Imagine that a man wearing a TNT vest were to come into the room and tell you that he wasn’t a suicide bomber, so there was nothing to worry about. He didn’t have the button for setting off the explosives. Rather, there were two buttons in very safe hands. One was in Washington with President Trump and the other was in Moscow with President Putin, so just relax. You’d still get out of that room 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 we were confronted by that man in the TNT vest, we need to be plotting an escape route. Instead, society complacently assumes that because the Earth’s explosive vest has not yet gone off, it never will.

Isn’t it time we rethink national security?

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