

9/11 Truther

The Fight for Peace, Justice and Accountability

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Foreword by Cindy Sheehan

After years of profound involvement in the US antiwar movement, I can now sniff out partisan political frauds, and the author of this memoir, Jon Gold, is not one of them.

A partisan political fraud latches on to an issue or cause or cause célèbre until that thing or person is not popular anymore, then he/she bails out at the first opportunity.

A person who really cares about humanity realizes that the cesspool of partisanship creates and/or fosters the problems for pure political gain. Jon Gold is one of these people.

When people were killed on 9/11, Jon Gold was at first a Fox News-aholic who wanted revenge for those killings—but only because he cared about the people who were killed and their families. Now, through self-education and mentors, whom he generously acknowledges throughout this book—he realized that we were all lied to on 9/11, and he has worked diligently to highlight the truth because he still cares about the people who were killed on that day, their families, and the people who are still being killed because of our country's reaction to the attack.

My oldest child, Casey, was just one of those victims of the insane response to the attacks on 9/11 and I became famous and infamous because of my protests against the wars and the Bush regime—well, after I became notorious, I began to become literally bombarded by people and their causes because they believed that I had a platform, megaphone, or soapbox to highlight these causes.

Some of those causes were absurd—from the man who was convinced that Stephen King killed John Lennon, and if I would only help him expose that, world peace would ensue (he actually jumped on the hood of my car in Berkeley once) to the man who wanted me to come to Arizona to be a character witness for his friend who was accused of killing a cow. I kid you not!

The most prevalent of these people who bombarded me, though, were the 9/11 “Truthers.” I was harassed all over the world by them and I swear if one more person asked me if I saw Loose Change I was going to forget my pacifism and punch him (it was always a him) in the face. The sad thing about this harassment was that I never believed the so-called official story of 9/11 and would have tended to be an ally to these people, but they were so rude and pushy. And, I didn't feel that I had the time or the inclination to wade through the stacks of information that they tried to force on me—True Confession time, I left a lot of that material in cabs or garbage cans.

I was sincerely beginning to loathe 9/11 “Truthers” with a passion I reserved for the U.S. Empire. The only thing that saved them from my total loathing was the fact that I realized that they were usually well-meaning and had good intentions, but I was, and still am, turned off by the “hologram,” “laser-beam,” “Israel was totally responsible” crowd that really make the movement seem insane.

I don't remember when Jon Gold first started messaging me at the MySpace thing, but I remember he began by apologizing for the people in the movement who harassed me mercilessly—which got my attention. Here was a “Truther” (Jon hates that label) that wasn't attacking me for my “cowardice” in not publicly saying that 9/11 was an “inside job.” Well, of course it was, but I (and neither does anybody else, no matter how sure they seem) know how far inside it went.

Jon Gold never demanded that I watch any movies, (although he helped a very good one get financing), read any books, or publicly announce anything using my platform. Gradually, my anger at the truth movement began to fade and I was able to do things like publicly support NYCCAN and its push for a ballot measure to have a new investigation of 9/11—and I have become friends with others in the movement and, through Jon, met Bob McIlvaine, whose son, Bobby, was killed on 9/11, and has become another tireless activist for justice.

Since our MySpace beginnings, Jon and I have become close friends. We have organized events in DC as members of Peace of the Action (POTA) and even were arrested together in front of the White House and we very romantically shared the first ever “stay away order” from said White House with about four other activists and went on trial for that arrest and were both exonerated.

9/11 truth is still not my “thing,” but because of Jon Gold, I am open to it and don't have a knee-jerk reaction (which means I used to want to knee any Truther that approached me in the male parts—kidding—I do that sometimes) to anyone in the movement.

Jon is kind of young to be writing a memoir, so this is just Part One of a long and, we all hope, productive career of activism and a life filled with love, justice and peace.

Cindy Sheehan
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Introduction

Dedicated to my grandfather, Walter Gold, the 2,973 people who were brutally murdered on 9/11, the 9/11 first responders who have died as a result of working at Ground Zero, the people who have died as a result of the United States' illegal occupations, civilians and soldiers alike, the families of the people who were lost that day, and to what I hope is a better future.

"A time comes when silence is betrayal." - Dr. Martin Luther King

The following article was cited by the *New York Times* on November 18th, 2009 in an article entitled, "[From Simple Noun To Handy Partisan Put-Down](#)." Because of the way this phrase has been tarnished by the media and debunkers, I have switched to saying that I am an "advocate for 9/11 Justice." I have also changed the name of my forum to the "9/11 Justice Forum." Nonetheless, this article still rings true.

What is a "9/11 Truther?"

Jon Gold
9/12/2009

To my knowledge, Nick Levis is the individual that coined the phrase "9/11 Truth." If I am wrong about that, I apologize to the individual responsible for its creation. I always considered that a great phrase because it's kind of hard to spin the word "Truth."

Years ago, back in late 2004, several people in the 9/11 Truth Movement were posting on Howard Stern's Bulletin Board (HSBB) because Howard posted a 9/11 movie on his site, and because there were over 300,000 members.

Former moderator of 911blogger.com, somebigguy, and I met on the HSBB. He followed my postings, and started to do his own. One time, he sent me a private message talking about how he was tired of being ridiculed by the people on the site. I tried to tell him something "inspirational." I don't remember exactly what I said, but it was something like, "you're a 9/11 Truther, don't let them get to you, you're doing the right thing." In the back of my mind, I thought of the term "Quaker." I do live in Pennsylvania, after all. As far as I know, that was the first time the phrase "9/11 Truther" was ever used. I liked it, so it stuck. That is the reason the 9/11 Truth forum on my site is called the "9/11 Truther Forum."

So what is a "9/11 Truther"? As I said, it's kind of hard to spin the word "Truth," but the "debunkers" and "media" have jumped on the word "truther." To me, that's an inaccurate phrase because the real term is 9/11 Truther.

In my mind, a "9/11 Truther" is someone who fights alongside the family members seeking truth and accountability for the 9/11 attacks. In my mind, a "9/11 Truther" is someone who fights for the sick and dying 9/11 first responders who need health care

desperately. In my mind, a "9/11 Truther" is someone who does not like how the day of 9/11 is being used to inflict pain and suffering around the world, and is trying to stop it. Stop it by using the truth. Something we have been denied by our government regarding the 9/11 attacks.

I am sorry that people have used the phrase as they have. All I know is that the definition of "9/11 Truther," to me, does not equal what those who are against this cause say it does.

I am proud to be a "9/11 Truther."

End of article

Because this book is a digital version, I decided that instead of making a "Notes" section I would just link to everything directly in the book. It was my original hope that this book would be printed but I've found that it's very hard to find a publisher and I wanted this book out as quickly as possible. I am sorry if the links don't work for some readers.



Who am I?

