

# Everything We're Doing Now Was Planned BEFORE 9/11

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We've been told that 9/11 changed everything.

Is it true?

Let's look at the facts:

- The Afghanistan war was planned before 9/11 (see [this](#) and [this](#))
- The decision to launch the Iraq war was made [before 9/11](#). Indeed, former CIA director George Tenet said that the White House [wanted to invade Iraq long before 9/11, and inserted "crap" in its justifications for invading Iraq](#). Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill – who sat on the National Security Council – also [says](#) that Bush planned the Iraq war before 9/11. Top British officials [say](#) that the U.S. discussed Iraq regime change even before Bush took office. And in 2000, Cheney [said](#) a Bush administration might “have to take military action to forcibly remove Saddam from power.”
- Cheney apparently even made Iraqi's oil fields a national security priority [before 9/11](#). And the Sunday Herald [reported](#): “Five months before September 11, the US advocated using force against Iraq ... to secure control of its oil.” (remember that [Alan Greenspan](#), [John McCain](#), [George W. Bush](#), [Sarah Palin](#), a [high-level National Security Council officer](#) and others all say that the Iraq war was really about oil.)
- The Patriot Act was planned [before 9/11](#). Indeed, former Counter Terrorism Czar Richard Clarke told Stanford law professor Lawrence Lessig:

After 9/11 the government drew up the Patriot Act within 20 days and it was passed.

The Patriot Act is huge and I remember someone asking a Justice Department official how did they write such a large statute so quickly, and of course the answer was that it has been sitting in the drawers of the Justice Department for the last 20 years waiting for the event where they would pull it out.

(4:30 into [this video](#)).

- Cheney dreamed of giving the White House the powers of a monarch long [before 9/11](#)
- Cheney and Rumsfeld actively generated fake intelligence which exaggerated the threat from an enemy in order to justify huge amounts of military spending long [before 9/11](#). And see [this](#)
- The government's spying on Americans began [before 9/11](#) (confirmed [here](#) and [here](#). And see [this](#))
- The decision to threaten to bomb Iran was made [before 9/11](#)
- It was known long [before 9/11](#) that torture doesn't work to produce accurate intelligence ... but is an [effective way](#) to terrorize people
- And – sadly – America played dirty games to justify and win wars [before 9/11](#)

9/11 didn't change anything. It was simply an excuse to implement existing plans.

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