

TOP TEN FUTURE SECURITY TRENDS

- 1. Bioterror risk is high.** These weapons are invisible, silent, easily transportable, hard to detect, and able to spread rapidly in a civilian population.
- 2. Dirty bombs, a type of nuclear device, threatens life, health, and property.** If you dust 400,000 people with radiation, they get sick, some die, and their city becomes uninhabitable—think Chernobyl.
- 3. World War III has begun and we are not prepared.** A new type of global conflict that started with 9/11 threatens to destroy civilization.
- 4. Cyber-terror attacks are coming.** As the world relies more on the linkage of all essential services, connecting commerce, finance, communications, food, transportation, energy, and health, we are vulnerable.
- 5. Future crime will be highly sophisticated, dangerous, all high-tech, and profitable.**
- 6. Identity will be a highly valued commodity, capable of being bought and sold.**
- 7. End of privacy is coming.** Privacy will be traded for security in a future ruled by video surveillance, database sniffers, satellites, and biometrics.
- 8. Personal security market emerges.** The post-9/11 world will experience the rapid advancement of innovations used to secure individual freedom.
- 9. Extreme pandemics risks leading to fierce new epidemics may make SARS, bird flu, AIDS, and Ebola seem tame.**
- 10. Neuro-war—drugs, tech, devices to commit terror—will be used as a weapon to control people's thoughts and behavior.** Think evil Prozac.

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