I was born on September 4th, 1972 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Some of you may know me by my screen name, "Gold9472." That's where the 9472 comes from.



Me on the day I was born.

My father was a teacher for several years in the Philadelphia School District. Eventually, he became an assistant principal. He has since retired, but is still working in education. It keeps him occupied, so whatever makes him happy.

He's a good man, my father. He makes sure that his family is taken care of. There are too many times to count when my father has had to bail me out over the years, financially, even when maybe he should have let me fall on my face. I've never been good with money. Money has never been important to me. To my father, it is something very important to have. To me, it's not. As a result, we have had our differences over the years. Sure, I like to have money so I can eat, have a roof over my head, have some toys in my apartment like a computer, an XBOX, etc., but I have no desire to be rich, and money has always caused problems for me in my life. Which brings me to my mother.

My mother came from a troubled home. Her father gambled away a very successful business and, I think as a result of that, her mother left him. He tried to be a part of my life when I was young but he was still a gambler. Sometimes, we would go away for a weekend. It seems the only place we went were the casinos in Atlantic City, with the occasional trip to the Garden State Horse Track. I didn't mind those trips to the casinos because he would give me multiple \$10 rolls of quarters to play in the arcade so as to keep me busy. I love animals so I enjoyed seeing the horses run. He did take me to the Catskills in New York once for a weekend. I learned how to water ski so that was fun.

When she was young, my mother left her home to go stay at my father's house. She was friendly with my father's sister, my aunt. There were apparently problems at home and my father's parents let my mother stay with them.

That is how my parents met. Eventually they married. From what I understand, my father's parents paid for their wedding, something customarily done by the bride's family, at least in those days. About four years into the marriage, I was born. I remember when I was young, my father smoked a pipe. I remember living in Havertown, PA, and also having a house in Marlton, NJ. I vaguely remember living in both houses. My father started a small business and employed my mother's father in order to give him a means of income. In Havertown, I remember once my father was painting the inside of the house. At the time, I was very much into Big Bird, so I took a brush and painted Big Bird on the wall. Another time I got third degree burns on my left arm because I didn't yet know that a burning stove is hot. Except for my dog, Cleo (short for Cleopatra), and going to see my Grandparents in Michigan, that is all I remember about life with both a mother and a father.

On Valentine's Day when I was five years old my father went to work. When he came home, the furniture was gone and his family and dog were gone. My mother had left him. I seem to remember that day but only in scattered images. One thing I do remember vividly is my mother telling me that we might have to get rid of my dog, Cleo. I remember crying and screaming when she told me that. I remember that we went to stay with her mother in Margate, NJ, who was living with her parents (my great grandparents) in a house bought for them by their son, the heart doctor. I honestly don't know what that day was like for my father, though I can imagine it was heartbreaking.

Between the ages of five and ten I lived with my mother in New Jersey and spent a good deal of time in courtrooms. My mother wanted to make sure she milked my father for as much as possible. My father wanted me to live with him. I remember being asked by the judge, "Who do you want to live with, your Mommy or your Daddy?" That's a wonderful question for a child to have to answer. I remember being told that, because of the court system in New Jersey, my mother received the same amount of child support for me that my Aunt received for her three children. Way to go, Mom! (I'm being sarcastic, Dad). My hatred for money stems a lot from that part of my life.

During the time I lived with my mother I saw my father every Tuesday for dinner and every other weekend I would go stay with him in Pennsylvania. I remember one time when it snowed, I took a knife outside to cut the snow so as to make an igloo. I left the knife outside. One Tuesday when my father came for dinner, he saw the knife outside, recognized it (because it was the same utensils they'd had together), and tried to return it. My father knocked on the door, knife in hand, and my mother called the police on him. He was arrested. I had many wonderful Dad vs. Mom experiences as a child.

About a year after their divorce my father remarried. In a divorced family, kids tend to like their "real parents" more than the people they marry after the divorce.

Living with my mother was both fun and a learning experience – a very hard learning experience. She dated a lot of men. Shortly after the divorce we lived with someone named Irving. I don't know how they met but I assume she met him while she was still married to my father. They were both pot-heads. One time when I was eight years old they decided to get

me high, much like someone tries to get a dog drunk "just to see what would happen." In court, this was one of the arguments my father used to try to win custody of me.

After Irving and my mother broke up we went to live with her friend, Sheila. I think we lived with them for a good year and a half. Sheila had a set of twin girls and a boy named Evan. The twins were the same age as me and Evan was a little older. I mentioned that living with my mother could sometimes be fun. Well, the twins were the first girls I ever kissed ... on several different occasions. We were young but I guess we matured early.

My mother eventually started to make enough money to buy her own condo (the child support helped to make that happen, I'm sure). It was located in a different school district so I had to say goodbye to my friends (though I did still manage to see them a lot). My mother was a saleswoman for a small company, but she eventually started her own business. Somehow she managed to develop a bacteria that helped to clean out sewage systems. To my knowledge, she wasn't a scientist so I don't exactly know how she did it. Maybe a friend invented it and she bought into the idea. Either way, she eventually started to make a good \$200K a year (and still collected child support).

I spent a lot of time by myself. Sure, I made friends in the neighborhood but there were many days I would spend time alone in my bedroom playing with my G.I. Joes and Transformers or watching television. Back then, if you came from a divorced family, they automatically sent you to a "shrink." It was a weird experience for me, and the neighborhood kids would sometimes make fun of me because of it or treat me like I had "cooties" or something.

As I said, my mother dated a lot of men. Some of them were abusive to her but I don't remember them being abusive to me. There were times she would leave for a day or two and I had to fend for myself. During those years with my mother I ate a lot of frozen dinners. Most of those boyfriends seemed to be into Harley Davidson motorcycles. One in particular, named Ernie, bought me a Honda 50 minibike. He also taught me how to shoot a gun. That is more of the "fun" that came from living with my mother.

When I was around 10 years old, my father came to pick me up for visitation at his house. He brought my stepmother along for the ride. During the trip, they informed me that they were going to have a baby. I was **THRILLED**. I think during the ride, I told them that I wanted to live with them. I had never had a little brother or sister, and I thought it would be cool. Not long after, my father won custody of me, and I went to live in Pennsylvania.

Both my father and stepmother were teachers, so living with them meant I had to do well in school. That was a new experience for me. My mother never seemed to care about school. I seem to remember that my grades were usually B's and C's, with the occasional A or D. It seemed that no grade was ever good enough for my father. If I got a C, he wanted a B. If I got a B, he wanted an A. Some of the problems that I have with my father stem from that "never good enough" mentality. I had a ball after my sister was born. She is 11 years younger than I am. I learned how to change diapers, and how to feed a baby. I also learned that babies like to spit up a lot.

