



The war on terror is coming home

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The war on terror isn't over. In fact, it is coming home.

In 2013, President Barack Obama suggested the time had come to end America's forever wars in favor of targeted strikes on terrorists. A decade later, President Biden didn't just echo this sentiment; he stated that the U.S. was no longer at war "anywhere in the world." Others speak of the war on terror as a historical effort (which might offer lessons for Israel to heed in Gaza), or simply state that terrorism remains "remarkably quiet."

But these assessments fail to acknowledge that the war on terror is still very much alive — and that the greatest threats we face could soon come from within.

Terrorism's center of gravity has almost always been thought of as far away, as terrorists like Yahya Sinwar, Osama bin Laden, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi fought and died on the other side of the world. But the most fertile ground for extremism and fanaticism is changing.

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