

## Final Product

### Harmful Point of View

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### **The consequences of bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki.**

What damage did the bombs do to Japan, and what other alternatives the US could have chosen to face Japan.

The killing of innocent people by the atomic bombs and the irreparable damage it caused in the cities made life never become what it was before. According to the historical data, approximately 80,000 lives in Hiroshima and 40,000 lives in Nagasaki were lost instantly when the bombs were dropped, also, many others were injured. In an article about the survivors of the bombing, it is stated "...Meanwhile, symptoms of radiation poisoning began. This included hair loss, bleeding gums, loss of energy, purple spots, pain, and high fevers, often resulting in fatalities."

The US did their best to end the war because it had extended for too long and, even though it killed a lot of people, throwing the bombs was the way they found to end the conflict with the least American casualties possible. It's estimated that over 350,000 people either died or got hurt during the American conflict with Japan, which cost a lot of men power, money, and resources. When we see from the pilot's point of view that states, "If you are going to fight a war, you fight it to win. You don't fight a war to hold, or you don't fight one to lose. The name of the game is win". We can almost understand the reason behind this massive action, he and the other people involved were only trying to do what was best for their nation and what would make them win, even if that meant killing many Japanese lives. But wouldn't Japan do the same thing for their country if they had the required resources: the answer is probably yes. So, since the U.S. had what was needed and wanted to win the war, they did that horrible thing. I don't believe that what they did was right or civilized, but maybe it was the best way they found to end the war at that concept. The damage and the lives will never be forgotten, and the possibility of resolving this conflict in a more civilized way still breaks our hearts.

A more diplomatic alternative was to have shown the potential of the atomic bomb on an uninhabited island and that even if the result was bad, it would only bring harm to the environment and not kill hundreds of people. "The detonation of an atomic bomb creates radioactive dust that falls out of the sky into the area around the site of the explosion. Wind and water currents carry the dust across a much larger radius than the initial explosion, where it contaminates the ground, water supply, and the food chain." That was said by the "sciencieng" website on the article about Environmental Effects of the Atomic Bomb. If a bomb were dropped on a desert island, the only thing affected would be the environment of that location, for example, the animals would probably not survive due to radiation exposure and if they survived they would acquire several problems besides that they would starve, the radiation would reach the soils and waters, therefore, there would be a lack of food and appropriate environments for survival. The United States could have dropped the "little boy" bomb on an island that belonged to Japan. The bomb's initial idea was to "scare" and make Japan surrender. They would see the extent of the damage the bomb did, and they would think twice, whether they were going to surrender or not. If they don't surrender, then yes, they would have a reason to use the bomb in Nagasaki, even if that didn't justify it, they at least tried in a "peaceful" way.

Even though the bomb ended the war, the number of people that were killed extended to 214,000 innocent lives and those lives could have been saved by throwing it in an uninhabited place or taking other measures more diplomatically, choosing another method could even avoid the environmental damage caused by the destruction and radiation spread of the bomb. Not only that, those same bombs caused a lot of pain and changed humanity, its beliefs, and even its behaviors for decades to come.