



## The Yes Men play anti-terror prank at European Parliament

Masquerading as 'Global Security Response', the activist duo unveiled the ENDURAsphere, a 'sort of gated eco-commune for one'

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A group calling itself Global Security Response unveiled this unusual-looking anti-terrorism device in a press conference at the European Parliament today.

Named 'the ENDURAsphere', GSR billed its orb as a 'sort of gated eco-commune for one ... It has Generation 5 Kevlar padding and a plastic-alloy skin that allows the occupant to withstand any impact.'

'All materials and effluent are processed for reuse in the occupant's ENDURAsphere, or for trade or exchange with another.'

It's unknown whether any of the members of press in attendance twigged that there is in fact no such company as Global Security Response, and that the ENDURAsphere was part of an elaborate hoax.

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- [The Yes Men Fix The World, review](#)

Sporting a fake moustache and claiming to be GSR spokesman 'Archibald Schumpeter', the Yes Men's Andy Bichlbaum told the press conference: "I'm really excited to be talking with you today about ways that nations that suffer terrorism can respond to terrorism in forceful but intelligent ways from within the defense and security paradigm that we're used to."

"But unfortunately, such responses have not generally been very intelligent. In fact, it's been pretty much all stupid, all the time, every since 9/11."

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ENDURAsphere as an alternative, 'guaranteed to work against terrorism'.

In a statement on the Yes Men website Bichlbaum said: "This hoax was about highlighting that there really is no solution to terrorism within the defense and security paradigm. Military 'solutions' backfire badly."

"Any 'solution' to terrorism that doesn't take colonial history into account is bound to fail completely. From the parcelling of the Middle East after WWI to the invasion of Iraq by the US, there are reasons things are as they are."

The press conference was arranged with the help of Greek MEP Stelios Kouloglou and German MEP Martin Sonneborn as part of a Charlie Hebdo commemoration. The Yes Men described it as 'the first action of its sort to take place within the European Parliament.'

Speaking to press after the event, MEP Kouloglou said: "Bombing is a recruiting tool for ISIS. If we want to undermine terrorists, we need to end the war in Syria, welcome Middle Eastern refugees, and marginalize extremists by establishing better relationships with moderate forces in Islam. We also need to better integrate the youth of our most disadvantaged communities."

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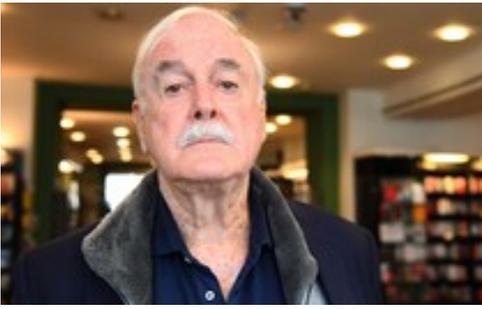


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