

# FIGHTING CHANCE

*John 8: 31-32*

*Proverbs 22: 3*

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## THE PROBABILITY OF WAR

Opponents of American homeland defense -- civil defense and strategic defense -- argue that these defenses raise the probability of war by making war more "thinkable." They say that Americans will be more likely to fight a war if they think that they can survive one.

They ignore the fact that the Soviets have already spent over \$150 billion to provide their people with both strategic defense and civil defense and that the Soviets have spent even larger amounts of money to build a huge first-strike nuclear arsenal.

Will passive American homeland defense make war more likely? The partial answer to this question is "yes". The complete answer is "no".

War between the United States and the Soviet Union is highly probable already. The only action that could substantially reduce this probability would be deployment of a credible American defense which the Soviets could not expect to overcome - strategic and civil defenses which our Congress has so far refused to build.

Our information, of course, is limited. There are no examples in recorded human history in which a tyrannical regime has not gone to war when faced only by weaker, inadequately defended victims. Appeasement has always led to war. This doesn't prove that there will never be a contrary example, but history has not provided one so far.