

We cannot today know what Iran might do if it were to acquire nuclear weapons at some point in the future. However, we can ask this question: have the countries that have already acquired nuclear weapons become more aggressive? The answer appears to be that there is no consistent relationship between attaining nuclear weapons and military aggression. But is Iran, as an Islamic-revolutionary state, different? Initial analysis suggests that, in fact, Iran's conflict-initiating behavior over time has been similar to that of China and Russia, suggesting again that a nuclear Iran would not necessarily behave differently from other nuclear-weapon states.

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***Nuclear Weapons
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Should we worry
if Iran (eventually)
gets nuclear weapons?***

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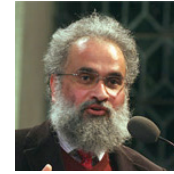
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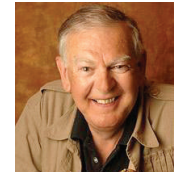
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