Spread of Nuclear Weapons Nothing to Fear, Says Waltz

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It does not matter if Iraq and North Korea possess or develop weapons of mass destruction, according to Kenneth Waltz, adjunct professor of political science and senior research scholar in the Institute of War and Peace. Nuclear deterrence, he says, will prevent either country from ever using them.

The proof, Waltz insists, is evidenced by the continual spread of nuclear weapons since World War II and the absence of any truly substantial conflict.

“That is something unprecedented in world history,” says Waltz. “Never has there been such a long period of time in which major powers have lived in peace.”

Ironically, Waltz attributes the relative peace of the last six decades to the availability of massively destructive weapons.

“Notice that no country with nuclear weapons has been able to do anything with them except

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