

## Worldwide Responses to the 20 Millisievert Controversy 20 ミリシーベルト論争への世界的反響

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**Between 2012 and 2014 we posted a number of articles on contemporary affairs without giving them volume and issue numbers or dates. Often the date can be determined from internal evidence in the article, but sometimes not. We have decided retrospectively to list all of them as Volume 10, Issue 54 with a date of 2012 with the understanding that all were published between 2012 and 2014.**

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On April 19, the Japanese government raised the allowable annual radiation exposure limit from 1 mSV (millisievert) to 20 mSV. The decision has been heavily criticized by experts inside and outside Japan, as it is applied to children who are more susceptible to radiation, and this limit does not take internal radiation dosage into consideration. 20 mSV is the yearly average of what is allowed for Japanese nuclear plant workers under normal circumstances. On this website, we have so far primarily written and provided information in English on this "20 mSV" issue and on the Fukushima nuclear crisis in general. In this post we attempt to compile a list of articles, video news, press releases available in English and other languages.

### Press TV

Japanese govt. under fire for schoolyard radiation

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/177926.html>

Japan confirms meltdown at 3 reactors

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/181545.html>

### New York Times

Angry Parents in Japan Confront Government Over Radiation Levels

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/26/world/asia/26japan.html?\\_r=1&emc=tnt&tntemail0=y](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/26/world/asia/26japan.html?_r=1&emc=tnt&tntemail0=y)

Japan Tries to Ease Fury of Parents Near Plant

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/28/world/asia/28japan.html>

### AFP

Japanese protest revised school radiation limit

<http://news.ph.msn.com/regional/article.aspx?cp-documentid=4863806>

### The Guardian

Fukushima parents dish the dirt in protest over radiation levels

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/02/parents-revolt-radiation-levels>

**The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus** (most comprehensive and in-depth reports on the issue)

Protests: The 20 Millisievert Decision and the Future of Atomic Energy in Japan

<http://www.japanfocus.org/events/view/86>

20 Millisieverts for Children and Kosako Toshiso's Resignation

<http://www.japanfocus.org/events/view/83>

Save the Children: Radiation Exposure of Fukushima Students

<http://www.japanfocus.org/events/view/81>

### Spanish National TV "TV1"

Nuevos datos confirman la gravedad de la

crisis nuclear de Fukushima  
<http://www.rtve.es/alacarta/videos/terremoto-en-japon/nuevos-datos-confirman-gravedad-crisis-nuclear-fukushima/1110350/>

### **Der Spiegel**

Japan legt hohe Strahlengrenzwerte für Kinder fest

<http://www.spiegel.de/wissenschaft/mensch/0,1518,758410,00.html>

[Criticism]

### **Tillman Ruff's Opinion Article in Kyodo News Agency**

OPINION: Children of Fukushima need our protection

<http://english.kyodonews.jp/news/2011/04/87835.html>

A bilingual version on Peace Philosophy Centre  
<http://peacephilosophy.blogspot.com/2011/04/tillman-ruff-children-of-fukushima-need.html>

### **IPPNW's letter to Education Minister Takaki (bilingual) on Peace Philosophy Centre**

IPPNW to Japanese Government: Raising Allowable Radiation Dose for Fukushima Children "Unacceptable."

<http://peacephilosophy.blogspot.com/2011/05/ippnw-ippnw-to-japanese-government.html>

### **PSR (Physicians for Social Responsibility)**

PSR Press Conference on Chernobyl Anniversary

<http://www.psr.org/news-events/news-archive/video-psr-press-conference-chernobyl.html>

(with Japanese translation)

Physicians for Social Responsibility Calls 20 mSV for Children "Unconscionable."

[http://peacephilosophy.blogspot.com/2011/05/blog-post\\_06.html](http://peacephilosophy.blogspot.com/2011/05/blog-post_06.html)

### **The Japan Medical Association**

<http://peacephilosophy.blogspot.com/2011/05/20-msv-for-children-scientific-basis.html>

[NGOs]

**Green Action** (One of the four NGOs leading the movement to get the government to rescind the 20 mSV decision.)

Fukushima Update

<http://fukushima.greenaction-japan.org/>

### **MSCR (Moms to Save Children from Radiation)**

<http://mscr2011.jugem.jp/?eid=4>

### **French petition campaign**

Un blog du Réseau "Sortir du nucléaire"

Pétition urgente :

Refusons l'exposition des enfants japonais à des doses élevées de radioactivité

<http://groupes.sortirdunucleaire.org/spip.php?page=petition-japon>