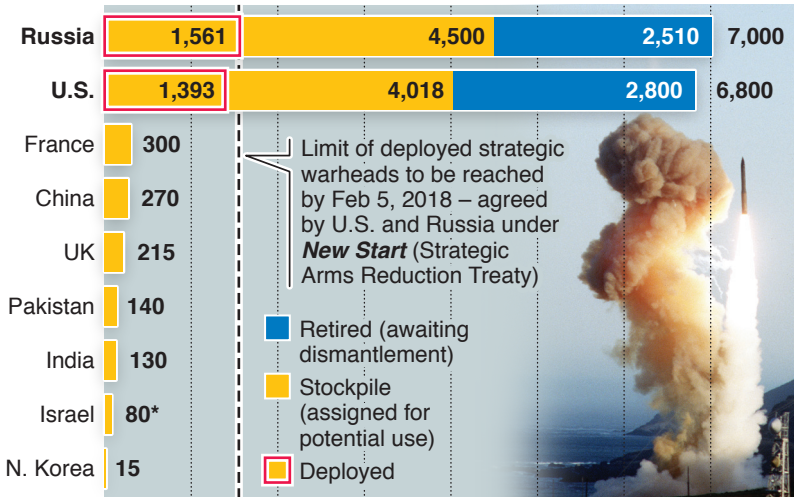


U.S. nuclear policy to counter Russia

The Trump Administration's latest Nuclear Posture Review advocates a more aggressive approach towards Moscow with new tactics and technologies to deter Russia from using nuclear weapons

NUCLEAR-ARMED STATES: Estimated number of warheads, 2017



U.S. NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW (NPR)

■ **Nuclear triad:** Land-based missiles, submarines and bomber aircraft to be modernised to remain effective deterrent – policy begun by former president **Barack Obama**

■ **Lower yield:** Some submarine-launched warheads to be modified to produce less powerful detonation – addressing U.S. concerns that its current nuclear weapons are seen by Russia as “too big to be used”

■ **Sea-launched nuclear cruise missile:** To be developed “in longer term” – re-establishing weapon that existed during Cold War but was retired under Obama administration

■ **Treaties:** Adherence to existing arms control agreements, including New START, which limits U.S. and Russia each to 1,550 strategic nuclear warheads on maximum of 700 deployed launchers