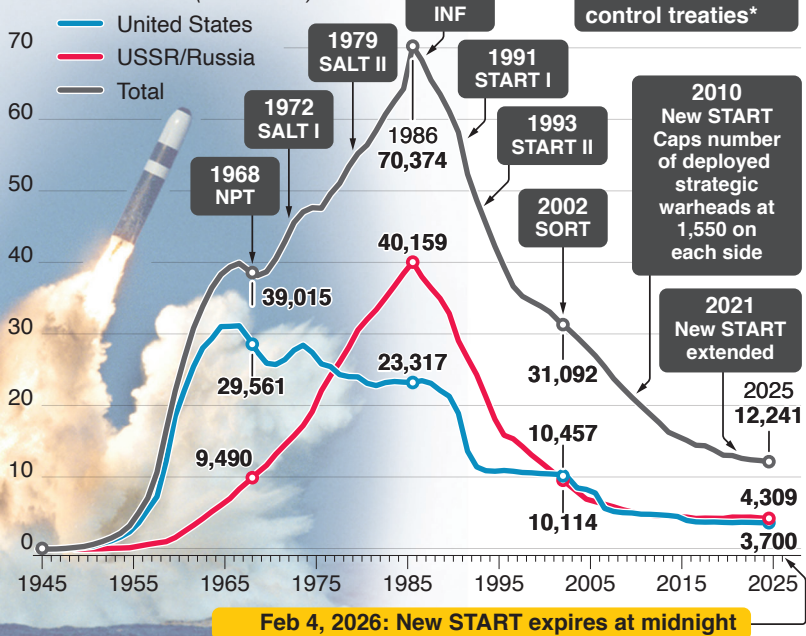


Era of nuclear arms control ends

The era of arms control over nuclear arsenals is about to end as **New START** – the last treaty capping operational missiles and warheads in the world's two largest arsenals – expires

WARHEADS (thousands)



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(2025 estimates)

China: 600 (24) France: 290 (280)

Russia: 4,309
(1,718 deployed strategic†)

United States: 3,700
(1,770)

†Includes those on ballistic missiles, at bomber bases, and, in case of U.S., 100 non-strategic bombs deployed in Europe

UK: 225 (120) **India: 180 (0), Pakistan: 170 (0)**
Israel: 90 (0), North Korea: 50 (0)

***NPT**: Non-Proliferation Treaty. **SALT I, SALT II**: Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty
INF: Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty
START I, START II, New START: Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
SORT: Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty

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