During that time in Pennsylvania, I also went to Hebrew School, and was Bar Mitzvahed. Religion was never important to me. Anything that I ever did religious was because I wanted to please my father, his sister, or my grandfather. I hated going to synagogue. I didn't

understand a thing that was said, and it was boring to me. However, I did manage to meet a girl in Hebrew School. The same girl I lost my virginity to. The odd thing about me and religion is my name. My full name is Jonathan Michael Gold, named after my Uncle Milton or "Mickey" as he was known. Jonathan means "a gift from God," and Michael means "in God's image." And yet, I'm not religious. Go figure. For my Bar Mitzvah, I had two parties. One held by my father, and one held by my mother. My mother kept all of the money that was given to me as a present from her side of the family. I never saw a dime.

I did have visitation rights with my mother at the time. One weekend she brought me a present, a new dog named Keri Mae. She was a West Highland Terrier. She looked like my dog Cleo but was white. I think my mother bought her to entice me into coming to live with her again (so as to get child support).

By this time, I was in the eighth grade and 13 years old. My little brother had been born and he was a treat. My grades started to slip at school. I got a report card that was mostly F's. I came home and told my father I felt like dying. He freaked, and the doctor told him to put me into a psych ward "for my protection." I hated him for it then, and it made the decision to move back in with my mother easier.

However, at the time my mother couldn't have me live with her because of a custody issue with the courts. As a result, I went to live with my wealthy uncle (her father's brother). It was very late in the school year, so my grades couldn't be transferred from one school district to the other. As a result, I had a good five to six months off. I also had to repeat the eighth grade. Living with my uncle was fun. He took me to basketball games and baseball games, and we always had good seats. When we went away, we always went to the fanciest of places, like the Waldorf Astoria in New York. His family lived on a golf course so I loved taking my G.I. Joes to the sandpits to play. While I was living with them my cousin (my uncle's son) got married. I got to wear a sapphire blue tuxedo that was from the Miami Vice collection. When it was finally time to go live with my mother to start the new school year, it was hard for me to leave. Some of the best months of my life were spent with my uncle and his family.

Eighth grade in New Jersey was more fun than in Pennsylvania. I knew everything from having been in eighth grade already so I mostly got all A's. Consequently, when I went to high school they put me in the advanced classes. I didn't fare too well (mostly because I really didn't like school) so they put me back into the regular classes. Some of the kids remembered me from the last time I was in NJ so that helped with the transition. I also made new friends. I was a little older then, so the "fun" that I had while living with my mother was a little more dangerous and "exciting" than the first time. I started smoking. That was a habit I despised because when my mother smoked it often made my eyes burn. Nonetheless, I started smoking. My other friends did it so I followed suit. First, I would smoke a cigarette, and then throw the rest of the pack out in disgust. Then, I would smoke two, and throw out the pack. Eventually, I made it through a whole pack without throwing it out. I also started to drink. My friends and I used to go to Atco Raceway to watch the races. Sometimes drunk, sometimes not.

My mother moved us closer to Atco, which made the races all the more enticing. However, the move also meant that I was in another school district. After moving to several different school districts, I had had enough. I insisted that I still go to the same school. The only way I

could do that was to take what was horribly called the "tart cart." Yes, there were handicapped children on the bus, but they were fun. There were many times in school when I would see a kid picking on one, and I would go stick up for them. I did that a lot it seemed. Sticking up for someone. I remember very early on, this little boy was picking on this little girl in school, and I punched him out. Maybe it was because I was so into comic books, and Superman, Spider-man, and Batman were very influential to me. Maybe it was because the experiences I had with my mother and father taught me right from wrong very early on. For whatever the reason, I have always stood up for the little guy.

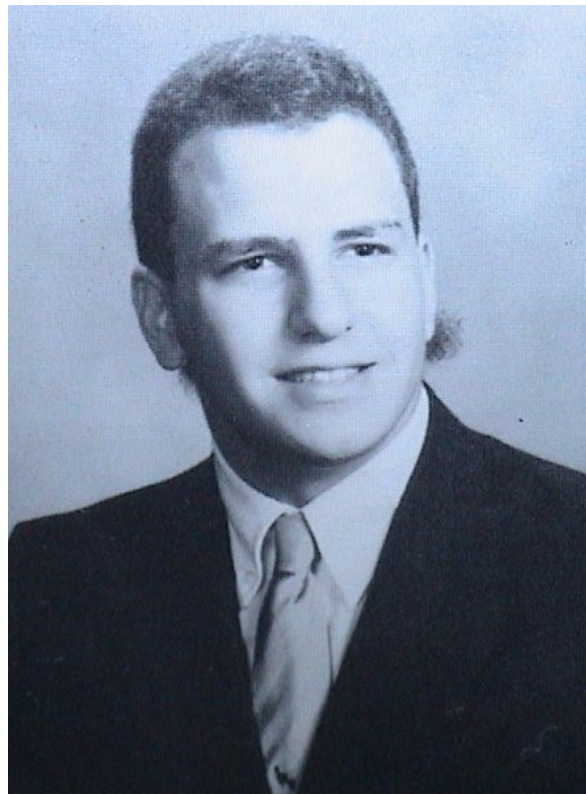


Me as a child, dressed up like Batman for Halloween.

I spent three years with my mother that time. One week, she decided to go away on a vacation. As I mentioned, the "fun" that I had was a little more dangerous this time around. At the time, she had a shiny black Nissan 300ZX. Before she went away on vacation, my friends convinced me to get a copy of her car keys made. When she went away, we took that car on multiple joyrides (even though only one of us had our license, and it wasn't me). The last time we went for a joyride, I let my best friend drive. In Atco, the back roads are very winding. He took the car up to 75 mph, and eventually, we ended up in a tree. The car was totaled. When my mother returned from vacation, her new boyfriend said, "Hey, Crash! How's it going?" Not long after, she packed my things and dropped me off at my father's doorstep in the pouring

rain. My father and his family didn't come home for a couple of hours. My relationship with my mother pretty much ended after that. The "hard learning experience" that came from living with my mother was essentially finding out that she didn't really care about being my mother. She is a very selfish person, and cared more about the money that came from having me live with her than about me. Has it hurt not having a mother in my life? Sure. However, I think having her in my life would be worse.

So back in Pennsylvania, in a new school district known as Lower Moreland (my father had moved out of Philadelphia's school district), I would finish my junior and senior year of high school. During those years, I was introduced to new friends who liked to do more than just drink, but also do drugs. It was a very affluent neighborhood so the kids had a lot of access to things like pot and cocaine. I started a job at a movie theater. I worked there for two years and the time I spent there was some of the most fun I ever had. I love movies, so getting to see all of the new movies for free was awesome. I was very "old looking" and big for my age. The kids in the new high school swore I was a "Narc." I joined the track and field team and came in third place once for the shot put. I was also a member of the football team for a brief period of time (partying was more important). Because of my time with my friends and because I now had a car, I cut school a lot. Those two years in high school were a very trying time between my father and I. Two weeks before graduation I dropped out just to spite my father. Eventually, they let me do the work from home and graduate.



