

ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT: A PATHWAY TO GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY

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Abstract

Wars have become most destructive with increase in science and technology. Considering the uncertainty and hostility emanating from the growing competition that characterize international politics, countries have embarked on constant stockpiling of weapons of mass destruction such as biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons. Drawing from the realist perspectives, in a world where animosity is the reality of existence; countries must amass strong weapons so as to survive and remain relevant in global politics. However, the idea of arms control and disarmament has provided the best option to limit incidences of wars between nations. In this paper, the researchers relied more on secondary (content analysis) data and personal observations as a methodology. The theory of Realism was deliberately adopted because of its capacity to explain why countries amass weapons of mass destruction given that in a competing world only the strong will endure. The findings of the study showed that pursuing global peace has no second option, hence the promotion of arms control and disarmament. It concluded that global peace and stability cannot be achieved in tumultuous and war-ridden system. The paper recommended that international conventions and framework aimed at eliminating weapons of mass destruction be strengthened. Furthermore, more energy should be directed to diplomacy and human security instead of the huge expenditure on military resources. The UN should continue to emphasize peace and disarmament initiatives while at the same time de-emphasizing the production of weapons of mass destruction.

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