

The 9/11 Facts Timeline: Evidence, Opinion and Analysis From Major Media Sources

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This Timeline reveals important statements and reports from mainstream media sources regarding 9/11 and the "Global War on Terrorism". They are revealing in many regards, but they are not always accurate and in some cases they are misleading.

What is significant is that the authors provide an important and carefully researched archive which broadly refutes the official story, while shedding light on the insidious relationship between Al Qaeda and the CIA. (GR Editor, M. Ch.)

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9/11 was one of the most pivotal events in world history. Its impact will be felt for years to come. You owe it to yourself to go beyond the simplified official story. This is an extremely complicated story with numerous players and motives. The 9/11 facts below don't all make sense or fit neatly together. It's a story full of espionage, deceit, and lies. But if forces out there are tricking us, they can only succeed if we, the general public, remain ignorant and passive.

We limit our sources on this 9/11 timeline to the major media. It's not that one can only trust the major media. Much of the best reporting today comes from alternative media. Yet many are initially very skeptical. Some of these 9/11 facts are very hard to believe. Yet remember that each entry is reported by respected mainstream media sources and can easily be verified by clicking on the links provided to the original source. After seeing the importance of what's being hidden, you will very likely want to join in working together to [build a brighter future](#).

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1962: America's top military leaders draft plans to kill innocent people and commit acts of terrorism in US cities to trick the public into supporting a war against Cuba in the early 1960s. Approved in writing by the Pentagon Joint Chiefs, Operation Northwoods even proposes blowing up a US ship and hijacking planes as a false pretext for war. [[ABC News, 5/1/01, Pentagon Documents](#)]

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Prior to 9/11

1980s: Osama bin Laden runs a front organization for the mujaheddin-Islamic freedom fighters rebelling against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. The CIA secretly backs the mujaheddin. Pakistan's Prime Minister Bhutto, understanding the ferocity of Islamic extremism, tells then President George H. W. Bush, "You are creating a Frankenstein." [[MSNBC, 8/24/98](#), [Newsweek, 10/1/01](#), [more](#)]

1994: Two attacks take place which involve hijacking planes to crash them into buildings, including one by an Islamic militant group. In a third attack, a lone pilot crashes a plane at the White House. Yet after Sept. 11, over and over aviation and security officials say they are shocked that terrorists could have hijacked airliners and crashed them into landmark buildings. [[New York Times, 10/3/01](#)]

1996: The Saudi Arabian government is financially supporting Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda and other extremist groups. After 9/11, the Bush Administration does nothing to confront the Saudi leadership over its support of terror organizations and its refusal to help in the investigation. [[New Yorker, 10/22/01](#), [more](#)]



Osama bin Laden with President Carter's National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski

1996-1999: The CIA officer in charge of operations against Al Qaeda from Washington writes, "I speak with firsthand experience (and for several score of CIA officers) when I state categorically that during this time senior White House officials repeatedly refused to act on sound intelligence that provided multiple chances to eliminate Osama bin Laden." [[Los Angeles Times, 12/5/04](#)]

1996-2001: Federal authorities have known for years that suspected terrorists with ties to bin Laden were receiving flight training at schools in the US and abroad. One convicted

terrorist confessed that his planned role in a terror attack was to crash a plane into CIA headquarters. [[Washington Post, 9/23/01](#)]

1996-Sept 11, 2001: Taliban envoys repeatedly discuss turning bin Laden over, but the US wants to be handed bin Laden directly, and the Taliban want to turn him over to some third country. About 20 more meetings on giving up bin Laden take place up till 9/11, all fruitless. [[Washington Post, 10/29/01](#)]

1997: Former National Security Advisor Brzezinski publishes a book portraying Eurasia as the key to world power, and Central Asia with its vast oil reserves as the key to domination of Eurasia. He states that for the US to maintain its global primacy, it must prevent any adversary from controlling that region. He notes that because of popular resistance to US military expansionism, his ambitious strategy can't be implemented "except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat." [[The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and its Geostrategic Imperatives](#)]

1998: An Oklahoma City FBI agent sends a memo warning that "large numbers of Middle Eastern males" are getting flight training and could be planning terrorist attacks. [[CBS, 5/30/02](#)] A separate CIA intelligence report asserts that Arab terrorists are planning to fly a bomb-laden aircraft into the WTC (World Trade Center). [[New York Times, 9/19/02](#), [Senate Intelligence Committee, 9/18/02](#), [more](#)]

Aug 1998: Within minutes of each other, truck bombs blow up the US embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, killing more than 220. For some of the time that bin Laden's men were plotting to blow up the two embassies, US intelligence was tapping their phones. [[Newsweek, 10/1/01](#)]

Dec 1998: A *Time* magazine cover story entitled "The Hunt for Osama," reports that bin Laden may be planning his boldest move yet - a strike on Washington or possibly New York City. [[Time, 12/21/98](#)]

Late 1998-Early 2000: On at least three occasions, spies in Afghanistan report bin Laden's location. Each time, the president approves an attack. Each time, the CIA Director says the information is not reliable enough and the attack cannot go forward. [[New York Times, 12/30/01](#), [more](#)]

Sept 1999: A [US intelligence report](#) states bin Laden and Al-Qaeda terrorists could crash an aircraft into the Pentagon. The Bush administration claims not to have heard of this report until May 2002, though it was widely shared within the government. [[CNN, 5/18/02](#), [AP, 5/18/02](#), [Guardian, 5/19/02](#)]

