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The Truth About Trident

Making Sense of the Arguments For and Against
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KEY POINTS:

Rationale: Why are we publishing this book?

The debate on whether or not to pursue the £100 billion renewal of Trident is one of the major political discussions of the year. However there are currently no up-to-date, affordable and accessible books about Trident on the mainstream market.

Location: Where does this book relate to?

Trident is located in Scotland, but the ultimate decision will effect everybody in the UK.

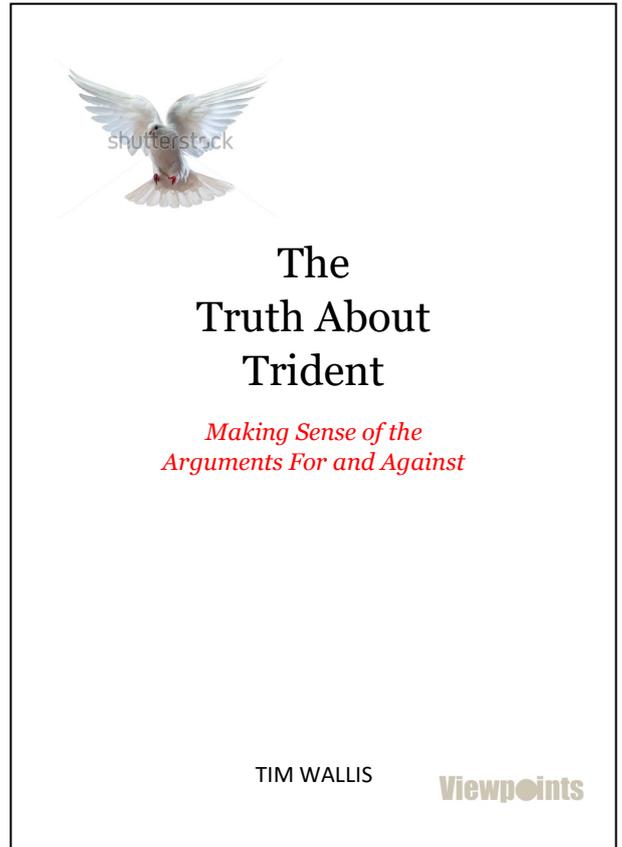
Readership: Who will read this book?

The layman who wants to inform themselves further about this issue without the drama and exaggeration presented by the media.

Media and Marketing: How will people find out about this book?

On 5 October 2015 David Cameron said he was willing and ready to give the order to fire UK ready-made nuclear weapons if the conditions of war were to arise. Jeremy Corbyn said he would not under any circumstances.

Hugely controversial vote due to take place in the House of Commons during 2016 – extensive media coverage anticipated in the next few months.



EXTRACT FROM THE TRUTH ABOUT TRIDENT

'The 'logic' of nuclear deterrence is inherently contradictory and illogical, because on the one hand for it to 'work' as a deterrent, you must be willing to use your nuclear weapons 'if necessary' and that willingness must be sufficiently convincing to your opponent that they believe you really *will* actually use your nuclear weapons if they dared to cross you. On the other hand, if you are willing 'if necessary' to use your nuclear weapons against another country which also has nuclear weapons, then at some level you are clearly not 'deterred' by the fact that that other country also has nuclear weapons.'



AUTHOR BIO

Tim Wallis was born in Boston, Massachusetts and moved with his family to Cullen on the Moray Firth. He studied politics and international relations at the University of Aberdeen. He then discovered the peace studies course at Bradford University in West Yorkshire and ended up getting a PhD from there. Tim spent several years living at a peace camp and campaigning against the building of a nuclear cruise missile base at RAF

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SYNOPSIS

The UK is one of nine states possessing nuclear weapons. Renewal of the Trident programme would extend Britain's commitment to so-called nuclear 'deterrence' well into the second half of this century, despite treaty obligations and an 'unequivocal undertaking' to disarm. With more than 16,000 nuclear weapons stockpiled worldwide, the risk of one going off by accident or design is increasing every day.

Tim Wallis in *The Truth about Trident* explores the issues Trident presents and raises questions like: what would be the impact of their use? How safe are they in the meantime? Are they really necessary? Can we afford them? Are there better alternatives? This book aims to peel back layers of confusion and deceit to reach the truth about Trident.

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