Peace Psychology: The Early Cold War Period

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"The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking, and thus we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe."

- Einstein (1946)

Preamble of UNESCO Constitution

...since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed (16 November 1945).

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		(Stephenson, 1989)

Peace Studies: Values

Anti-war Anti-violence Anti-nuclear Antiauthoritarian Antiestablishment Pro-social justice
pro-peace
pro-environment
pro-human rights
politically progressive

Barash and Webel (2002). Peace and Conflict Studies

Peace Studies: Typical Distinctions

peace through strength (deterrence) peace through cooperation (multilateralism)

negative peace (absence of war) positive peace (presence of social justice)

> inevitability of war (Hobbesian) potential for war (Lockean)

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Early Cold War Period & US Psychology: 1945-1960

- Doctrine of Realpolitik
- US Foreign Policy Centerpiece: Deterrence
- International System: Bipolar Power Config
- Psychologists Supported US Policies (1940s & 50s)
 - survey research; low levels of public fear of nuclear war (Cottrell & Eberhart, 1948).
 - "fear suppression" (Harris, Proshansky, & Raskin, 1956).
 - desensitizing soldiers' fear of atomic maneuvers (Schwartz & Winograd, 1954).

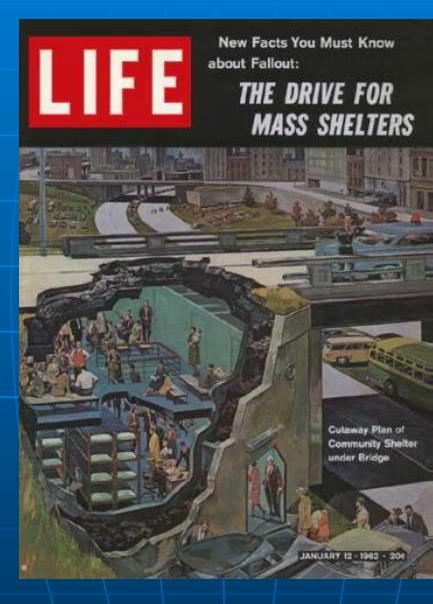
Fear Desensitization and Atomic Maneuvers (post W.W. II)



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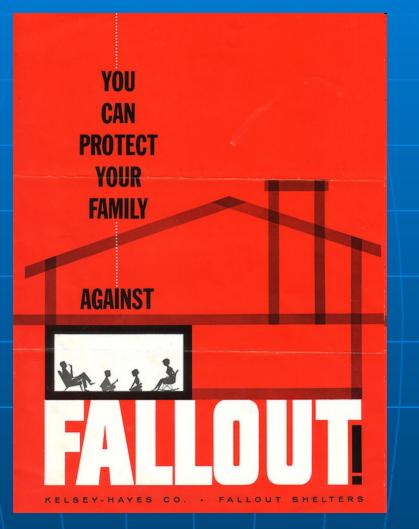
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Duck and Cover (1950s)



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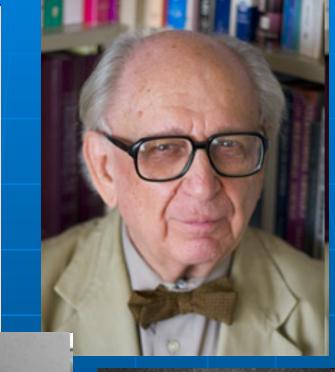
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Challenges to Cold War Mentality (1960s)



Diabolical Enemy Image (Frank, 1967)

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Mirror Images in US-Soviet Relations Bronfenbrenner, (JSI, 1961)

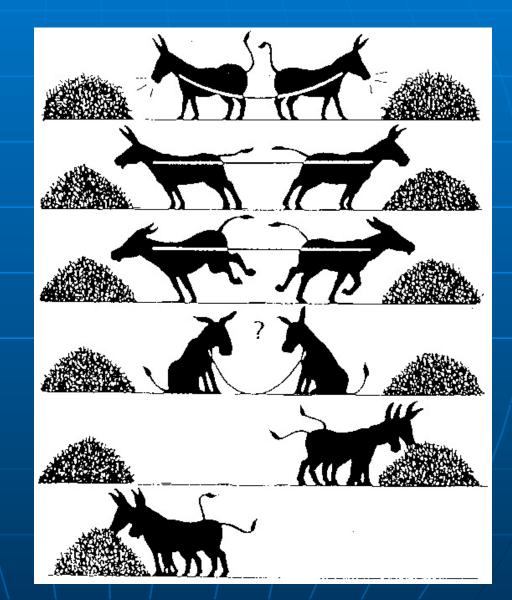
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• Irrationality of Deterrence Milburn (JSI, 1961)



Challenges to Cold War Mentality (Deutsch, JSI, 1961):

Constructive Conflict Management Through Cooperation



Challenges to Cold War Mentality

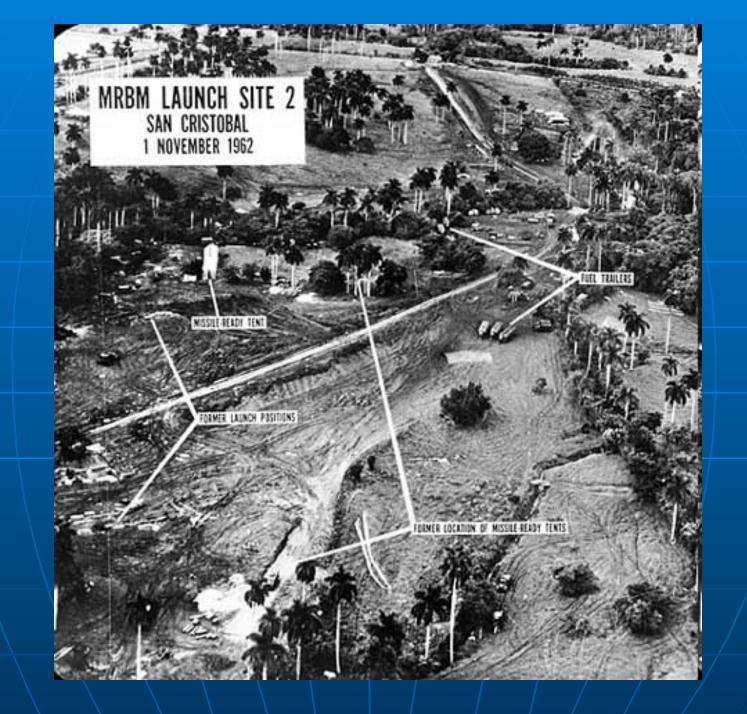
• GRIT (Osgood, JSI, 1961)

Graduated and Reciprocal Initiatives in Tension Reduction



Cuban Missile Crisis (1961)







Naval Blockade



The Hot Line



President Kennedy Signs the LTBT (1963)



GRIT?

 Was the Limited Test Ban Treaty a result of the application of GRIT? (Etzioni, 1967)

