

Annotation

Since the creation and first use during the Second world war, nuclear weapons have become very effective means of power in international relations. Because of realization of their huge destructive force, they have become to be an political tool of mutual deterrence during the cold war among both world great powers of that time – USSR and USA. There is same situation in today's world, when nuclear weapons are even better and they are spreaded among other countries. They become to be important element of strategic thinking and play crucial role in coercive diplomacy, where they operate especially as manipulative tool of achieving the desired goal. Even though this tactic seems to be very effective, there are some considerable risks and disadvantages. In coercive diplomacy, we distinguish deterrent strategy and compellent strategy and because of dissimilarity between these two concepts, the role od nuclear weapons differs, which i salso pointe dout by some of the experts, who are interested in this topic. To be able to evaluate effectivness of nuclear weapons in coercive diplomacy, we need to point out these differnces and demonstrate them on related historical events.