Absurd Reactions to Disasters

Imagine that, following the earth being hit by a giant asteroid, the government mandated that every person must wear a helmet and carry a shield whenever they were outside of a building as a means of protecting themselves against the threat of future asteroid strikes.

This absurd reaction would cause incredible inconvenience and expense and would require a massive enforcement effort, yet it would still be more logical than the government response to 9/11.

It would be far less costly and less deadly than the trillions of dollars and millions of lives sacrificed to the great farce that is the "global war on terror." It would be less intrusive than the wiretapping of the entire world. It would also have a greater chance of actually protecting people from the impact of an asteroid than does the TSA of protecting anyone from a "terrorist."