

# Everyone's Talking about "False Flags ... Isn't that Another Bogus Historical Conspiracy Theory?

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More people are using the term "false flag" [than ever before](#).

Some claim that the Boston marathon bombing, 9/11 and the Oklahoma City bombing were false flag attacks.

Others claim that anyone who uses the phrase "false flag" is a nut conspiracy theorist.

This post does *not* discuss Boston, 9/11 or Oklahoma City. It simply looks at whether there is any real historical concept regarding false flags.

## What Is False Flag Terror?

"False flag terrorism" is defined as a government attacking its own people, then blaming others in order to justify going to war against the people it blames. Or as Wikipedia [defines it](#):

False flag operations are covert operations conducted by governments, corporations, or other organizations, which are designed to appear as if they are being carried out by other entities. The name is derived from the military concept of flying false colors; that is, flying the flag of a country other than one's own. False flag operations are not limited to war and counter-insurgency operations, and have been used in peace-time; for example, during Italy's strategy of tension.

The term comes from the old days of wooden ships, when one ship would hang the flag of its enemy before attacking another ship in its own navy. Because the enemy's flag, instead of the flag of the real country of the attacking ship, was hung, it was called a "false flag" attack.

Indeed, this concept is so well-accepted that rules of engagement for [naval](#), [air](#) and [land](#) warfare all prohibit false flag attacks.

## Leaders Throughout History Have Acknowledged False Flags

Leaders throughout history have acknowledged the danger of false flags:

"This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs; when he first appears he is a protector."

- Plato

"If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy."

- U.S. President James Madison

"Terrorism is the best political weapon for nothing drives people harder than a fear of sudden death".

- Adolph Hitler

"Why of course the people don't want war ... But after all it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship ... Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country."

- Hermann Goering, Nazi leader.

"The easiest way to gain control of a population is to carry out acts of terror. [The public] will clamor for such laws if their personal security is threatened".

- Josef Stalin

## Governments from Around the World ADMIT that they Carry Out False Flag Terror

But don't take our word for it.

Governments from around the world admit they carry out false flag terror:

- A major with the Nazi SS [admitted](#) at the Nuremberg trials that - under orders from the chief of the Gestapo - he and some other Nazi operatives faked attacks on their own people and resources which they blamed on the Poles, to justify the invasion of Poland. Nazi general Franz Halder also testified at the Nuremberg trials that Nazi leader Hermann Goering [admitted](#) to setting fire to the German parliament building, and then falsely blaming the communists for the arson
- The CIA [admits](#) that it hired Iranians in the 1950's to pose as Communists and stage bombings in Iran in order to turn the country against its democratically-elected prime minister
- Israel [admits](#) that an Israeli terrorist cell operating in Egypt planted bombs in several buildings, including U.S. diplomatic facilities, then left behind "evidence" implicating the Arabs as the culprits (one of the bombs detonated prematurely, allowing the Egyptians to identify the bombers, and several of the Israelis later confessed) (and see [this](#) and [this](#))
- The former Italian Prime Minister, an Italian judge, and the [former head of Italian counterintelligence](#) admit that [NATO, with the help of the Pentagon and CIA, carried out terror bombings in Italy and other European countries in the 1950s and blamed the communists, in order to rally people's support for their governments in Europe in their fight against communism](#). As one participant in

this formerly-secret program stated: "[You had to attack civilians, people, women, children, innocent people, unknown people far removed from any political game. The reason was quite simple. They were supposed to force these people, the Italian public, to turn to the state to ask for greater security](#)" (and see [this](#)) (Italy and other European countries subject to the terror campaign had joined NATO before the bombings occurred). And watch [this BBC special](#)

