

Rethinking National Security: The Man in the TNT Vest

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Imagine that a man wearing a TNT vest were to sit next to you and tell you that he isn't a suicide bomber, so there is nothing to worry about. He doesn't have the button for setting off the explosives. Rather, there are two buttons in very safe hands. One was in Washington with President Trump for four years and is now under Biden's thumb. The other is in Moscow with President Putin, so just relax. You would still get away as fast as you can!

And, of course, there are additional buttons in London, Paris, Beijing, Jerusalem, New Delhi, Islamabad, and Pyongyang — and terrorists are trying to get one of their own.

Returning to the real world, just because we can't see the weapons controlled by those buttons, why do we stay here? As if confronted by that man in the TNT vest, we need to be plotting an escape route. That does not mean jumping out the window and possibly killing ourselves. Rash actions such as unilateral disarmament are not the solution. But neither is complacently assuming that, because the Earth's explosive vest has not yet gone off, it never will.

We need to [rethink national security](#).

