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Nuclear Savage: The Islands of Secret Project 4.1

Horowitz, Adam Jonas. *Nuclear Savage: The Islands of Secret Project 4.1*. Santa Fe: Primordial Soup Company, 2011. Color, 87 min. <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/28826/31637893>.

A shocking political exposé and heartbreakingly intimate ethnographic portrait of Pacific Islanders struggling for dignity and survival after decades of intentional radiation poisoning at the hands of the American government. This untold and true detective story unfolds in the remote Marshall Islands, where during the Cold War the United States exploded 67 nuclear bombs, vaporizing islands and contaminating entire populations. Most incredible is the central story of the film, which reveals how U.S. scientists used the local islanders as human guinea pigs for decades to study the effects of nuclear fallout on human beings. (Source: [NuclearFreePlanet](#))

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Further readings:

- Schwartz, Stephen I., ed. *Atomic Audit: The Costs and Consequences of U.S. Nuclear Weapons Since 1940*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 1998.

Related links:

- Official Film Website
<http://www.nuclearsavage.com/>
- Pacific Proving Grounds (PPG) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NIOSH Radiation Dose Reconstruction Program)
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ocas/ppg.html>
- Representing Environmental Risk in the Landscapes of US Militarization (Virtual Exhibition)
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/exhibitions/risk-and-militarization>

Websites linked in this text:

- <http://www.nuclearfreeplanet.org/trailer-of-nuclear-savage-by-adam-jonas-horowitz.html>
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>