My graduation picture.

However, just because I graduated didn't mean I knew what I wanted to do with my life. My father wanted me to go to college but, again, I wasn't getting along with my father so I was automatically against anything he wanted me to do. My friend and I decided to join the Navy.

We joined up on what was called the "Delayed Entry Program," which meant that we had six months before we went in. We also joined the "Buddy Program," which meant that we both would graduate boot camp with the rank of E3. During those six months before the Navy, I developed a nasty cocaine habit. I sometimes stole money from my father to pay for it. I drank, smoked pot and did cocaine right up until the day I went into the Navy. My friend backed out of going into the Navy at the last minute so I was going to go it alone. The day I got to Great Lakes Navy Bootcamp in Illinois (the Navy had lied to me when they told me originally I was going to San Diego) I had to give a urine test. Obviously, I tested positive for marijuana and cocaine. They gave me a choice: Go to rehab and continue my Navy career or go home. Since I'd had enough time to experience the military way and did **NOT** like it, I chose to go home.

Before they sent me home, they made me spend three weeks in what was called "Division 16." This is where the Navy rejects went to live before they were sent home. In Division 16, you were allowed to smoke and play pool. There were also drugs available there if you had money. While I was there, I got a message from home. My father found out that I was doing drugs and stealing money from him. This made the prospect of going home very difficult. So here I was, a drugged-out Navy dropout with nowhere to go and no prospects for a future. I decided that I was going to commit suicide. Before I left the Great Lakes to go back to PA I wrote my father a letter. I basically apologized for everything and told him that I wish we had a better relationship. I also told him what I intended to do. The letter beat me home by a day so my father was on the lookout for me. When I arrived at 30th Street Station I called one of my friends to come pick me up. Before he got there I saw a homeless person sleeping on a bench. I had \$5 in my pocket (the Navy gave me \$80 to go home with, but I managed to find drugs on the train). I gave it to him.

My friend picked me up and told me my father was looking for me. I told him that I didn't want to see my father and asked if he could lend me money for a hotel room. He did but before we got to the hotel I asked if we could stop by the pharmacy so I could pick up a few things. I didn't know how to kill myself so I picked up a bunch of Tylenol and aspirin. My friend picked me up some beer and dropped me off at the hotel. I drank all of the beer and took about half of what was in the bottles. Slowly, I nodded off and went to sleep, not expecting to wake up. Boy, was I wrong. It turns out that all of the pills made my liver shut down. I woke up with the chills, constantly throwing up. I spent half the night in the bathtub trying to keep warm. The next morning my friend came to pick me up (I had written him a letter, too, expecting he would be the one to find me). However, my plan failed and I was alive. So we went in his car to run a few errands and all along the way I threw up at every stop light. Eventually, I told him what I had done and he took me to the hospital. It turns out that I was hours away from dying. They pumped my stomach, and I passed out.

I woke up in a hospital bed, and sitting beside me was my father. His head was in his hands and he clearly looked like he was crying. I remember that vividly. For those who think about committing suicide, remember the people it will affect. I spent a week or so in intensive care and eventually, they sent me to the psych ward. I spent a good month in there and then they sent me to drug rehab. There, I learned about Narcotics Anonymous. Because of the image of my father bent over me, crying, I was committed to becoming clean. However, I hated rehab. I had just spent a month in the Navy and a month in the hospital. The last thing I wanted to do was spend a month in rehab. So I called a girl I had met in the hospital and she picked me up from the rehab.

My father was furious with me for leaving rehab, and understandably so. I went to stay with my aunt in Maryland and then I decided to go live with my grandparents. My aunt and I weren't getting along it seemed. I loved my grandparents. My grandfather and I shared a birthday, always one of my favorite things. My grandmother was a nice woman but had a nasty streak along with a mouth that didn't stay closed when it should have. I lived with them for almost two years. The whole time I went to Narcotics Anonymous meetings daily. Sometimes my grandparents and I would have arguments about what I was going to do with my life, about getting a real job, etc., but for the most part we got along well. I have always had an inquisitive nature. My grandfather, because he was "old and wise" to me, got the brunt of a lot of my questions. When I was younger my questions would be something like, "Why is the sky blue?" Sometimes I would ask so many questions he would say, "OK, now you're just being silly." As I got older, my questions became more about his life growing up.

Eventually, I landed a job as a telephone "bill collector." I was pretty good at it but making 200+ phone calls a day was taxing. It's also a lot like sales and, unlike my father, aunt and grandfather, I hate sales. You have to produce something you have no control over. It is based on what a person is willing to buy. You have to throw enough shit against the wall until some of it sticks, and that isn't the career for me. But because of my job I was finally able to move out and into my own place.

During my time at Narcotics Anonymous I met a lot of good and fascinating people. I ended up living with some of them for a while. Eventually, I started to get depressed in meetings. All you hear about most of the time are people's problems. That is a very depressing atmosphere. I figured that I didn't get clean to spend the rest of my life in meetings so I stopped going. After bill collecting I worked odd jobs here and there. I pumped gas and did minor repairs at a gas station for a while. "Fuel Dispensing Technician" and "Petroleum Transfer Engineer" were the "official titles" that my friend and I jokingly gave ourselves. I worked there for a good four or five years. The owners were good people and I enjoyed it.

In my twenties I met several women, and lived with two of them. The first one I lived with was Terri. She was about eight years older than I was. I met her at a place I was living. We lived together for about a year and a half. All I will say about her is that I'm thankful to be out of that relationship. The second woman I lived with was Peggy, who was about nine years older than I was. To me, she looked really good, but she never thought so. We met on AOL. I was deeply in love with her and probably part of me will always be. We had a good chemistry. She helped to give me some direction in my life. Because of her influence I went to school for computers. At the time, I considered being a cop. I took the test and eventually was accepted. However, by the time I was accepted I was already a few months into computer school so I decided to stay the course. Eventually, I landed a job doing web work for a mid-sized company. Peg and I ran into some problems. All I will say is that the "tension" in the apartment was enough for me to leave. We got back together once in a while but eventually we went our separate ways. I still keep in touch with her.

It sounds like my life was a mess, and to a certain extent it was. However, during that time I also spent summers at my aunt's house in Maryland and loved doing that. I went to overnight camp for two summers and loved that. I got to go to New York with my grandfather during his workday on several occasions. As I said, we also shared a birthday and that was always one of my favorite things. I had a cousin that owned a kennel and since puppies are some of my

favorite things, I spent a lot of time there. My father used to take me to a place called Tamiment in the Poconos. One year while we were there I met a chimp. I've been to places like "South of the Border" for Spring Break, New Hampshire, and Disney World and spent two consecutive years down at Wildwood, NJ for "Senior Week." After I got clean I went to numerous concerts.

