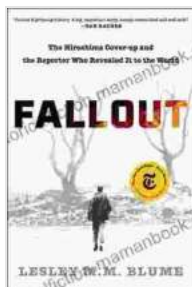


The Hiroshima Cover-Up: How a Reporter Uncovered the Truth That the U.S. Government Tried to Hide

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But one reporter, John Hersey, refused to be silenced. His groundbreaking article, "Hiroshima," published in The New Yorker in 1946, exposed the truth about the bombings to the world and helped to change the course of history.



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The Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The bomb exploded with the force of 15,000 tons of TNT, killing an estimated 140,000 people and injuring many more.

Three days later, on August 9, 1945, the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Nagasaki. The bomb exploded with the force of 21,000 tons of TNT, killing an estimated 80,000 people and injuring many more.

The atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were the first and only times that nuclear weapons have been used in warfare.

The U.S. Government's Cover-Up

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The government's cover-up included the following measures:

- Censoring reports about the bombings
- Suppressing information about the effects of radiation
- Denying the existence of long-term health effects from the bombings
- Discouraging survivors from speaking out about their experiences

The government's cover-up was successful for many years. The American public was largely unaware of the true extent of the damage and suffering caused by the atomic bombings.

John Hersey's Article "Hiroshima"

In 1946, John Hersey, a reporter for The New Yorker, traveled to Hiroshima to investigate the effects of the atomic bomb. Hersey spent three months in Hiroshima, interviewing survivors and gathering information about the bombing.

Hersey's article, "Hiroshima," was published in The New Yorker in August 1946. The article was a groundbreaking expose of the true extent of the damage and suffering caused by the atomic bomb.

Hersey's article described the horrific injuries suffered by the survivors of the bombing. He described the widespread destruction of the city and the long-term health effects of the radiation.

Hersey's article was a powerful indictment of the U.S. government's cover-up of the atomic bombings. The article helped to change the course of history by exposing the truth about the horrors of nuclear war.

The Impact of Hersey's Article

Hersey's article had a profound impact on the American public. The article helped to raise awareness of the true extent of the damage and suffering caused by the atomic bombings.

Hersey's article also helped to change the way that the American public thought about nuclear weapons. The article helped to create a new

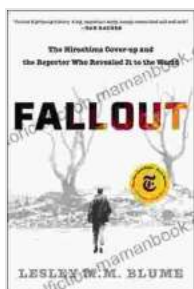
understanding of the dangers of nuclear war.

Hersey's article was a major factor in the decision by the United States to not use nuclear weapons again. The article helped to create a new global consensus on the need to prevent nuclear war.

John Hersey's article "Hiroshima" was a groundbreaking expose of the true extent of the damage and suffering caused by the atomic bomb. The article helped to change the course of history by exposing the truth about the horrors of nuclear war.

Hersey's article is a reminder of the importance of journalism in a free and democratic society. Journalists have a responsibility to speak truth to power and to hold those in power accountable.

Hersey's article is also a reminder of the dangers of nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons are a threat to all of humanity. We must work together to prevent nuclear war.



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