
UKRAINE INVASION: WOULD PUTIN PRESS THE NUCLEAR BUTTON?

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Let me begin with an admission. So many times, I've thought: "Putin would never do this." Then he goes and does it.

"He'd never annex Crimea, surely?" He did. "He'd never start a war in the Donbas." He did. "He'd never launch a full-scale invasion of Ukraine." He has. I've concluded that the phrase "would never do" doesn't apply to Vladimir Putin.

And that raises an uncomfortable question: "He'd never press the nuclear button first. Would he?"

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