Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good Posted by EvilWhiteDragon on Mon, 23 May 2011 13:13:08 GMT

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Renx wrote on Mon, 23 May 2011 03:18EvilWhiteDragon wrote on Sun, 22 May 2011 05:46Renx wrote on Sat, 21 May 2011 17:47...

On nukes... as brutal as they were in japan, a full on assault of the main island would have been far, far more brutal and both sides knew that (japan was relying on it). In reality the nukes were the reason Japan was able to rebuild so quickly and become the economic powerhouse they are today.

Wait, you just justified genocide in what, 75 words? Jeezzz.

Personally I think attacking the civil population is never an option, particularly not when the country in question doesn't have a lot of natural resources so you could easily do a siege of the islands. Primitive as well and would've taken more time, but would've worked without all the nasty nuclear side effects for Japan, and not in the least for the children.

Attacking civilians was an option in WW2, regardless of whether nukes were involved or not. If it wasn't nukes, it would have been carpet bombings and shellings. Except those wouldn't have inflicted enough fear fast enough and the damage to the country would have been much more extensive, with the potential for even more loss of life.

How many lives do you think would have been saved if the nuke had come a few years earlier, and had been used against Germany? Millions.

They were carpeting bombing cities because otherwise they wouldn't hit shit. If there where nazi HQ in a city it was easier to bomb the entire city centre than to try and hit 3 buildings from 3 or more km high.

I think Japan would've surrendered in the end anyway, even without land invasion. Why? Because Japan does not have a lot of natural resources and would need to get everything from either the sea or overseas. No need to go on land. Just block the ports and airfields.

Would've taken somewhat more time, but would've been perfectly possible and the Japan army would've run out of oil rather fast as long as they where performing manoeuvres.