Nov 1999: The head of Australia's security services admits the Echelon global surveillance system exists. The US still denies it exists. BBC describes Echelon's power as "astounding." Every international telephone call, fax, e-mail, or radio transmission can be listened to by powerful computers capable of voice recognition. They home in on key words, or patterns of messages. [[BBC, 11/3/99](#)] Jan 2000: George Bush Sr. meets with the bin Laden family on behalf of the Carlyle Group. He also met with them in 1998. Bush's chief of staff could not remember that this meeting took place until shown a thank you note confirming the meeting. [[Wall Street Journal, 9/27/01](#), [Guardian, 10/31/01](#)]

Summer 2000: A secret military operation named Able Danger identifies four future 9/11

hijackers, including lead hijacker Mohamed Atta, as a potential threat and members of Al Qaeda. Yet none of this is mentioned later in the 9/11 Commissions' final report. When questioned, the 9/11 commission's chief spokesman initially says that staff members briefed about Able Danger did not remember hearing anything about Atta. Days later, however, after provided detailed information, he says the uniformed officer who briefed two staff members had indeed mentioned Atta. [[New York Times, 8/11/05](#), [more](#)]



Sept 2000: The think-tank Project for the New American Century (PNAC) writes the blueprint for a global "Pax Americana." Written for the Bush team before the 2000 election, *Rebuilding America's Defenses* is a plan for maintaining global US preeminence and shaping the international security order in line with American principles and interests. The plan shows Bush intends to take control of the Persian Gulf whether or not Saddam Hussein is in power. It advocates the transformation of the US military. But, "the process of transformation, even if it brings revolutionary change, is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event – like a new Pearl Harbour". [[BBC, 2/14/07](#), [Sunday Herald, 9/7/02](#), [read report, more](#)]

2000 – 2001: The military conducts exercises simulating what the White House later says is unimaginable: hijacked airliners used as weapons to crash into targets and cause mass casualties. One imagined target is the WTC. [[USA Today, 4/19/04](#)] Another is the Pentagon. [[Military District of Washington \(Army\), 11/3/00](#)]

Jan 2001: A flight school alerts the FAA. Hijacker Hani Hanjour lacks English and flying skills needed for his commercial pilot's license. An FAA official then sits next to him in class. The official offers a translator to help him pass, but the flight school says this is against the rules. [[AP, 5/10/02](#)] Yet despite poor flying skills, official reports later state Hanjour executes a 330 to 360 degree turn of AA Flight 77 over Washington on 9/11 in under four minutes and manages a precision hit on the Pentagon. [[NY Times, 10/16/01](#), [NTSB, 2/19/02](#)]

Jan 2001: After the elections, US intelligence agencies are told to "back off" investigating the bin Ladens and Saudi royals. There have always been constraints on investigating Saudis. [[BBC, 11/6/01](#), [more](#)]

Spring 2001: Military and government documents are released that seek to legitimize the use of US military force in the pursuit of oil. One article advocates presidential subterfuge in the promotion of conflict and "explicitly urge[s] painting over the US's actual reasons for warfare as a necessity for mobilizing public support for a conflict." [[Sydney Morning Herald, 12/26/02](#), [more](#)]

May 2001: US security chiefs reject Sudan's offer to turn over voluminous files about bin Laden and al-Qaeda. Sudan has made this offer repeatedly since 1995. [[Guardian, 9/30/01](#), [more](#)]

May 2001: Secretary of State Powell gives \$43 million in aid to the Taliban government. [[Los Angeles Times, 5/22/01](#), [CNN 5/17/01](#)] This follows \$113 million given in 2000. [[State Dept. Fact Sheet, 12/11/01](#)]

May 2001: The US introduces "Visa Express" program allowing any Saudi Arabian to obtain

visas through their travel agent instead of appearing at a consulate in person. [[US News and World Report, 12/12/01](#)] Five hijackers use Visa Express to enter the US. [[Congressional Intelligence Committee, 9/20/02](#)]

May-Aug 2001: A number of the 9/11 hijackers make at least six trips to Las Vegas. These “fundamentalist” Muslims drink alcohol, frequent strip clubs, and smoke hashish. Some even have strippers perform lap dances for them. [[San Francisco Chronicle, 10/4/01](#), [Newsweek, 10/15/01](#)]

June 13, 2001: Egyptian President Mubarak through his intelligence services warns the US that bin Laden’s Islamic terrorist network is threatening to kill Bush and other G8 leaders at their July economic summit meeting in Italy. The terrorists plan to use a plane stuffed with explosives. [[NY Times, 9/26/01](#)]



June 28, 2001: CIA Director George J. Tenet has been “nearly frantic” with concern. A written intelligence summary for national security adviser Condoleezza Rice says: “It is highly likely that a significant al Qaeda attack is in the near future, within several weeks.” Rice will later claim that everyone was taken by complete surprise by the 9/11 attack. By late summer, one senior political appointee says, Tenet had repeated this threat “so often that people got tired of hearing it.” [[Washington Post, 5/17/02](#)]

July 4-14, 2001: Bin Laden reportedly receives kidney treatment from Canadian-trained Dr. Callaway at the American Hospital in Dubai. Telephoned several times, the doctor declines to answer questions. During his stay, bin Laden allegedly is visited by one or two CIA officers. [[Guardian, 11/1/01](#), [Sydney Morning Herald, 10/31/01](#), [Times of London, 11/1/01](#), [UPI, 11/1/01](#), [more](#)]

