

Who Are the Biggest High-Tech Murderers of Innocents?

The One Truth in Obama's Peace Prize Speech

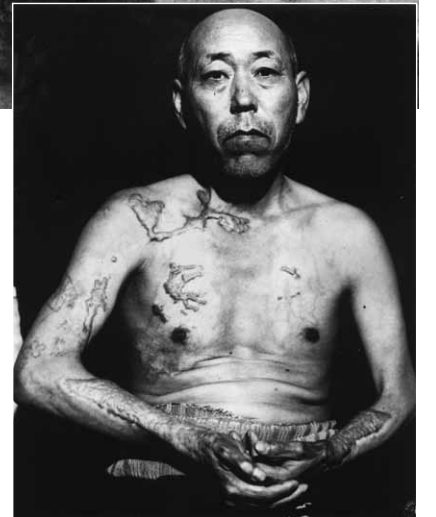
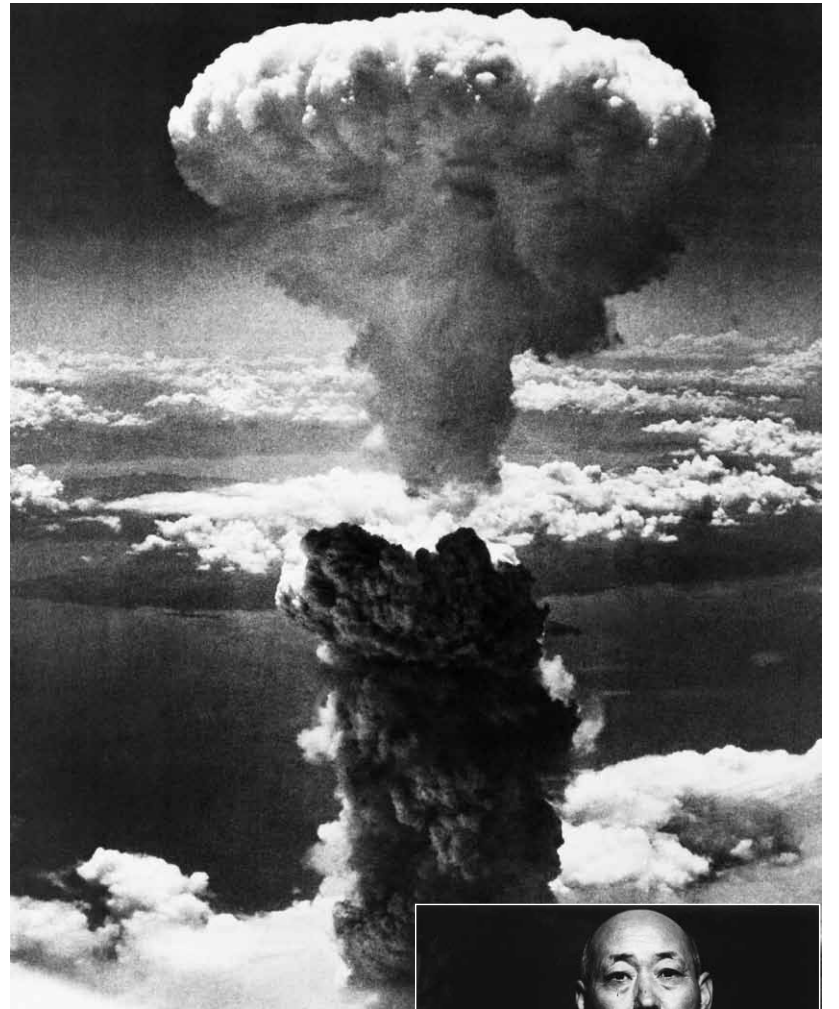
Obama's December 10 speech in Oslo, Norway, accepting the Nobel Peace Prize was, once again, filled with lies and distortions. But let's give him credit for one thing he said that is actually true:

"Terrorism has long been a tactic, but modern technology allows a few small men with outsized rage to murder innocents on a horrific scale."



America laid the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to waste in 1945, dropping two atomic bombs that immediately wiped out more than 100,000 lives. Many were instantly vaporized by the blasts. Others died in agony from horrible burns and injuries. Many thousands more died in the following months and years from the radioactive poisoning. This U.S. is the *only* country that has used nuclear bombs in war.

Right: U.S. atomic bombing of the civilian population of Nagasaki, 1945.
Inset: Jinpe Teravama, survivor of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima, 1947.



America dropped more than 7 million tons of bombs during the 1965-1975 Vietnam war—three times the amount of bombs dropped by the U.S. in all of World War 2. Napalm, a weapon made with jellied gasoline, caused horrible burns and deaths; the chemical weapon Agent Orange poisoned people and plants. On the ground, American troops raped and massacred people on a massive scale. The U.S. killed an estimated 3 million Vietnamese people. General Curtis LeMay, head of the U.S. Air Force during the war, said, "Bomb them back to the stone age."

Left: A Vietnamese father holds his child, covered in burns from a U.S. napalm attack, 1964.



Above: Bodies of two children killed when U.S. troops opened fire on family's vehicle returning from a relative's funeral, Baquoba, Iraq, 2005.

America invaded Iraq twice in a dozen years. In 1991, the U.S. dropped the equivalent of seven Hiroshima atomic bombs during a massive month-long bombing and four-day ground war, killing hundreds of thousands of Iraqis. In one incident among many, two "precision-guided" cruise missiles hit the Amirya air raid shelter, killing 408 civilians hiding there. The 2003 invasion and ongoing war has so far cost the lives of 500,000 to 1,000,000 Iraqis. And in Afghanistan, the "surge" of 30,000 more U.S. troops just announced by Obama means an even more deadly occupation force that has repeatedly bombed wedding parties, tortured prisoners, killed innocent villagers, and carried out many other crimes.

America sent 27,000 troops to invade the small Central American country of Panama in 1989. Massive firepower was turned on civilian communities—the working class neighborhood of El Chorrillo was burned to the ground, and people called it "Little Hiroshima." Between 2,000 and 6,000 were killed in the invasion. American troops dumped many of the bodies into mass graves and burned them with flame-throwers.

Below: A woman and man walk through the rubble of El Chorrillo, Panama, 1989.

