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What are the explanations that have been offered in support of dropping the atomic bomb? What is your response to these explanations?

There are many sides to the debate over whether the atomic bombs should have been dropped or not, and whether it was the bombs themselves that led to the Japanese surrender. Proponents of dropping the bombs argued that the lives lost in an invasion of Japan would be insurmountable, and it was therefore necessary to deploy nuclear weapons to prevent such large loss of life. Other believe still that the dropping of the bombs was immoral, a war crime, and ultimately unnecessary. Touting that the Soviet Union's invasion of Japanese held areas is what truly caused the Japanese surrender. I think there are good points on both sides, and I'm glad I never had to make the decision that these men did. Ultimately, I think dropping the bombs was immoral and wrong.