July 10, 2001: A Phoenix FBI agent sends a memorandum warning about Middle Eastern men taking flight lessons. He suspects bin Laden’s followers and recommends a national program to check visas of suspicious flight-school students. The memo is sent to two FBI counter-terrorism offices, but no action is taken. [[New York Times, 5/21/02](#)] Vice President Cheney says in May 2002 that he opposes releasing this memo to congressional leaders or to the media and public. [[CNN, 5/20/02](#)]

July 24, 2001: Larry Silverstein’s \$3.2 billion 99-year lease of the WTC is finalized. Silverstein hopes to win \$7 billion in insurance from the destruction of the WTC towers. [[NY Times, 02/16/03](#), [Newsday, 09/25/02](#)]

July 26, 2001: Attorney General Ashcroft stops flying commercial airlines due to a threat assessment. [[CBS, 7/26/01](#)] He later walks out of his office rather than answer questions about this. [[AP, 5/16/02](#), [more](#)]

Late July 2001: The US and UN ignore warnings from the Taliban foreign minister that bin Laden is planning an imminent huge attack on US soil. The FBI and CIA also fail to take seriously warnings that Islamic fundamentalists have enrolled in flight schools across the US. [[Independent, 9/7/02, more](#)]

Summer 2001: Intelligence officials know that al Qaeda both hopes to use planes as weapons and seeks to strike a violent blow within the US, despite government claims following 9/11 that the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks came “like bolts from the blue.” [[Wall Street Journal, 09/19/02, CNN, 9/12/02](#)]

Summer 2001: Russian President Putin later says publicly that he ordered his intelligence agencies to alert the US of suicide pilots training for attacks on US targets. [[Fox, 5/17/02](#)]

Late summer 2001: Jordanian intelligence agents go to Washington to warn that a major attack is planned inside the US and that aircraft will be used. *Christian Science Monitor* calls the story “confidently authenticated” even though Jordan later backs away from it. [[CS Monitor, 5/23/02](#)]

Aug 5-11, 2001: Israel warns US of an imminent Al Qaeda attack. [[Fox News, 5/17/02](#)]

Aug 6, 2001: President Bush is warned by US intelligence that bin Laden might be planning to hijack commercial airliners. The White House waits eight months after 9/11 to reveal this fact. [[New York Times, 5/16/02](#)] Titled “Bin Ladin Determined To Strike in US,” the intelligence briefing specifically mentions the World Trade Center. Yet Bush later states the briefing “said nothing about an attack on America.” [[CNN, 4/12/04, Washington Post, 4/12/04, White House, 4/11/04, CNN, 4/10/04, Intelligence Briefing, 8/6/01, more](#)]

Aug 22, 2001: Top counter-terrorism expert John O’Neill quits the FBI due to repeated obstruction of his al-Qaeda investigations and a power play against him. He was the government’s “most committed tracker of bin Laden and al-Qaeda.” The next day he starts a new job as head of security at the WTC. He is killed weeks later in the World Trade Center during the 9/11 attack. [[New Yorker, 1/14/02](#)]

Aug 24, 2001: Frustrated with lack of response from FBI headquarters about detained suspect Moussaoui, the Minnesota FBI begins working with the CIA. The CIA sends alerts calling him a “suspect 747 airline suicide hijacker.” Three days later an FBI Minnesota supervisor says he is trying to make sure that Moussaoui does not “take control of a plane and fly it into the World Trade Center.” [[Senate Intelligence Committee, 10/17/02](#)] FBI headquarters chastises Minnesota FBI for notifying the CIA. [[Time, 5/21/02](#)] FBI Director Mueller will later say “there was nothing the agency could have done to anticipate and prevent the [9/11] attacks.” [[Senate Intelligence Committee, 9/18/02, more](#)]

Sept 10, 2001: A particularly urgent warning may have been received the night before the attacks, causing some top Pentagon brass to cancel a trip. “Why that same information was not available to the 266 people who died aboard the four hijacked commercial aircraft may become a hot topic on the Hill.” [[Newsweek, 9/13/01](#)] “A group of top Pentagon officials suddenly canceled travel plans for the next morning, apparently because of security concerns.” [[Newsweek, 9/24/01, more](#)]

Sept 10, 2001: Former president Bush is with a brother of Osama bin Laden at a Carlyle business conference. The conference is interrupted the next day by the attacks.

[[Washington Post, 3/16/03](#)]

Sept 10, 2001: Defense Secretary Rumsfeld announces that by some estimates the Department of Defense “cannot track \$2.3 trillion in transactions.” CBS later calculates that 25% of the yearly defense budget is unaccounted for. A defense analyst says, “The books are cooked routinely year after year.” [[DOD, 9/10/01](#), [CBS, 1/29/02](#)] *This announcement was buried by the next day’s news of 9/11.*

September 11, 2001

Sept 11, 2001: Warren Buffett, the second richest man on Earth [[BBC, 6/22/01](#)], schedules a charity event inside Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. A small group of business leaders attend, including at least one who would otherwise have died in the WTC. [[SF Business Times, 2/1/02](#), [Forbes 10/15/01](#)] Bush flies to this same base that day, where there is an underground command center. [[CNN, 9/12/01](#), [CBS, 9/11/02](#)]

