The Subtle Connection Between Counter-terrorism Strategies and Humiliation

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The actual security strategies, in which counter terrorism plays a prominent role, mirror - and at the same time paradoxically cause - a general sense of vulnerability and influence the perception of the level of risk. The acceptance of security measures can then become passive and security rituals and practices can intensify feelings of humiliation and vulnerability. This is widely discussed at the international level and under various perspectives, from issues of human rights, to the definition of policies to respect privacy and other.