

The emphasis on Canada's becoming a more integral part of the militarization and potential weaponization is the most alarming of the Conservatives' recommendations. Paying only lip service to the need to de-escalate the arms race, the Conservatives seem almost to relish the possibility of our becoming involved in a program that would, inevitably, be linked to Star Wars, the encouragement of ASAT testing, the destruction of the ABM Treaty and the denial of a comprehensive test ban.

The invitation to participate in research on SDI presents us with both an opportunity and a challenge. The opportunity is to say no, no to giving political legitimacy to a project that in our view and in the view of countless witnesses will only accelerate the nuclear arms race itself. The challenge is to find the political will to do so.

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