Sept 11, 2001: Recovery experts extract data from 32 WTC computer drives revealing a surge in financial transactions. Illegal transfers of over \$100 million may have been made through some WTC computer systems immediately before and during the disaster. [[Reuters, 12/18/01](#), [CNN, 12/20/01](#), [more](#)]

Sept 11, 2001: In what the government describes as a bizarre coincidence, a US intelligence agency (the National Reconnaissance Office or NRO) was all set for an exercise at 9 AM on September 11th in which an aircraft would crash into one of its buildings near Washington, DC. [[AP, 8/22/02](#)] Four wargames were also in progress at the time of the attacks. [[C-SPAN Congressional Testimony, 3/11/05](#), [more](#)]

Sept 11, 2001: The entire continental United States is defended by only seven air bases and 14 military jets. [[CNN, 9/9/03](#), [Newsday, 9/23/01](#)]

Timeline for the Day of the Attacks

Department of Defense (6/1/01) and FAA (7/12/01) procedure: In the event of a hijacking, the FAA hijack coordinator on duty at Washington headquarters requests the military to provide escort aircraft. Normally, NORAD escort aircraft take the required action. The FAA notifies the National Military Command Center by the most expeditious means. [[DOD, 6/1/01](#), [FAA, 7/12/01](#), [FAA 7/12/01](#)]



If NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) hears of any difficulties in the skies, they begin the work to scramble jet fighters [*take off and intercept aircraft that are off course*]. Between Sep 2000 and June 2001 fighters were scrambled 67 times. [[AP, 8/12/02](#)] When the Lear jet of golfer Payne Stewart didn’t respond in 1999, F-16 interceptors were quickly dispatched. According to an Air Force timeline, a series of military planes provided an emergency escort to Payne’s stricken Lear about 20 minutes after ground controllers lost contact with his plane. [[Dallas Morning News, 10/26/99](#), [more](#)]

8:20 AM (est.): Air traffic controllers suspect Flight 11 has been hijacked. [[NY Times,](#)

[9/15/01](#), [more](#)]

8:40 AM: NORAD is notified of hijacking. [[NY Times, 10/16/01](#), 8:38 AM [Washington Post, 9/15/01](#)]

8:46 AM: Flight 11 crashes into the WTC (World Trade Center) north tower. [approximately 26 minutes after controllers lost contact][[New York Times, 9/12/01](#)]



8:46 AM: President Bush later states, "I was sitting outside the classroom and I saw an airplane hit the tower. The TV was on." [[CNN, 12/4/01](#)] "When we walked into the classroom, I had seen this plane fly into the first building." [[White House, 1/5/02](#)] *There was no live coverage of the first crash on TV and President Bush was in a classroom reading with children at the time of the second crash. How could he possibly have seen an airplane hit the tower?*

8:52 AM: Two F-15s take off from Otis Air Force Base. [[Washington Post, 9/15/01](#)] They go after Flight 175. Major General Paul Weaver, director of the Air National Guard, states "the pilots flew like a scalded ape, topping 500 mph but were unable to catch up to the airliner. We had a nine-minute window, and in excess of 100 miles to intercept 175," he said. "There was just literally no way." [[Dallas Morning News, 9/15/01](#)] F-15's fly at up to 2.5 times the speed of sound [1875 mph or 30+ miles a minute or 270+ miles in nine minutes] and are designed for low-altitude, high-speed, precision attacks. [[BBC](#)]

8:56 AM: By this time, it is evident that Flight 77 is lost. The FAA, already in contact with the Pentagon about the two hijackings out of Boston, reportedly doesn't notify NORAD of this until 9:24, 28 minutes later. [see 9:10 AM for comparison, [New York Times, 10/16/01](#)]

9:03 AM: Flight 175 crashes into the south WTC tower. [23 minutes after NORAD notified, 43 minutes after air traffic control lost contact with pilots][[New York Times, 9/12/01](#), [CNN, 9/12/01](#)]

9:10 AM: Major General Paul Weaver states Flight 77 came back on the (radar) scope at 9:10 in West Virginia. [[Dallas Morning News, 9/15/01](#)] Another report states the military was notified of Flight 77 several minutes after 9:03. [[Washington Post, 9/15/01](#)]

9:24 AM [? – see above]: The FAA, who 28 minutes earlier had discovered Flight 77 off course and heading east over West Virginia, reportedly notifies NORAD. A Pentagon spokesman says, "The Pentagon was simply not aware that this aircraft was coming our way." [[Newsday, 9/23/01](#), [New York Times, 10/16/01](#)] Yet since the first crash, military officials in a Pentagon command center were urgently talking to law enforcement and air traffic control officials about what to do. [[New York Times, 9/15/01](#)]

9:28 AM: Air traffic control learns that Flight 93 has been hijacked. [[MSNBC, 7/30/02](#)]

9:38 AM: Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon. [42 minutes or more after contact was lost, one hour after NORAD notification of first hijacking][[New York Times, 10/16/01](#), 9:43 [CNN, 9/12/01](#)]

9:59 AM: The south tower of the World Trade Center collapses. [[New York Times, 9/12/01](#)]

10:10 AM: Flight 93 crashes in Pennsylvania. [42 minutes after contact was lost, 90 minutes after NORAD notification of first hijacking. What happened to sophisticated military radar systems and jet fighter scramble procedures?][[CNN, 9/12/02](#)]

