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Trump's nuclear boast hints at possible treaty breach – Russian lawmaker

The US president's claim that Washington holds a larger arsenal than Moscow implies a violation of New START, a senior MP has warned



US President Donald Trump may have inadvertently revealed that Washington is violating a strategic arms reduction treaty with Moscow by boasting about America's supposed nuclear supremacy, a senior Russian lawmaker has said.

Writing on Truth Social on Thursday, Trump [declared](#) that

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“the United States has more Nuclear Weapons than any other country,” adding that *“Russia is second, and China is a distant*

third.” The statement appeared to contradict the parity limits established under the New START treaty, said Andrey Kartapolov, chairman of the State Duma’s Defense Committee.

“Does Trump mean that they have been deceiving us all this time?” Kartapolov asked. *“If so, we were absolutely right to continue developing our advanced weapons.”*



The 2010 New START treaty, a successor to earlier Cold War-era arms control agreements, caps the US and Russia at 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads and 700 deployed missiles and heavy bombers. It also limits total deployed and non-deployed nuclear-capable platforms, ensuring strategic balance between the two powers.

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Trump’s remarks came as part of a statement announcing new American nuclear weapons testing, though it remained unclear whether he referred to routine missile carrier trials or a resumption of underground explosive tests.

Moscow has **warned** that if Washington abandons the informal moratorium on nuclear detonations that has remained in place since the 1990s, Russia will respond accordingly.

This week, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced landmark successful tests of two advanced nuclear-capable weapons systems, the unlimited-range Burevestnik cruise missile and the Poseidon underwater drone. Both use a highly-miniaturized nuclear reactor for propulsion.

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подводный интернет-кабель 11/1/2025 at 3:17 PM

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B Boris 10/31/2025 at 2:35 PM

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Who cares? Neither side is suicidal enough to launch a nuke at the other.

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C Chris Risher 10/31/2025 at 5:18 PM ↑

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They will press Russia too hard and nukes are survivable. Look at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Both have been populated since 1949 and 1946. Only 1 to 4 years of desolation.

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B Boris 10/31/2025 at 6:00 PM ↑

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Firing a nuke is only an acknowledgement that all is lost. I can't think of any circumstances where Putin would sacrifice Moscow and Peter to guaranteed retaliatory destruction

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K Kiril 10/31/2025 at 9:02 PM ↑


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 Venezuela is next

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America would be wiped out first, They wouldn't know what hit them.

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Lucas Good 11/1/2025 at 12:00 PM ↑

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Kiril 10/31/2025 at 9:01 PM ↑

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If what you claim is true, Russia would have acted long ago. You have no idea what you are saying.

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Eileen Dover 10/31/2025 at 9:49 PM ↑

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Since Russia does not need to do so, the US is at a disadvantage.

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GunZenBomZ 10/31/2025 at 11:15 PM ↑

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Actually usa military thinks they can 'win' a nuclear war. Which is why USSR & now Russian Federation developed the deadhand system meaning even if they usa did complete a first strike. And the leadership & command centers are taken out. The automatic launch of missiles would take place & move to destroy certain targets. The Russian Federation soldiers in the bunkers stop the launch, in usa they initiate the launch. The polar opposite situation because RF defends & usa attacks countries under the pretense of peace.

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Gray Day 11/1/2025 at 9:57 AM

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They already know the destructive power of nuclear weapons. What good is it to test them? Seems like a whole lot of sabre rattling to me.

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G **GeorgeBMac** 11/1/2025 at 10:27 AM ↕

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Russia and China (and North Korea) have developed new nukes. They could run some tests. The US just wants to know if its old, rusty things can still work after all these years.

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R **Rory** 11/1/2025 at 4:22 AM

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LOL! If the orange clown recommences nuclear tests, then China will do the same, and Russia and DPRK as well. No doubt the Long March 10 will be outfitted with massive MIRV warheads pre-programmed to destroy important US cities.

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G **GeorgeBMac** 11/1/2025 at 10:26 AM ↕

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Many, it seems, have discounted whether nuclear war could ever happen and, if it did, then it would not result in «Mutual Nuclear Annihilation». We have forgotten the lessons of the Cuban Missile Crisis.. I was 12 year old then and remember giving it a 50-50 chance I would live out the week.

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000 11/1/2025 at 8:01 AM

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I doubt that the man on the picture is Mr. Trump.

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J **Joseph Andros** 11/1/2025 at 2:29 AM

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Poor Donald,I don't envy him one bit. He has fallen into President's Putin 'trap. The two could not be any further apart for the following reasons:
1_Trump is a hussler,which is great in his previous line of work.He is great at making deals.He exudes confidence.He's a New-yorker go-getter.I respect and admire these qualities.As an academic,I had zero opportunity to develop such skills.
Putin uses Mathematical reasoning (info available on Google)I shall not lecture here.He says what he means and means what he says.It's so simple,yet beyond comprehension to many.....
.le ne sais rien!!

to the same quest...


