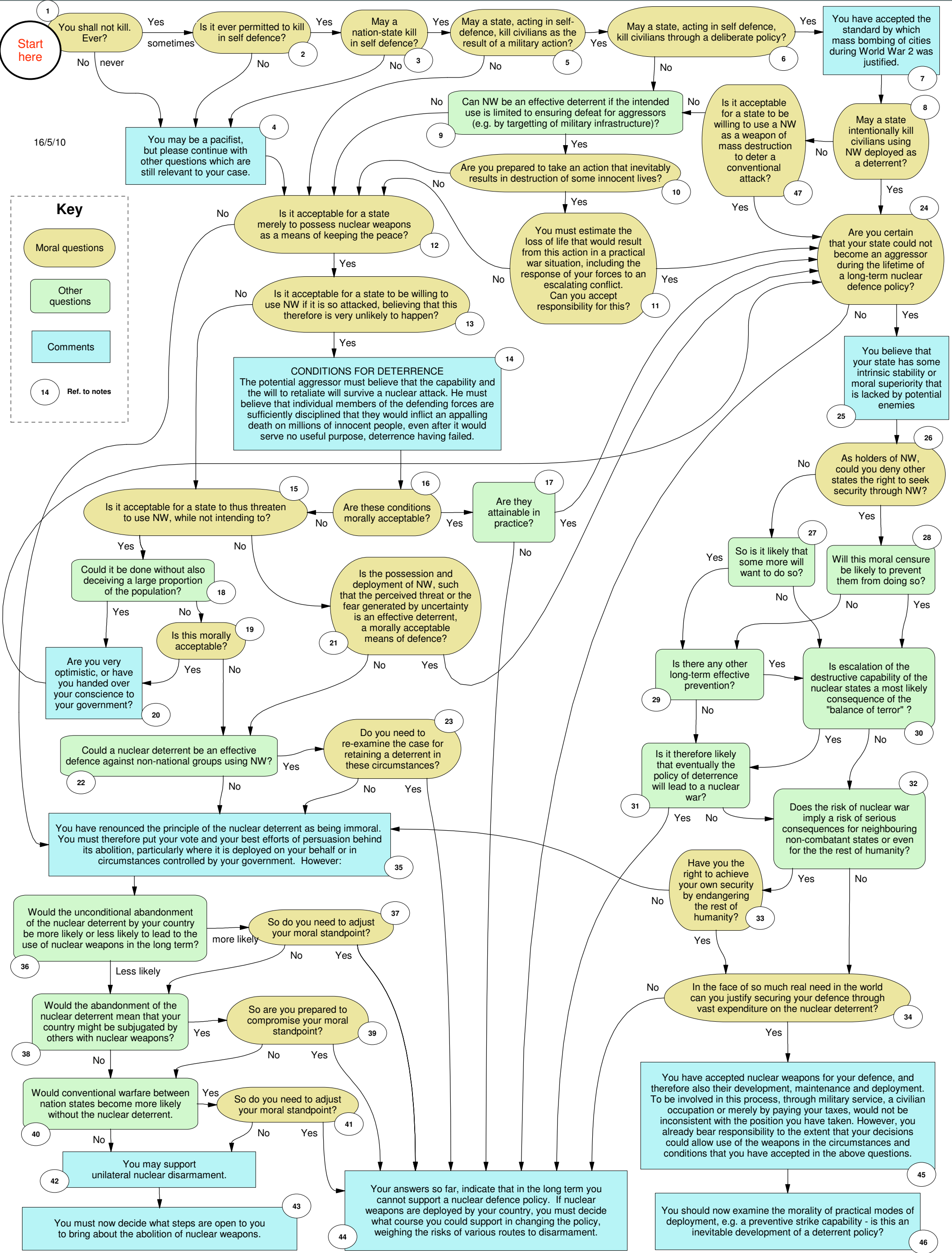


# The Morality of the Nuclear Deterrent - how to decide for yourself

Everyone in the world is threatened by the existence of nuclear weapons. Has anyone the right to wield such destructive power? Everyone has a right to ask this question, and those who live in countries possessing nuclear weapons have a duty to answer it. It has to be a personal moral decision, because if you accept nuclear weapons (NW) for your defence, then morally you hold them in your own hands. This chart is designed to help you decide, and to make national decision makers more accountable. Just follow the chart, answering the questions for yourself; it's easier than it looks but the decisions can be hard.



**Key**

- Moral questions (Yellow oval)
- Other questions (Green rounded rectangle)
- Comments (Blue rounded rectangle)
- 14 Ref. to notes (White circle)

The purpose of this document is to enable a broadly based democratic response to a very complex problem. By limiting the scope to morality of deterrence using nuclear weapons it becomes feasible to present a basic analysis on one sheet. Notes overleaf give additional background. Anyone who is not happy with the questions or the logic can amend the chart as part of their own individual response. Those who do so may wish to subject their changes or enhancements to the scrutiny of others and thereby make a contribution to the general debate. Further information is at: [www.nuclearmorality.com](http://www.nuclearmorality.com) or contact Martin Birdseye +44 (0)77 6274 6895, [info@nuclearmorality.com](mailto:info@nuclearmorality.com)