10:28 AM: The World Trade Center north tower collapses. [[CNN, 9/12/01](#), [NY Times, 9/12/01](#)]



5:20 PM: WTC building 7 collapses. [[CNN, 9/12/01](#)]

Though the media claims fires brought the building down, the building's owner Larry Silverstein later recounts the story of the collapse of this 47-story skyscraper in a PBS documentary *America Rebuilds*, "I remember getting a call from the fire department commander. ... I said ... maybe the smartest thing to do is to pull it. And they made that decision to pull, and then we watched the building collapse." Over 2,000 architects and engineers later claim that contrary to the U.S. government's official story, it must have been controlled demolition. [[PBS Documentary](#), 2nd [PBS Documentary, more](#)]

Sept 11, 2001: Did the Air Force send up planes after the hijacked aircraft? The Air Force won't say. It says they keep about 20 F-15 and F-16 fighters on duty with Air National Guards along the nation's coastline, ready to inspect unknown aircraft entering U.S. airspace. "We can scramble and be airborne in a matter of minutes," said an Air Force spokesperson. Some airline pilots are wondering whether the FAA did enough to try to prevent the crashes. [[Wall Street Journal, 09/14/01](#)]

Sept 11, 2001: Six air traffic controllers who dealt with two of the hijacked airliners make a tape recording describing the events, but the tape is later destroyed by a supervisor without anyone making a transcript or even listening to it. [[Washington Post, 5/6/04](#), [New York Times, 5/6/04](#)]

Sept 11, 2001: Hours after the attacks, a "shadow government" is formed. Key congressional leaders say they didn't know President Bush had established this government-in-waiting. Some Congressmen state the administration should have conferred about its plans. [[CBS, 3/2/02](#), [Washington Post, 3/2/02](#), [more](#)]

Sept 11, 2001: A National Public Radio correspondent states: "I spoke with Congressman Ike Skelton who said that just recently the director of the CIA warned that there could be an attack - an imminent attack - on the United States of this nature. So this is not entirely unexpected." [[NPR, 9/11/01](#)]

In the Wake of 9/11

Sept 12, 2001: Senator Orrin Hatch says the US was monitoring bin Laden supporters and overheard them discussing the attack. [[AP, 9/12/01](#)] *Why has the media not explored the*

fact that the US could monitor private communications of al-Qaeda on 9/11?

Sept 13-19, 2001: Members of bin Laden's family are driven or flown under FBI supervision to a secret assembly point in Texas and then to Washington, where they leave the country on a private plane when most flights were still grounded. Top White House officials personally approve these evacuations. [[New York Times, 9/4/03](#), [Boston Globe, 9/20/01](#), [New York Times, 9/30/01](#), [more](#)]

Sept 14, 2001: The two black boxes for Flight 77 are found. [[PBS, 9/14/01](#)] FBI Director Robert Mueller later says Flight 77's data recorder provides altitude, speed, headings and other information, but the voice recorder contains "nothing useful." [[CBS, 2/23/02](#)] *Yet they refuse to release the recordings.*



Sept 15-16, 2001: U.S. military sources give the FBI information that several of the 9/11 hijackers, including leader Mohamed Atta (image left), may have received training at U.S. military installations. Three hijackers listed their address on drivers licenses and car registrations as the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. Atta graduated from the US International Officers School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. The media drops the story after the Air Force issues a statement saying that while the names are similar, "we are probably not talking about the same people." [[Newsweek, 9/15/01](#), [Washington Post, 9/16/01](#), [Los Angeles Times, 9/15/01](#), [more](#)] *Yet the military provides no detailed information to refute the claims in these articles.*

Sept 19, 2001: The FBI claims that there may have been six hijacking teams on the morning of 9/11. [[New York Times, 9/19/01](#)] Authorities have identified teams that total as many as 50 infiltrators who supported or carried out the strikes. About 40 of the men have been accounted for. [[Los Angeles Times, 9/13/01](#)] *Yet only one person, Moussaoui, is later charged.*

Sept 20-23, 2001: "Five of the alleged hijackers have emerged, alive, innocent and astonished to see their names and photographs appearing on satellite television. ... The hijackers were using stolen identities, and investigators are studying the possibility that the entire suicide squad consisted of impostors." [quote from [London Times, 9/20/01](#), see also [BBC](#)]. Yet these same individuals are later officially established as the 9/11 hijackers in the 2004 [9/11 Commission Report](#). For more on this, [click here](#).

Oct 2, 2001: The Patriot Act is introduced in Congress. The next day, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D) accuses the Bush administration of reneging on an agreement on this anti-terrorist bill. [[Washington Post, 10/4/01](#)] Anthrax letters are sent to Leahy and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D) on October 9. [[CNN, 11/18/01](#)]

Oct 10-11, 2001: After consulting with the FBI and CDC, Iowa State University in Ames

destroys anthrax spores collected over seven decades. On Oct 25, the White House homeland security director confirms publicly the anthrax letters sent to Leahy and others contained the Ames strain. [[New York Times, 11/9/01](#)]

Nov 12, 2001–Mar 25, 2002:

13 renowned microbiologists mysteriously die over the span of less than five months. All but one are killed or murdered under unusual circumstances. Some are world leaders in developing weapons-grade biological plagues. Others are the best in figuring out how to stop millions from dying because of biological weapons. Still others are experts in the theory of bioterrorism. [[Globe and Mail, 5/4/02](#)]