Many have asked me why I wrote a chapter like this. "Why isn't the book just about 9/11?" I wanted everyone who reads this book to know that I am a Joe Schmoe American. I'm sure many can relate to some of the experiences I've had. I'm not a Democrat. I'm not a Republican. I'm not a hero. I'm not a role model. I'm a regular, everyday person who's paying attention and trying to make a difference, and I'm just trying to do the right thing.

There are some who will read this and try to use some of the information against me like the "9/11 Debunkers" that always look for a fault, the "media" that always look for a fault. My response is to say that I have done things in my life that I'm not proud of. However, anything less than admirable that I have done **PALES** in comparison to any of the crimes committed by elements within our government.



What was my day like on 9/11/2001?

Before I talk about the day of 9/11, I'd first like to talk about the previous three years a little bit. Around the time of my brother's Bar Mitzvah my grandfather was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He didn't tell anyone at the time because he didn't want the attention to be taken away from my brother. My grandfather loved his grandchildren. He was a very special, special man in that regard. In the eulogy I wrote for him I mentioned a saying I had heard recently. "Anybody can be a grandfather, but it takes a very special person to be a Grandpa. I love him as much as I could love anyone or anything, and he will be remembered forever." That will always ring true.

The last three years of his life were very difficult for my family. It was especially difficult for me. Unlike the other grandchildren, who lived in Maryland, I lived very close to my grandparents. I saw them often. My grandfather started a business years ago when my father and his sister were still kids called, "W. Gold & Son." It was eventually renamed "W. Gold & Son & Daughter." When I was very little, my grandfather used to race me around the business on a wheel cart. I loved that. That business ended but my grandmother started up a business called "For The Children, Inc." The idea was that whatever money was made from this business would eventually go to the children. They sold little Jewish "chotchkies," mugs that said "My favorite Bubba/Zayda," and things like that. I spent a lot of time at their businesses. Sometimes I worked there. As I said, sometimes I would travel with my grandfather when he had to go to New York and other places for work. Once he took me to the "Windows of the World" in the World Trade Center for lunch. For all these reasons and many more, we developed a very close relationship throughout my life.

Because my father lived near my grandparents, it fell to him to take care of them when my grandfather started to get sick. My aunt also came in to see them as often as possible, making 152 trips to Philly in two and a half years. My father took control of their finances and eventually sent them to an assisted living facility. My grandmother was never healthy. She was overweight and had bad hips and knees. They moved from one assisted living facility to another but eventually, they both ended up in a nursing home. I helped my father during those years. On a couple of occasions I had to take my grandfather to the hospital in the middle of the night because he was coughing up blood or something like that. To say it was hard for me is an understatement. My grandfather was the world to me, and to see him like this broke my heart. I'm crying as I write this. After he passed away my grandmother moved to a nursing home in Maryland so my aunt could take care of her.

During the last days of my grandfather's life I spent the night at the nursing home on a few occasions. I would sleep on the couch out in the hallway. My aunt was there, as well. When he died I was 10 or 20 minutes away, coming from work on my way to see him. When I arrived at the nursing home I was told that he had just passed away. I walked into his room and my family was standing over him. I walked over to his bed and looked at him. My hand clenched the bar on his bed and squeezed. I think I bent it. I walked outside and went to sit on the porch. My cousin came out to talk to me. I started crying my eyes out, just as I am right now. The date was August 13, 2000. As I sat out on that porch, it dawned on me that I would never share another birthday with my grandfather again. I cried even harder.

The next day we had his funeral. When my grandfather and grandmother met, she gave him a silver dollar that was minted the year he was born, 1921. He carried it around with him for 50 years. It was so worn down you couldn't even see the front or back. He eventually lost his coin and for father's day one year, I bought him a new one from the year he was born. It cost me \$20. At his funeral, I dropped that silver dollar into the hole with my grandfather.



My grandfather and I.

For the next couple of years I wanted to be left alone for my birthday. I would go to visit my grandfather at the cemetery. It was a very depressing time for me. I try to go every year now.

A week after my second birthday without my grandfather was September 11th, 2001. Before I tell you about my day, I'd just like to point out that unlike certain people in Washington D.C. and elsewhere who "cannot recall," I can vividly remember my day.

I went in to work like any other day, sat down at my desk and started working. A couple of minutes into working, my co-worker said, "Howard (Stern) just said a plane hit one of the towers." I asked, "What kind of plane?" She didn't know. Before 9/11, I was like most Americans. I didn't care about politics or world events, really. I said, "Huh..." and turned around and went back to work. About 15 minutes had passed when she said, "Howard said another plane hit the towers." I said, "**WHAT?!?**" I immediately turned to my computer to go to CNN.com and other news sites to see what was happening. My co-worker turned Howard on so everyone could hear what he was saying. We started talking about how this was an obvious terrorist attack. One plane? OK, some guy was drunk or had a heart attack or something. Two planes? It was a terrorist attack. People in my office went into the kitchen because there was a TV in there. I sat at my computer to keep reading the news. Another of my co-workers was also reading the news. Before I knew it, he told me a plane hit the

Pentagon. I said "**WHAT?!?**" and walked over to his desk. There was a photograph of smoke at the Pentagon and I said, "Where the hell is our military?" I thought the Pentagon, of all places, would be defended, especially because so much time had passed since the second tower was hit. I never asked a question like that again. Not for several months anyway.

As I continued to read the news, my co-workers in the kitchen started screaming. The first tower had collapsed. I started to think about all of those poor people. I remember looking on the Internet to see how many people worked at the WTC. My co-worker and I who were reading the news started to talk about carpet bombing the Middle East. We were getting angry. Eventually, the people in the kitchen screamed again. The second tower had collapsed. I started to talk to my boss about how the work that I was doing really seemed insignificant in the scheme of things.

My friend and I went to lunch at Boston Market. By that time the skies were closed down, and I remember looking up and thinking how odd it was not to see any planes in the sky. When we got back to work, my bosses had decided to let everyone go home for the day. I drove around for a good two hours listening to the radio to hear what was going on. During that time I started to think about the times I went to NYC with my grandfather. It made me cry. My grandfather's death was just a year ago, and now this. I eventually made it home and turned on the TV. I remember the constant showing of the buildings coming down. I turned off the TV, and put on a movie to try and take my mind off things. I wondered what life would be like from that point on. That night, I made a picture on my computer.



Waking up

For the next few months I spent every day glued to the TV set. In those days, I still believed the TV would never lie to me. I also was heavily brainwashed with regards to the myths about America. We're the "greatest country in the world" and "God Bless America" and all that. Go read Cindy Sheehan's two books on America's myths called, [Myth America](#), and [Myth America II](#). I remember thinking that we were waiting an awfully long time to "retaliate" for what happened.

