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Dirty Bombs and Nuclear Arsenal

Dirty bombs are a scare tactic with a high barrier to execution with minimal payoff. For this reason, we haven’t really seen terrorists use them over more standard explosives. Where the possibility for irradiating an important piece of infrastructure would certainly succeed at scaring a populace, a traditional explosive would be much easier to set up for a similar result. As such, we really have not seen these weapons used in attacks.

The US nuclear arsenal is the largest in the world, which has played no small part in geopolitics for the majority of the past half-century. I believe that we, as a world, are past the need for one country to have an overwhelming nuclear majority. I don’t think it is right for the US to throw its weight around, so to speak, when dealing with all sorts of issues, due to its overwhelming military power. Such a thing sounds very dystopian and horrifying to me. As such I would love to see a disarmament down to the average level of other nuclear countries, that average excluding both the US and Russia. A few hundred, rather than a few thousand, seems to be more than enough, considering only 2 nuclear weapons have ever been used in a military context, having several thousand, all of which are stronger than Little Boy and Fat Man, seems like absolute overkill.