Nov 12: Benito Que, 52, an expert in infectious diseases–killed in carjacking, later deemed possible stroke. [[Globe and Mail, 5/4/02](#)]

Nov. 16: Don Wiley, 57, one of the world’s leading researchers of deadly viruses–body found in Mississippi River. [[CNN, 12/22/01](#)]

Nov 21: Dr. Vladimir Pasechnik, 64, an expert in adapting germs and viruses for military use–stroke. [[New York Times, 11/23/01](#)]

Dec 10: Dr. Robert Schwartz, 57, a leading researcher on DNA sequencing analysis–slain at home. [[Washington Post, 12/12/01](#)]

Dec 14: Nguyen Van Set, 44, his research organization had just come to fame for discovering a virus which can be modified to affect smallpox–dies in an airlock in his lab. [[Sydney Morning Herald, 12/12/01](#)]

Jan 2002: Ivan Glebov (bandit attack) and Alexi Brushlinski (killed in Moscow), both world-renowned members of the Russian Academy of Science. [[Pravda, 2/9/02](#)]

Feb 9: Victor Korshunov, 56, head of the microbiology sub-faculty at the Russian State Medical University–killed by cranial injury. [[Pravda, 2/9/02](#)]

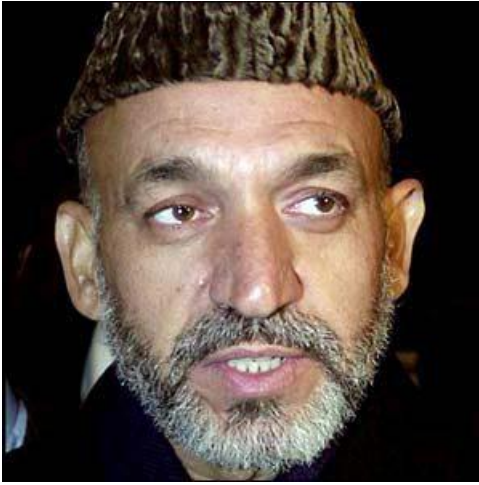
Feb 11: Ian Langford, 40, one of Europe’s leading experts on environmental risk–murdered in home. [[London Times, 2/13/02](#)]

Feb 28 (2): Tanya Holzmayer, 46, helped create drugs that interfere with replication of the virus that causes AIDS, and Guyang Huang, 38, a brilliant scholar highly regarded in genetics–murder/suicide. [[San Jose Mercury News, 2/28/02](#)]

Mar 24: David Wynn-Williams, 55, an astrobiologist with NASA Ames Research Center–killed while jogging. [[London Times, 3/27/02](#)]

Mar 25: Steven Mostow, 63, an expert on the threat of bioterrorism–private plane crash. [[KUSA TV/NBC, 3/26/02](#)]

December 1, 2001 – August 2006



Hamid Karzai

Dec 2001: The US engineers the rise to power of a former Unocal Oil employee, Hamid Karzai, as the interim president of Afghanistan. Looking at the map of the big US bases in Afghanistan, one is struck that they are identical to the route of the projected oil pipeline. [[Chicago Tribune, 3/18/02](#), [more](#)]

Dec 25, 2001: Leading structural engineers and fire-safety experts believe the investigation into the collapse of the WTC is “inadequate.” They note that the current team of 20 or so investigators has inadequate financial and staff support, has been prevented from interviewing witnesses and from examining the disaster site. They couldn’t even get detailed blueprints of the World Trade Center. The decision to rapidly recycle the steel beams from the WTC means definitive answers may never be known. [[New York Times, 12/25/01](#)]

Jan 1, 2002: Zalmay Khalilzad is appointed by Bush as special envoy to Afghanistan. [[BBC, 1/1/02](#), [Chicago Tribune, 3/18/02](#)] Khalilzad once lobbied for the Taliban and worked for an American oil company that sought concessions for pipelines in Afghanistan. [[Independent, 1/10/02](#)]

Jan 4, 2002: An editorial in the respected trade magazine *Fire Engineering* states that there is good reason to believe that the “official investigation,” blessed by FEMA, into the WTC collapse is a “half-baked farce” that may already have been commandeered by political forces whose primary interests are clearly not full disclosure. “Respected members of the fire protection engineering community are beginning to raise red flags, and a resonating theory has emerged: The structural damage from the planes and the explosive ignition of jet fuel in themselves were not enough to bring down the towers.” [[Fire Engineering, 1/02](#)]

Jan 24, 2002: Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle claims that on this day Cheney calls him and urges that no 9/11 inquiry be made. He is repeatedly pressured thereafter. [[CNN, 1/29/02](#), [Newsweek, 2/4/02](#), [more](#)]

Feb 6, 2002: CIA Director Tenet tells a Senate hearing that there was no 9/11 intelligence failure. When asked about the CIA on 9/11, he states that the 9/11 plot was “in the heads of three or four people.” He rejects any suggestion that the CIA failed to do its job. [[USA Today, 2/7/02](#)]

Feb 21, 2002: A ban on poppy growing by the Taliban in July 2000 along with severe

droughts reduced Afghanistan's opium yield by 91% in 2001. Yet the UN expects its 2002 opium crop to be equivalent to the bumper one of three years ago. Afghanistan is the source of 75% of the world's heroin. [[Guardian, 2/21/02](#)] *Why is the US unable to control opium production which had almost stopped?*