Finally, we struck in Afghanistan and I was happy. I wanted the bastards responsible for what happened to pay for what they had done. As I said, I was never political and never followed world events. Watching the news on a daily basis was new to me. At the time, I picked Fox News because they were the red, white and bluest. There's an episode of South Park called, "Osama Bin Laden Has Farty Pants," that showed Stan's mother lying on the couch, fixated on the TV screen. That was me. I think a lot of Americans probably went through the same thing. Like me, they wanted to know what was going to happen next.



South Park, Osama Bin Laden Has Farty Pants

I remember constantly hearing on the TV how there were no warnings, that there was no possible way that 9/11 could have been prevented, and that we were taken completely by surprise. Again, the TV would never lie to me. Neither would our politicians. Sure, the Supreme Court gave George W. Bush the election, but he wouldn't lie about something as horrible as 9/11, right? OK, then. There were no warnings, it was a surprise attack and there was no way we could have prevented what happened. There's a section of the "Complete 9/11 Timeline" (available at www.historycommons.org) entitled "[9/11 Denials](#)" that touches on this. I highly recommend reading it.

In January 2002 I started work at a new company. It was a small company and happens to be the same company I'm at now (at the time I'm writing this book). I think there were a total of 15 people employed at the time. The group that I worked with consisted of four people. One

of those people, Eric, brought his dog with him to work. Her name was Dakota.



Dakota and I.

Eric was more "worldly" than I was. He had traveled all around the world. He had also read a lot more books than I had. I was never much into reading books. I loved comic books, but not books. I was hired as a web developer and a web designer. One of the first things I did when I got there was to put a little American flag on the company's website. To me, it was the "patriotic" thing to do at the time.

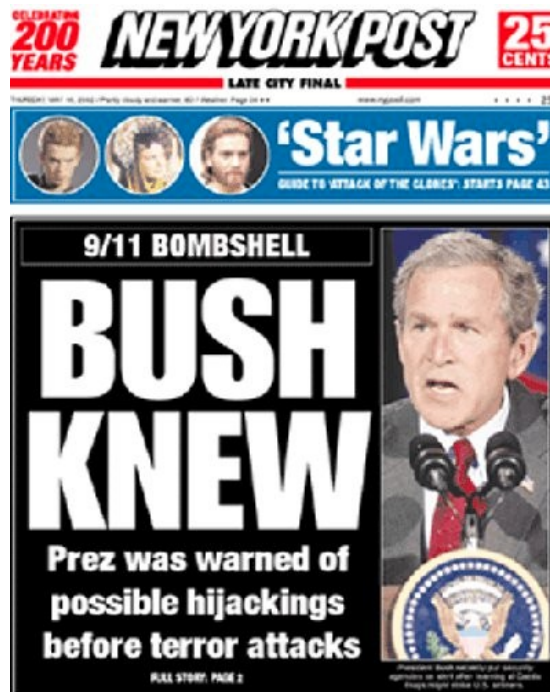
During that month, a report from CNN came out, entitled "Bush asks Daschle to limit Sept. 11 probes." In [that report](#) it was stated, "President Bush personally asked Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle Tuesday to limit the congressional investigation into the events of September 11, congressional and White House sources told CNN ... Tuesday's discussion followed a rare call to Daschle from Vice President Dick Cheney last Friday to make the same request." I was still deeply a part of the "patriotic binge," as Dr. Michael Parenti likes to [call it](#). However, I found this to be extremely odd. I thought to myself, "Why would the president and vice president, of all people, not want to know exactly why and how this happened so as to make sure it could never happen again?" I didn't give it much thought after that but I was definitely more curious about reports regarding 9/11.

There was a bakery not far from our offices and every day at 3 o'clock we would walk down to get cookies and drinks for everyone. Sometimes we would go in the mornings for breakfast. Most times, it was me, Eric, and our other friend, Danny. We always brought Dakota along. During one of those walks, Eric and I had gotten into a discussion about marijuana. I hadn't used marijuana for years and I was very against people using it. Eric started to tell me about hemp, and the 1937 Marijuana Taxation Act. He also recommended I read a book entitled *The Emperor Wears No Clothes* by Jack Herer. (This book is available for free online at www.jackherer.com). When we got back to the office from that walk, Eric showed me [an article](#) from March 2001, entitled "US: Pot Shrinks Tumors; Government Knew In '74." It says, "The term medical marijuana took on dramatic new meaning in February 2000, when researchers in Madrid announced they had destroyed incurable brain tumors in rats by

injecting them with THC, the active ingredient in cannabis. The Madrid study marks only the second time that THC has been administered to tumor-bearing animals. In 1974, researchers at the Medical College of Virginia, who had been funded by the National Institutes of Health to find evidence that marijuana damages the immune system, found instead that THC slowed the growth of three kinds of cancer in mice – lung and breast cancer, and a virus-induced leukemia. The DEA quickly shut down the Virginia study and all further cannabis/tumor research, according to Jack Herer, who reports on the events in his book, *The Emperor Wears No Clothes*. In 1976, President Gerald Ford put an end to all public cannabis research and granted exclusive research rights to major pharmaceutical companies, who set out – unsuccessfully – to develop synthetic forms of THC that would deliver all the medical benefits without the "high."

When I read this article, I became absolutely livid. I had just spent the last several years of my life taking care of my grandfather who was suffering from pancreatic cancer, and now I hear that he may not have had to suffer at all? That the government I trusted was responsible for suppressing the research? OK, you are messing with the wrong guy. After work, I went to the bookstore and bought Jack Herer's book. The [online version](#) is great but the printed book has all of the articles and documents scanned for you to see. I blew through that book. Afterwards, Eric and I wrote a letter that I sent to every email address of every government office in this country that I could find.

Then, in May 2002, news about the August 6th, 2001 Presidential Daily Briefing was leaked to the media.



NYPPost, May 16th, 2002.

I was furious. The Bush Administration lied to us about 9/11. Even though we had heard repeatedly that there were no warnings, as it turns out, there were. Immediately when I got home that night I started looking into 9/11. I remember reading stories about "put options" that

were purchased prior to 9/11. I remember reading about the families holding a rally for an investigation. Each time I found an interesting article I sent it to my local media outlets and my local representatives. I also sent every article I ever found to Eric. He used to complain about his email being clogged with 9/11 articles. He complained but I think he was equally as interested as I was.

The media almost completely ignored me. I started to get angry with them and called them out for liking their fancy cars and their fancy houses, and not wanting to give them up by reporting the truth. My local representatives would send me form letters. I managed to save one from 2004 from Rick Santorum. I believe I had sent him some information on 9/11 whistleblower, Sibel Edmonds. This must have been sometime after the release of the *9/11 Report*.

Dear Mr. Gold;

Thank you for contacting me regarding the 9/11 Commission's Final Report. I appreciate hearing from you and having the benefit of your views on this important matter.

