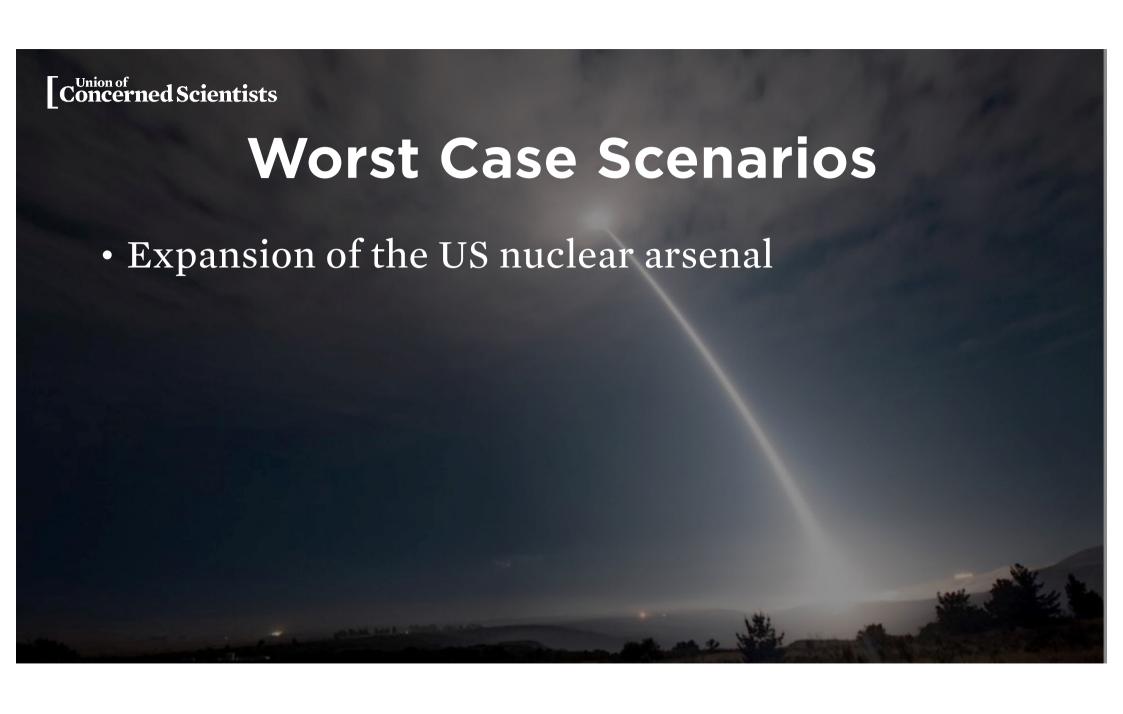


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## **Current Pressures on US Policy**

- Fears about China's global intentions and nuclear arsenal expansion
- · Russia's war in Ukraine
- Decline of traditional arms control
- → Leading some US nuclear policy professionals to conclude the US must prepare to fight *and win* simultaneous nuclear wars with both Russia and China.



## **Congressional SPR**

"US strategic force requirements were set more than a decade ago and anticipated a significantly more benign threat environment than the one the United States now faces. Therefore the United States requires an updated strategic posture to address the projected security environment...

Deployed strategic nuclear force requirements will increase for the United States in such a threat environment." (Final Report on the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, p. 97)

## **Congressional SPR**

"The current multi-program, multi-decade U.S. nuclear modernization program is necessary, but not sufficient to enable the nuclear strategy recommended by the Commission to address the unprecedented two-nuclear-peer threat environment. To avoid additional risk and meet emerging challenges, the United States must act now to pursue additional measures and programs. Additional measures beyond the planned modernization of strategic delivery vehicles and warheads may include either or both qualitative and quantitative adjustments in the U.S. strategic posture." (Final Report on the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, p. 97)