Troops in Afghanistan's Opium Fields

Mar 2, 2002: The 9/11 collapse of the 47-story WTC building 7 was the first time a modern, steel-reinforced high-rise in the US has ever collapsed in a fire. [[New York Times, 3/2/02](#)] Building 7 was where the SEC was storing files related to numerous Wall Street investigations. The files for approximately 3,000 to 4,000 cases were destroyed. [[National Law Journal, 9/17/01](#)] Lost files include documents that could show the relationship between Citigroup and the WorldCom bankruptcy. [[The Street, 8/9/02, more](#)]

Mar 13, 2002: Bush says of bin Laden: "I truly am not that concerned about him." [[White House, 3/13/02](#)] Military chief Myers states: "the goal has never been to get bin Laden." [[CNN/DOD, 4/6/02](#)]

Apr 19, 2002: FBI Director Mueller: "We have not uncovered a single piece of paper that mentioned any aspect of the 9/11 plot. The hijackers had no computers, no laptops, no storage media of any kind." [[FBI, 4/19/02, Los Angeles Times, 4/30/02](#)] Yet investigators have amassed a "substantial" amount of e-mail traffic among the hijackers. [[USA Today, 10/1/01](#)] The laptop computer of Moussaoui, the alleged 20th hijacker, was confiscated weeks before 9/11, yet FBI headquarters systematically dismissed and undermined requests by Minneapolis FBI agents to search the computer. [[Time, 5/21/02, CNN, 5/27/02](#)]

May 15, 2002: For the first time, the White House admits that Bush was warned about bin Laden hijacking aircraft and wanting to attack the US in Aug 2001. It is unclear why they waited eight months to reveal this. The Press Secretary states that while Bush had been warned of possible hijackings, "the president did not receive information about the use of airplanes as missiles by suicide bombers." Yet the August presidential memo left little doubt

that the hijacked airliners were intended for use as missiles and that US targets were intended. [[New York Times, 5/16/02](#), [Washington Post, 5/16/02](#), [Guardian, 5/19/02](#)]

May 17, 2002: Dan Rather says that he and other journalists haven't been properly investigating since 9/11. He graphically describes the pressures to conform after the attacks. [[Guardian, 5/17/02](#), [more](#)]

May 21, 2002: A memo is released in which Minnesota FBI agent Coleen Rowley writes to FBI Director Mueller, "I have deep concerns that a delicate and subtle shading/skewing of facts by you and others at the highest levels of FBI management has occurred and is occurring." [[Time, 5/21/02](#)] CNN calls the memo a "colossal indictment of our chief law-enforcement agency." [[CNN, 5/27/02](#)] *Time* magazine later names Rowley one of three "Persons of the Year" for 2002. [[Time, 12/22/02](#)]

May 23, 2002: President Bush says he is opposed to establishing a special, independent commission to probe how the government dealt with terror warnings before 9/11. [[CBS, 5/23/02](#)]

May 30, 2002: FBI Agent Robert Wright formally accuses the FBI of deliberately curtailing investigations that might have prevented 9/11. He is under threat of retribution if he talks to members of Congress about what he knows. [[Fox News/Reuters, 5/30/02](#), [more](#)] He also accuses the agency of shutting down his 1998 criminal probe into alleged terrorist-training camps in Chicago and Kansas City. Wright has written a book, but the agency won't let him publish it or even give it to anyone. [[LA Weekly, 8/2/02](#)]

July 23, 2002: The New York City government decides that many of the audio and written records of the Fire Department's actions on 9/11 should never be released. The *New York Times* had filed a lawsuit seeking numerous records concerning the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, including firsthand accounts by scores of firefighters and chiefs. [[New York Times, 7/23/02](#)]

Sept 11, 2002: On the first anniversary of 9/11, *New York Times* writes, "One year later, the public knows less about the circumstances of 2,801 deaths at the foot of Manhattan in broad daylight than people in 1912 knew within weeks about the Titanic." The former police commissioner of Philadelphia says: "You can hardly point to a cataclysmic event in our history when a blue-ribbon panel did not set out to establish the facts and suggest reforms. That has not happened here." [[New York Times, 9/11/02](#)]

Oct 5, 2002: Congressional investigators say the FBI's efforts to block their inquiry makes them skeptical of FBI assertions. They also say the Justice Department has joined the FBI in fighting congressional requests for information, while the CIA has been antagonistic. [[New York Times, 10/5/02](#)]

Oct 16, 2002: The CIA, FBI, and NSA all testify that no individual at their agencies has been punished or fired for any of the missteps surrounding the Sept. 11 attacks. [[Washington Post, 10/18/02](#)]

Oct 21, 2002: No more than six of the 19 hijackers were interviewed by US officials before being granted visas. This contradicts the State Department's claim that 12 had been interviewed. Of 15 hijackers, none filled in the visa documents properly. All 15 of them should have been denied entry to the country. "The system was rigged in their favor from

the get-go.” [[Washington Post, 10/22/02](#), [ABC News, 10/23/02](#)] In December 2002, two top Republican senators report that if State Department personnel had merely followed the law in Saudi Arabia, 9/11 would not have happened. [[AP, 12/18/02](#), [more](#)]

