

Reality Asserts Itself - Daniel Ellsberg

In this series, Daniel Ellsberg and Paul Jay explore Ellsberg's latest book, *The Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner*. In the introduction to the book, Ellsberg writes: "No policies in human history have more deserved to be recognized as immoral or insane. The story of how this calamitous predicament came about and how and why it has persisted over a half a century is a chronicle of human madness. Whether Americans, Russians, and other humans can rise to the challenge of reversing these policies and eliminating the danger of near-term extinction caused by their own inventions and proclivities remains to be seen. I choose to join with others in acting as if that is still possible."



[Convert Military to Green Production, or Perish – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI \(13/13\)](#)

November 29, 2018

A massive reduction in ICBM's and transforming the economy away from the military-industrial complex are prerequisites for our survival – says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



[Dismantle the American Doomsday Machine – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI \(12/13\)](#)

November 27, 2018

Congress should hold hearings into nuclear winter and eliminating the hair-trigger and obsolete ICBM's – says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



The Doomsday Machine and Nuclear Winter – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (11/13)

November 23, 2018

An H Bomb first strike will create firestorms and smoke that ends most human life; this is a fact ignored by military planners and by the Trump administration which doesn't believe in climate science – says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



A Strategy of War Crimes, Killing Civilians to Win a War – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (10/13)

November 21, 2018

General Curtis LaMay, who directed the firebombing and nuclear attacks on Japan said, “War is killing people, when you kill enough of them, the other guy quits” – quotes Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



The Discovery That Should Have Changed the Cold War – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (9/13)

November 19, 2018

In 1958, then Senator John F. Kennedy claimed there was a “missile gap”, saying the USSR was far ahead in ICBM weapons; when satellite photos showed the astounding true number, it meant the USSR did not have plans for global domination, but it remained a secret, says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



Once Fired, There’s No Calling a Nuke Back – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (8/13)

November 15, 2018

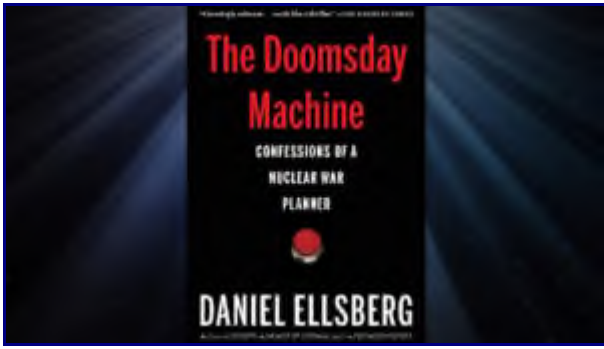
There are many fingers on the nuclear missiles trigger and once an attack begins, even the President can’t order it reversed, says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



U.S. Refuses to Adopt a Nuclear Weapon No First Use Pledge – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (7/13)

November 12, 2018

Every President since Truman has used a nuclear first strike threat as leverage in U.S. foreign policy; it’s institutional insanity says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



U.S. Planned Nuclear First Strike to Destroy Soviets and China – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (6/13)

November 9, 2018

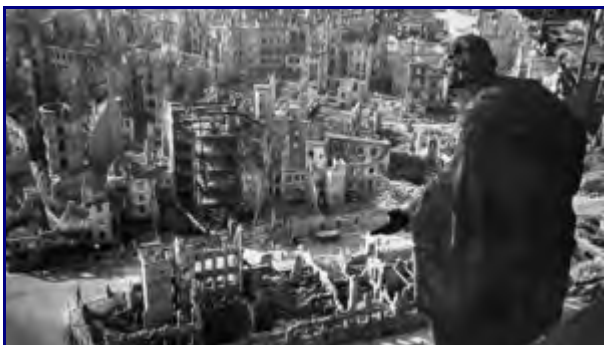
U.S. cold-war nuclear plan called for all out attack on China, even if it was not involved in the war, says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Itself with Paul Jay



Russian “Doomsday Machine” an Answer to U.S. Decapitation Strategy – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (5/13)

November 4, 2018

The U.S. military still thinks that a nuclear war can be won by targeting Russian leadership in a bizarre Dr. Strangelove logic; it’s a recipe for unmitigated catastrophe, says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



The Largest Act of Terrorism in Human History – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (4/13)

November 4, 2018

The British bombing of Hamburg in 1942, and the American firebombing of Japan in March 1945 that killed as many as 120,000 people in one night, created the conditions for the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki which were considered mere extensions of the firebombing tactics, says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



Truman Delayed End of WWII to Demonstrate Nuclear Weapons – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (3/13)

November 2, 2018

To intimidate the Soviet Union and prove to Congress the nuclear program should be funded, Truman dropped nuclear weapons on Japan to end the war; no scientist came forward to warn of the dangers to life on earth, says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



Hitler Wouldn't Risk Doomsday, But The United States Did – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (2/13)

October 31, 2018

Hitler ended the German nuclear weapons program in 1942 when told it could end life on Earth—the Americans were willing to take the risk; since the end of WWII the Cold War was to a very large extent, from beginning to end, a marketing campaign for subsidization of the aerospace industry, says Daniel Ellsberg on Reality Asserts Itself with Paul Jay



The Doomsday Machine: The Big Lie of the Cold War – Daniel Ellsberg on RAI (1/13)

October 29, 2018

On Reality Asserts Itself, Daniel Ellsberg tells host Paul Jay that US intelligence agencies knew that Stalin was not planning to invade Western Europe or seek world domination, but based on the myth, the world came close to nuclear war – and it's all happening again