As you may know, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, also known as the 9/11 Commission, is an independent, bipartisan commission created by congressional legislation (H.R. 4628) and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2002 (P.L. 107-336), following the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks against the United States. This commission is comprised of 10 members, 5 Republican and 5 Democrats, who are responsible for preparing a full account of the circumstances surrounding the September 11th, 2001 attacks on our country.

During its public and private hearings over the past months, the 9/11 Commission received testimony from members of both the Clinton and Bush Administrations as it worked to learn more about the circumstances surrounding the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Among those who testified publicly before the Commission were former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of Defense William Cohen; former assistant to the President for National Affairs Sandy Berger; former National Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the National Security Council Richard Clarke, Secretary of State Colin Powell; Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage; Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld; Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet; and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice.

As you may be aware, the 9/11 Commission issued its Final Report to the President, Congress, and the American public on Thursday, July 22, 2004. The Final Report incorporated the Commission's findings about the circumstances surrounding the 9/11 terrorist attacks, as well as recommendations to better organize the U.S. government and intelligence community to protect the United States from further terrorist attacks. Specifically, the Commission's Final Report concluded that there were deep institutional failures within the United States that led to the success of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The 9/11 Commission issued a multitude of recommendations in its Final Report, including the establishment of a National Counterterrorism Center that would unify strategic intelligence and operational planning against terrorist threats across the foreign and domestic divide; the creation the position of the National Intelligence Director to unify

the intelligence community; unifying and strengthening congressional oversight to improve quality and accountability of the Intelligence Community; and strengthening the FBI and homeland defenders.

On August 2, 2004, President Bush endorsed several of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations to better facilitate communication throughout the intelligence community, and to prevent further terrorist attacks against the United States and its citizens. President Bush announced that he intended to create a position of National Intelligence Director that would be responsible for overseeing national intelligence collection centers and the agencies that contribute to the national intelligence program. In addition, he urged Congress to reorganize itself to provide better oversight concerning intelligence and homeland security issues. Next, he called for the creation of a National Counterterrorism Center to help to facilitate communication within intelligence community. Then, so as to build on current momentum, he directed the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction to consider the merits of creating a new center to track the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Finally, President Bush noted he intended to direct other federal agencies to continue to make the structural reforms necessary to prevent further terrorist attacks.

I am pleased that the 9/11 Commission has produced a thorough and concise report concerning the circumstances surrounding the 9/11 terrorist attacks. I also commend the Commission for its suggestions on ways the federal government can improve the process of gathering, processing, analyzing, and acting upon intelligence. As the Commission has noted in its Final Report, there are systemic changes that must be made in order to prevent further terrorist attacks against the U.S., both domestically and overseas.

Additionally, I applaud President Bush for acting expeditiously on the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. I am certain that President Bush and Congress will continue to devote considerable energy and resources to fully vetting the Commission's analysis and its recommendations, and together, I am confident that we can improve upon current efforts to protect the United States and its citizens from terrorist threats.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if I can be of additional assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Rick Santorum
United States Senate

End of letter

I still watched the news on a daily basis and unfortunately, I was still hooked on Fox News. In February 2003, Eric and I went to Washington D.C. to protest the upcoming war with Iraq. I found myself arguing that Saddam was a bad man and that maybe we should take him out (a la Fox News). Eric convinced me that we shouldn't, in spite of what the television media had convinced me of.

One day, Eric sent me an article entitled "An Interesting Day: President Bush's Movements

and Actions on 9/11" that was written by Paul Thompson and Allan Wood. This [article](#) is still available at www.historycommons.org. Eric and I argued back and forth over this article for days and we concluded that something was very wrong with what Bush did that day. I also somehow managed to stumble across Michael Ruppert's movie called "The Truth & Lies About 9/11." That was my first exposure to the "9/11 Truth Movement" without even knowing it. I had never heard of a "9/11 Truth Movement." It wasn't until June 2004 that I finally did.

Not only did I watch the news but I also found myself watching C-SPAN late at night to watch the 9/11 Commission Hearings. I became addicted to C-SPAN. One night in June 2004 I saw a [press conference](#) on C-SPAN. It was a group of individuals calling themselves "9/11 CitizensWatch.org." They were talking about so many things that I had already uncovered myself. They were asking many of the same questions I had been asking. The next day I called Kyle Hence and asked him if there was anything I could do to help. That was my first contact with the "9/11 Truth Movement."

When I decided that I was going to work on advocacy for 9/11, I put the medicinal marijuana advocacy on the back burner. I figured that people were dying, and that if we were lied to about 9/11 the whole world needed to know about it. So, I decided to dedicate my 9/11 work to my grandfather. It should be noted that several [reports](#) have come out since that time that seem to [corroborate](#) the [claims](#) made by people like Dr. Guzman.

When I finally "woke up" and realized that both our government and media lie to us on a daily basis, I was furious. However, the best analogy I can think of to explain how I felt is to compare it to the way a rape victim might feel. I felt used and abused by the media and by the government. I openly advocated against killing people because of lies I was told. I openly discussed the dangers of giving up freedoms in order to feel protected. I'd been brainwashed by everything the media and the government told us after 9/11, and when I "woke up," I decided that they would pay for what they had done.

Eric once told me that I was like a Pit Bull that would bite down and refuse to let go. He never knew how right he was.



What have I done for 9/11 justice?

When I asked Kyle what I could do to help, he recommended I go to two websites, www.septembereleventh.org and www.911truth.org. They were both run by the same group of people. The first one has since been frozen, but 911truth.org is still posting stories. Here's a picture of the header for the activism forum that was available at www.septembereleventh.org.



www.septembereleventh.org forum header.

I met a lot of good people on that forum, including Janice Matthews, who was the moderator. Once, I recommended that people do what's called "Freeway Blogging." The next day, I saw a picture posted of someone on the other side of the country holding a 9/11 Truth sign over a freeway. I thought that was the coolest thing, and it was my first experience with how powerful the Internet can be as a tool for activism.

The first action I remember taking part in was the 9/11 Visibility Project's "Dude, There's More To The Story" campaign. This entailed going to movie theaters that were showing Michael Moore's then newly-released film, "Fahrenheit 9/11," and handing out literature. I remember going to see F911 and thinking it was a good movie, and later calling into a show on Comcast to talk about it with the guests.



Image used for the Fahrenheit 9/11 Campaign on www.septembereleventh.org

The next action I took part in was promoting a Zogby poll that had been commissioned by 911Truth.org. The poll found that "half (49.3%) of New York City residents and 41% of New York citizens overall say that some of our leaders 'knew in advance that attacks were planned on or around September 11, 2001, and that they consciously failed to act.'" I remember one or two local news outlets picking up the story but nothing national. Generally, that's what happened. Local news is a lot different than national news, but still, it's almost as bad.