Oct 27, 2002: A report from Defense Secretary Rumsfeld’s Defense Science Board recommends the creation of a super-intelligence body (P2OG) which would launch secret operations to “stimulate reactions” among terrorists and states owning weapons of mass destruction. It would prod terrorist cells into action, thus exposing them to quick-response attacks by US forces. [[Los Angeles Times, 10/27/02](#), [more](#)]

Oct 29, 2002: Of over 800 people rounded up since 9/11, only 10 have been linked to the hijackings and probably will turn out to be innocent. [[Newsweek, 10/29/02](#)] Though many were held for months, the vast majority were never charged with anything other than overstaying a visa. [[New York Times, 7/11/02](#)]

Nov 27, 2002: Bush names Henry Kissinger to lead an independent investigation into the 9/11 terrorist attacks. [[New York Times, 11/28/02](#)] He is a highly controversial figure. Documents released by the CIA strengthen suspicions that Kissinger was actively involved in a covert plan to assassinate thousands of political opponents in six Latin American countries. He is also famous for his obsession with secrecy. [[BBC, 4/26/02](#)] “Indeed, it is tempting to wonder if the choice of Mr. Kissinger is not a clever maneuver by the White House to contain an investigation it long opposed.” [[New York Times, 11/29/02](#)]

Dec 13, 2002: Kissinger resigns as chairman of the new 9/11 investigation citing controversy over potential conflicts of interest with his business clients. [[CNN, 12/13/02](#), [BBC, 12/14/02](#)]

Dec 16, 2002: Bush replaces Kissinger with Thomas Kean as chairman. Kean promises a thorough investigation. [[AP, 12/17/02](#)] He will devote one day a week to the commission. [[Washington Post, 12/17/02](#)]

Jan 13, 2003: The worldwide turmoil caused by US government policies goes not exactly unreported, but entirely de-emphasized. *Guardian* writers are inundated by e-mails from Americans asking why their own papers never print what is in UK papers. If there is a Watergate scandal lurking in this administration, it is unlikely to be [*Washington Post*’s Bob] Woodward or his colleagues who will tell us about it. If it emerges, it will probably come out on the web. “That is a devastating indictment of the state of American newspapers.” [[Guardian, 1/13/03](#)]

March 26, 2003: Though the investigation into the space shuttle Columbia tragedy cost \$50 million and the Ken Starr investigation of Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky ran \$64 million, the White House balks at increasing funding beyond \$3 million for the 9/11 Commission’s investigation into the worst terror attack ever. The latest effort to curtail funding has angered victims of the attacks. “The White House decision was another in a long line of efforts to water down or shrink the panel’s role.” [[Time, 3/26/03](#), [MSNBC, 9/20/06](#)]

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July 22, 2004: The *9/11 Commission Report* is published. It fails to mention that a year before the 9/11 attacks, a secret Pentagon project named Able Danger had identified four 9/11 hijackers, including leader Mohamed Atta. The Commission spokesperson initially states members were not informed of this, but later acknowledges they were. [[New York Times, 8/11/05, more](#)] *The report also completely fails to investigate the collapse of WTC 7.*

Nov 19, 2004: The fear that Afghanistan might degenerate into a narco-state is becoming a reality. Afghanistan has surpassed Colombia as the world's biggest gross producer of illicit narcotics, heroin being the "main engine of economic growth" and the "strongest bond" among tribes that previously fought constantly. What we have here now is a narco-economy where 40 to 50 percent of the GDP is from illicit drugs. [[San Francisco Chronicle, 11/19/04](#)] *How does a country controlled by the US become the largest producer of illegal drugs? For a possible answer, [click here](#).*

Nov 17, 2005: Former FBI Director Louis Freeh: "The Able Danger intelligence, if confirmed, is undoubtedly the most relevant fact of the entire post-9/11 inquiry. Yet the 9/11 Commission inexplicably concluded that it 'was not historically significant.' This astounding conclusion—in combination with the failure to investigate Able Danger ... raises serious challenges to the commission's credibility and, if the facts prove out, might just render the commission historically insignificant itself." [[Wall Street Journal, 11/17/05, more](#)]

2004 - 2005: A growing number of top government officials and public leaders express disbelief in the official story of 9/11. Some even believe 9/11 may have been an inside job. 100 prominent leaders and forty 9/11 family members sign a statement calling for an unbiased inquiry into evidence that suggests high-level government officials may have deliberately allowed the attacks to occur. [[Various Publications](#)]

August 9, 2006: A shocking new book by the 9/11 Commission co-chairmen Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton says we still don't know the whole truth about 9/11. The book outlines repeated misstatements by the Pentagon and the FAA. Untrue—the military's original timeline of United Flight 93. Equally untrue, the government's timeline for American Flight 77 and details about fighter jets scrambled to intercept it. CNN News anchor Lou Dobbs: "The fact that the government would permit deception ... and perpetuate the lie suggests that we need a full investigation of what is going on." [[CNN, 8/9/06](#), [MSNBC/AP, 8/4/06, more](#)]

2006-2014:

Over 50 senior government officials from the military, intelligence, Cabinet and Congress, and over 100 highly respected professors, including engineers, physicists, architects, philosophers and theologians publicly criticize *The 9/11 Commission Report* as flawed, and call for a new, independent investigation. Over 2,000 architects and engineers have created a website calling for a new investigation. Some even claim rogue elements of government were involved in the attacks. [[Officials](#), [Professors](#), [Architects and Engineers](#)]

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