

Only one of the seven members has voiced public opposition to the proposal, so the question is premature as it affects Josephine County. In general, however, the question is worth considering.

There are many paths to a suitable civil defense system. Initial rejection of one particular proposal does not in itself prove irresponsibility. If the school board members immediately take action to educate themselves about this matter and then install, without delay, a suitable civil defense system for the children of Josephine County, then they are to be commended and certainly not recalled.

If, however, they reject the donated shelter and do nothing to provide alternative protection, then they should definitely be recalled.

Suppose that the school board were to vote to remove all fire extinguishers and other fire protection from the schools and to suspend all fire drills. This would leave the kids without protection from fire which is a survivable threat. Certainly in this instance the board members who voted for such an irresponsible action should be recalled.

Nuclear explosions are also a survivable threat. These officials have taken legal custody of the kids. They demand that custody by law and demand huge bills of taxation to pay for their activities. These officials are, therefore, responsible for the physical safety of the children in their custody.

Not providing civil defense protection in the schools is like not providing fire protection in the schools. There is one difference. A much larger number of children are likely to be killed by even a single nuclear explosion than are at risk from school fires.

Protect the kids now! Either that or give back to the American people their kids and their tax money, so that they can protect the kids at home.

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In a famous comic strip scene Pogo Possum proclaimed, "We have seen the enemy, and they are us."

I think of this often when I observe active or passive squabbling between pro-strategic defense and/or pro-civil defense groups.