

# Nuclear War is on the Table: Front Runner to Become Leader of Conservative Party, Liz Truss Says She's 'Ready' to Press The Nuclear Button. "Im Ready to Do It"

Probably not the response we were looking for right now.

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Liz Truss it not only ignorant with regard to nuclear weapons and their devastating impacts, she does not know the geography of the Russian Federation, claiming that Rostov on the Don as well as Voronezh belong to Ukraine; it's like saying that Manchester belongs to Scotland:

Russia's Kommersant newspaper quoted two diplomatic sources as saying that during their closed-door meeting on Thursday Lavrov had asked Truss if she recognised Russian sovereignty over Rostov and Voronezh – two regions in the south of the country where Russia has been building up its forces.

Kommersant said Truss replied that Britain would never recognise them as Russian, and had to be corrected by her ambassador. ([Reuters report](#))

My message to the Conservative party, do not vote for an Ignoramus who could lead Britain and the World into the unthinkable, a nuclear war which threatens the future of humanity.

Michel Chossudovsky, August 26, 2022

[Liz Truss](#) confirmed she is "ready" to press the UK's nuclear button if need be – and Twitter is not reassured.

*Truss is the frontrunner in the race to be the next [Conservative Party](#) leader. If successfully elected by the membership, she would also become the next prime minister, giving her powers over Britain's nuclear bombs.*

They are considered the most dangerous weapons in the world.

Truss was speaking at a hustings event in Birmingham, when host John Pienaar asked her if she would give the order "to unleash nuclear weapons" from Trident.

He added: "It would mean global annihilation. I won't ask you if you would press the button, you'll say yes, but faced with that task I would feel physically sick.

"How does that thought make you feel?"

Truss replied: "I think it's an important duty of the prime minister and I'm ready to do it. I'm ready to do that."

She has previously indicated that she would renew the nuclear deterrent, which aims to "deter the most extreme threats to our national security and way of life", during her leadership campaign.

But her words last night were particularly chilling considering the ongoing war between nuclear power [Russia](#) and its European neighbour [Ukraine](#), which is closely allied with the UK.

Truss is also the current foreign secretary and was already singled out by the Kremlin back in February for [making "absolutely unacceptable statements"](#) about clashes between Nato and Russia.

Moscow then used Truss' words to put Russia's [nuclear deterrent on high alert](#).

Asked how she would feel if in a situation where as PM she had to deploy a nuclear weapon, Liz Truss said: "I think it's an important duty of the Prime Minister. I'm ready to do that."

Pressed on how it would make her feel, she adds: "I'm ready to do it."

— Rachel Wearmouth (@REWearmouth) [August 23, 2022](#)

[Rishi Sunak](#), Truss' competitor, was reportedly not asked the same question during Tuesday's hustings.

It's fair to say that the leadership hopeful's comments did not land among Twitter users, as

people were torn between fearing for the UK's future and being exasperated that Truss is not focusing on the [cost of living crisis](#) at hand.

At least if she ushers in global annihilation it will be captured on Instagram.  
<https://t.co/6XOt0Bb7gZ>

— Brendan May (@bmay) [August 23, 2022](#)

how long does this tory leadership election have to go on? just want them to pick one already, stop this increasingly batshit pledge-off before they both commit us all to a program of ritual seppuku <https://t.co/JE8Av1Sric>

— Stan Account (@tristandross) [August 23, 2022](#)

The planet is shifting rapidly towards increasing climate and finite resource based security concerns. Countries that thrive and prosper in this era will focus on adapting and creating sustainable ways of living, whilst encouraging others to do the same.

The Tories... <https://t.co/3rFkj7swSD>

— Ross Colquhoun (@rosscolquhoun) [August 23, 2022](#)

“Oh yes, I’d annihilate everyone.” <https://t.co/3KOsPTsopx>

— Mic Wright (@brokenbottleboy) [August 23, 2022](#)

Ok. We’re done here with this one I think. A joke is a joke. And this isn’t funny.  
<https://t.co/TEXjjZ7fWC>

— Amanda Abbington (@CHIMPSINSOCKS) [August 23, 2022](#)

Always look forward to the bit of the leadership race where people have to say “yes, I would nuke everyone in the world to death, without a doubt”  
<https://t.co/vRMKCmU8fq>

— Zing Tsjeng (@misszing) [August 23, 2022](#)

Blimey <https://t.co/hCr00qPNRw>

— Jessica Simor QC (@JMPSimor) [August 24, 2022](#)

Perfectly normal morning in a perfectly normal country governed by perfectly normal people... <https://t.co/0zo4cK6YVX>

— James Oh Brien (@mrjamesob) [August 24, 2022](#)

Holy moly. The Truss, who can't find her way out of a room or hold a phone the right way round says she is ready to press the nuclear button.

We should all be very worried. <https://t.co/2UaiZimZWA>

— Nina □ (@99\_redballoonz) [August 23, 2022](#)

To be honest, after a month of her as prime minister we'll probably be begging her to go ahead and press it <https://t.co/NZ3CeKtbWy>

— Owen Jones (@OwenJones84) [August 23, 2022](#)

This is such a weird obsession the British media have.

Constantly making sure politicians are happy and willing to kill millions of people.

Proper strange behaviour. <https://t.co/PflaMcKku3>

— Ali Milani (@ARMilani\_) [August 23, 2022](#)

First Tweet I have seen this morning .....

I am turning off the world it just needs to stop <https://t.co/SKeuwjqrcy>

— Susie McCabe (@susie\_mccabe) [August 24, 2022](#)

More red meat for the Tory hawks.

The woman is deeply terrifying. <https://t.co/797XoAT7kE>

— Clare Hepworth OBE (@Hepworthclare) [August 24, 2022](#)

At last, Truss announces a plan to deal with spiralling energy costs. <https://t.co/9qNIT8jxNI>

— Ash Sarkar (@AyoCaesar) [August 24, 2022](#)

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