- As admitted by the U.S. government, recently declassified documents show that in the 1960's, the American Joint Chiefs of Staff signed off on a plan to *blow up AMERICAN airplanes* (using an elaborate plan involving the switching of airplanes), and also to *commit terrorist acts on American soil*, and then to blame it on the Cubans in order to justify an invasion of Cuba. See the following [ABC news report](#); [the official documents](#); and watch [this interview](#) with the former Washington Investigative Producer for ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings.
- 2 years before, American Senator George Smathers had [suggested](#) that the U.S. make "a false attack made on Guantanamo Bay which would give us the excuse of actually fomenting a fight which would then give us the excuse to go in and [overthrow Castro]".
- And Official State Department documents show that - only nine months before the Joint Chiefs of Staff plan was proposed - the head of the Joint Chiefs and other high-level officials [discussed](#) blowing up a consulate in the Dominican Republic in order to justify an invasion of that country. The 3 plans were not carried out, but they were all discussed as serious proposals
- The South African Truth and Reconciliation Council [found](#) that, in 1989, the Civil Cooperation Bureau (a covert branch of the South African Defense Force) approached an explosives expert and asked him "to participate in an operation aimed at discrediting the ANC [the African National Congress] by bombing the police vehicle of the investigating officer into the murder incident", thus framing the ANC for the bombing
- An Algerian diplomat and several officers in the Algerian army [admit](#) that, in the 1990s, the Algerian army frequently massacred Algerian civilians and then blamed Islamic militants for the killings (and see [this video](#); and Agence France-Presse, 9/27/2002, French Court Dismisses Algerian Defamation Suit Against Author)
- Senior Russian Senior military and intelligence officers [admit](#) that the KGB blew up Russian apartment buildings and falsely blamed it on Chechens, in order to justify an invasion of Chechnya (and see [this report](#) and [this discussion](#))
- According to the [Washington Post](#), Indonesian police admit that the Indonesian military killed American teachers in Papua in 2002 and blamed the murders on a Papuan separatist group in order to get that group listed as a terrorist organization.

- The well-respected former Indonesian president also [admits](#) that the government probably had a role in the Bali bombings
- As reported by [BBC](#), the [New York Times](#), and [Associated Press](#), Macedonian officials admit that the government murdered 7 innocent immigrants in cold blood and pretended that they were Al Qaeda soldiers attempting to assassinate Macedonian police, in order to join the “war on terror”.
- Although the FBI now admits that the 2001 anthrax attacks were carried out by one or more U.S. government scientists, a senior FBI official says that the FBI was actually [told to blame the Anthrax attacks on Al Qaeda by White House officials](#) (remember what the anthrax letters [looked like](#)). Government officials also confirm that the white House [tried to link the anthrax to Iraq](#) as a justification for regime change in that country
- Former Department of Justice lawyer John Yoo [suggested](#) in 2005 that the US should go on the offensive against al-Qaeda, having “our intelligence agencies create a false terrorist organization. It could have its own websites, recruitment centers, training camps, and fundraising operations. It could launch fake terrorist operations and claim credit for real terrorist strikes, helping to sow confusion within al-Qaeda’s ranks, causing operatives to doubt others’ identities and to question the validity of communications.”
- United Press International [reported](#) in June 2005:

U.S. intelligence officers are reporting that some of the insurgents in Iraq are using recent-model Beretta 92 pistols, but the pistols seem to have had their serial numbers erased. The numbers do not appear to have been physically removed; the pistols seem to have come off a production line without any serial numbers. Analysts suggest the lack of serial numbers indicates that the weapons were intended for intelligence operations or terrorist cells with substantial government backing. Analysts speculate that these guns are probably from either Mossad or the CIA. Analysts speculate that agent provocateurs may be using the untraceable weapons even as U.S. authorities use insurgent attacks against civilians as evidence of the illegitimacy of the resistance.

- Quebec police [admitted](#) that, in 2007, thugs carrying rocks to a peaceful protest were actually undercover Quebec police officers
- At the G20 protests in London in 2009, a British member of parliament [saw](#) plain clothes police officers attempting to incite the crowd to violence
- A Colombian army colonel has [admitted](#) that his unit murdered 57 civilians, then dressed them in uniforms and claimed they were rebels killed in combat

- U.S. soldiers have [admitted](#) that if they kill innocent Iraqis and Afghans, they then “drop” automatic weapons near their body so they can pretend they were militants

## The Bottom Line

The bottom line is that governments from around the world have – according to their *own admissions* – carried out false flags.

Any discussion about a specific terrorist attack cannot start with the assumption that it *couldn't be* a false flag attack, or that it *must be* a false flag attack.

The *facts* of each attack must be examined on their own merits before reaching any conclusion

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