

The Lessons of The Vietnam War
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“The Knock at the Door”

The situation

Imagine that you are a person living in the 1950's. The words communism, H-Bomb, and civil defense are in everyone's vocabulary. The civil defense siren has just gone off in your hometown, so far as you are aware this is not a drill. You find your family members and you head for your basement. You have converted part of your basement into a bomb shelter. It is equipped with beds, food, water, and other minor survival items enough for you and the other members of your family to survive for two weeks and then your resources will be depleted. Your only means of communication is a radio that has dead batteries. A day has passed and you and your family are coping with the situation as best as can be expected given the circumstances. All of a sudden you hear a knock at a door leading to the basement. Do you answer the door? Do you let the person in? Keep in mind the survival of you and your family depends on what you do.