

# PREFACE

**I**t has been nearly three years since the release of the first edition of *Underestimated: Our Not So Peaceful Nuclear Future*. Since then, North Korea has conducted two nuclear tests, the United States agreed to a multilateral nuclear deal limiting Iran's nuclear program, and we have a new president who is eager to question all aspects of U.S. policy, including those related to national security and nuclear policy. Other important nuclear developments have occurred as well. These are all reflected in the edits that have been made to this second edition.

My original decision to keep this publication open source was sound. All of the book's footnotes have URLs for the references, which in the electronic version of the book can be accessed merely by clicking on them. In addition, hard copies of the second edition can be bought for a discounted price at Amazon.com. The aim of this book is not to make money, but to focus and provoke discussion about how we should think and act against further spread of nuclear weapons and their possible use. Work has already begun on the third edition.

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