

# Joe Biden Should End the US Pretence over Israel's 'Secret' Nuclear Weapons

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*Every recent US administration has performed a perverse ritual as it has come into office. All have agreed to undermine US law by signing [secret letters stipulating](#) they will not acknowledge something everyone knows: that Israel has a nuclear weapons arsenal.*

Part of the reason for this is to stop people focusing on Israel's capacity to turn dozens of cities to dust. This failure to face up to the threat posed by Israel's horrific arsenal gives its prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, a sense of power and impunity, allowing [Israel](#) to dictate terms to others.

But one other effect of the US administration's ostrich approach is that it avoids invoking the US's own laws, which call for an end to taxpayer largesse for nuclear weapons proliferators.

Israel in fact is a multiple nuclear weapons proliferator. There is overwhelming evidence that it [offered](#) to sell the apartheid regime in South Africa nuclear weapons in the 1970s and even conducted [a joint nuclear test](#). The US government tried to cover up these facts. Additionally, it has never signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Yet the US and Israeli governments pushed for the invasion of Iraq based on lies about coming mushroom clouds. As Israeli nuclear whistleblower [Mordechai Vanunu](#) said: the nuclear weapons were not in Iraq – they are in Israel.

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