

Case: The United States should blow up the moon with nuclear weapons.

1. Help people

- Eliminate green cheese (it smells)
- Reduce superstition... a lot of people have completely wacky ideas about the moon.
- Eliminate werewolves
- Get rid of “once in a blue moon”-related vices, which have ruined so many diets
- Protect privacy rights, from the man in the moon... what’s his agenda?
- Global security: No place for alien attackers to hide behind

2. Help the environment

- Eliminate tidal waves / tsunamis, thus saving lives. *Some* people say that these are caused by “earthquakes”... but I disagree.
- Eliminate barnacles on ships – which hurt global commerce – thus helping the economy.
- Eliminate coastal erosion, that’s gradually eating away at our living space
- Increase biodiversity, by creating all these new sea life species that just might contain a cure for cancer. (We can preserve specimens of the old ones in zoos.)
- Global security: Protective asteroid shield around the Earth, to absorb incoming asteroids/meteors
- Get rid of surplus nuclear material
(we need to get rid of it anyway, under START II)

3. Help the U.S. national interest

- It’ll make the world fear us. As Machiavelli or someone eloquently put it, it’s better to be feared than loved. And we think blowing up the moon will accomplish that.
- Give the U.S. a strategic monopoly on moon rocks

4. The moon is obsolete and has served its purpose

- We use a *solar* calendar now
(Can’t fully adopt new technology until we dispose of obsolete stuff)
- We’ve already landed on it, so currently it’s just sitting there mocking us because we can’t come back. Re the man in the moon: Wipe that smirk off his face!