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 **GunZenBomZ** 10/31/2025 at 11:12 PM

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Poor 'barking*idiot*trump' is going to be social-media walking back his own prose. Or will it be some whithouse clown & speakerage of the english language ...I mean american language!! RENAME it American language, just like the gulf of mexico lark.


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 **Non Ducor Duco** 10/31/2025 at 10:28 PM

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Nah, Donald Duck is simply an attention wh*re, who needs an ego boost every effing day.


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 **GeorgeBMac** 10/31/2025 at 9:56 PM

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The US is \$38 Trillion in debt. If we let ourselves get into an arms race we will end up like the Soviet Union — bankrupt and powerless


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 **GeorgeBMac** 10/31/2025 at 9:54 PM

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How much does it matter? Both nations have enough to destroy each other. We've known that since the 60's. It's called: **«Mutual Nuclear Annihilation»**


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 **Eileen Dover** 10/31/2025 at 9:49 PM

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Forget the SALT agreements and forget renewing them. US is non-agreement -capable.

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 **Kiril** 10/31/2025 at 9:06 PM


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America is going down, they are a very sick nation. They have become desperate, look at the Buffon who sit in the White House. Lincoln, is turning in his grave. How America has failed humanity.


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[reply](#)**K Kiril** 10/31/2025 at 8:59 PM 1

Trump, always needs to be in the MSM western media, and has nothing to really say. Just a huge empty ego. When are Americans going to remove him, he needs serious medical help. Congress !! can you hear the cry of your people?

[Reply](#) **Lamar Areva** 10/31/2025 at 7:11 PM 3

» The malicious, and evil U.S is well-known to violate all the treaty that their [tyrannical and totalitarian] regimes has ever signed.
!!!! *Does Russian officials still trust the sociopathic liars in the colonialistic, vicious states of America* ???? THE AMERICAN REGIME cannot be trusted by anyone or by any nations given their brutal, barbaric, vicious history of back-stabbings, double-dealings, blackmails, suppressions, oppressions and ruthless invasions: Therefore all nations must arms themselves with lethal and deadly missiles, an destructive weaponries to deter and keep their cruel and evil milliary criminals away and at bay.

[Reply](#) **Victor** 10/31/2025 at 5:35 PM 2

When has the collective West ever hold up any treaty??

[Reply](#)**C Chris Risher** 10/31/2025 at 5:13 PM -1

If they do nuke Russia, then they will certainly make sure the bombs are filled with all that Russian nuclear material you sold them. And they would be launched from Ukraine by former citizens of the USSR. That makes it extra sweet for them.

With actions like this they deserve no warning and full destruction.

[Reply](#)**R Richard Bolling** 10/31/2025 at 2:49 PM 5

Donald Trump and his administration are as bad as their predecessor's, and are just as

crazy. I hope President Putin will come to realize it is impossible to deal with lunatics. So it appears the rumors about the highly classified Poseidon underwater drone may well be true. Rumor has it that it can carry up to a one hundred megaton nuclear weapon that could easily destroy the east coast of the United States. Russia's high tech military weapons make NATO and the US arsenal look like junk yard scrap. When I think of the relationship we could of had with Russia and the Russian people that the US threw away it makes me sick to my stomach.

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G Gigi S. 10/31/2025 at 2:19 PM

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the MP should know by now that The US is treaty incapable ,you sign one with a democartic led US government and the next one led by republicans tears it down / simply ignores it or finds a pretext to withdraw from it .

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E Eli Brookstein 10/31/2025 at 2:10 PM

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Nuclear tests were first undertaken in the 1940's and 50's. This showed the destructive power and yield of a Nuclear weapon, payload dependent. Why, 70 years later, a supposed World Super Power, has the idea to test such horrendous weapons; proves that the time has come to end, this race. Of apparent Humans; as, they do not learn.. Further more, testing any Nuclear Weapon underground, will only lead to Radioactive H2O. This means undrinkable water, without Water there is no life!! The apparent stupidity of those supposed leaired people May be the reason why the false term that all life is carbon based has been made popular! THIS IS IN FACT, A BIG LIE, CARBON IS DEATH. NOTHING LIVING IS COMPLETELY COMPOSED OF CARBON. AS IT WOULD LITERALLY MEAN LIVING DEAD!!!!

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Kristy 10/31/2025 at 1:56 PM

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In every race of human there are good and bad. Weighing against a feather. Murdering child traffickers are the bad in every race of human, because they are cavemen. I wish the troops of these countries fight for the rights of humanity over helping felons murder their enemies.