In September 2004, something big was going to take place in New York City called the "[9/11 Omission Hearings](#)." Former Rep. Cynthia McKinney chaired those hearings, and some of the people on her panel were 9/11 family member Bob McIlvaine and Dr. Faiz Khan, who'd been a Ground Zero triage doctor on 9/11. At the same time, Pacifica Radio was hosting an event in Washington D.C. called "The 9/11 People's Commission." The event in NYC was held on 9/9/2004 and the one in D.C. on 9/11/2004. I attended [the event](#) in D.C.

In D.C., the panelists were John Judge, Spencer Ackerman, Sibel Edmonds, Coleen Rowley, Karen Kwiatkowski and Ray McGovern. I managed to get the opportunity to ask the first question. I first thanked everyone for coming out and then directed my question to Ray McGovern. I didn't know much about Ray at the time, only that he was from the CIA. I asked him about the motivations for possibly allowing something like 9/11 to happen. He told me about his acronym for the word oil. "O for oil, I for the protection of Israel, and L for the logistical placement of bases in that region for future use." Ray and I have since become friends, and he has also become an inspiration to me. Being able to talk to Sibel Edmonds, someone I had followed, was very cool. John Judge is the co-founder of 9/11 CitizensWatch.org. I asked him if there was anything I could do to help. He asked me to go put change out in his parking meter. I did. I also took my camera to film these proceedings. After everything was said and done, I was packing up my camera and getting ready to leave. Someone from Pacifica Radio approached me, and told me that we weren't allowed to film these proceedings, and asked me for my tapes. I absolutely refused. This information was too important not to be made available for everyone. We went back and forth and finally, I put my foot down and said no. I then left. As it turns out, the [quality](#) of the recordings weren't worthy of posting anyway.

In New York, one of the most interesting things to happen was when Michael Ruppert called Dick Cheney out as a suspect for the crime of 9/11. He said this to hundreds of people sitting in a building in New York City. I thought for sure the media would pick up this newsworthy event regardless of whether or not they agreed with his assessment. That never happened. Not long after the 9/11 Omission Hearings, 911truth.org made available some audio clips of the event, and for the [first time](#), I heard Bob McIlvaine speak. Bob can be very emotional when talking, and understandably so. He started to cry. It was the first time I had ever heard a 9/11 family member cry. I started to cry right along with him. I swore that I would do everything within my power to support the 9/11 family members from that point on.

Paul Thompson was someone else who spoke at these hearings, and I was absolutely amazed by what he had to say. Both Michael and Paul were major influences to me. I very much appreciated how they presented their information, especially Paul. One thing Michael [said](#) in his movie, "The Truth & Lies About 9/11," stuck with me for years: "There is a procedure that you follow when you are presenting evidence. There is a way that you structure evidence to avoid speculation ... So some of the things we are not going to talk about tonight are speculations about the attacks on September 11th. We are not going to talk about were there explosives in the buildings, were the planes piloted by remote control ... Now there is another way to take on the government. There is another way to take on the lunacy of the mass media. And that is by using their own statements and their own evidence against them to prove that they are lying." Those words were very influential to me, and I found that they are right.

Another person to speak, someone who also influenced me greatly, was Jenna Orkin. Jenna spoke about the environmental impact of 9/11. I had never heard about any of this before. The media was completely blacked out on the subject. 9/11 First Responders, people who were heroes to me, were getting sick. Children who went to schools that surrounded Ground Zero were getting sick. And the government was lying to people about the air quality and about the water quality. This was some of the most horrid and scary information I learned about the 9/11 attacks. After Jenna's talk, I very much focused on – and still do to this day –

the environmental impact of 9/11. Here is [a photo](#) I often look at to help motivate me to do what I do.

One very interesting thing to happen in September 2004 was that Howard Stern posted a video questioning the official account of 9/11 on his bulletin board (the HSBB). There were upwards of 300,000 people posting on Howard's site so it was an excellent site to start pushing 9/11 Truth. I instantly started posting multiple stories on their politics forum. Eventually, people on that site tried to get me on Howard's show. I spoke to the producers of the show a couple of times. That never panned out but I was eventually on their competitor's show, "Opie & Anthony." It was my very first interview ever and I was extremely nervous. Some who listen to that interview now say I did well under the circumstances, but I could have done a lot better, in my opinion. They muted me, and talked over me so as to make me sound foolish, and I didn't know it at the time. They eventually made me mad, and I said something about the stock price of their company and hung up. Oddly enough, the next day I corresponded with Jim Norton of the show and we became friends. One of the things that seemed to annoy people was that I would "bump" threads on the HSBB with the saying "For The Families." I spent a good three months posting on Howard's site, and then after the November 2004 elections, with no reason given, Stern shut down his bulletin board.

In late 2004, a petition was delivered to then Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's office. It was called the "Justice For 9/11" petition. Many people signed onto this petition, including such notables as Ed Asner, Catherine Austin Fitts, Michael Badnarik, Medea Benjamin, David Cobb, Daniel Ellsberg, Richard Falk, Janeane Garofalo, Richie Havens, Cynthia McKinney and others. The cover of the petition (<http://www.justicefor911.org>) said, "CITIZENS' COMPLAINT AND PETITION TO ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR AN INDEPENDENT GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION: Citing probable cause for convening an independent grand jury (or conducting an independent investigation by other means) to examine the crimes committed in connection with the September 11th, 2001 tragedy and requesting a hearing before the appropriate authorities regarding the same." There were a total of 17,772 signatures on that petition. I was #36, and my friend Eric was #50. Not one media outlet picked up on this endeavor and although the attorney general's office sent a representative to the press conference to accept the petition, no response was ever forthcoming from Spitzer. Not long after that, Spitzer announced his intention to run for governor of New York.

36. Jonathan Gold, Pennsylvania, USA
37. Susan J. De Lano, Minnesota, USA
38. Carol D. Mardell, Mexico
39. Jerry Mazza, New York, USA
40. Catherine Traversa, New York, USA
41. Jan Marie Rushforth, Pennsylvania, USA
42. Michele Sandeck, California, USA
43. Victoria Usher, Connecticut, USA
44. Scott Hess, Pennsylvania, USA
45. Richard Drake, Florida, USA
46. Jan Moore, New Jersey, USA
47. Ruth DeLaMater Bundy, Florida, USA
48. Cindy L. Gaunder, Florida, USA
49. Ralph Charles Whitley, Sr., Florida, USA
50. Eric Greenberg, Pennsylvania, USA

Signatures from the Justice for 9/11 petition.

After Howard Stern shut down his bulletin board, those of us who wanted to spread a political message had very few places to choose from that had the number of people Howard's site did. Eventually, a site called the "Pirate Stern Bulletin Board" (the PSBB) was opened that was identical to Howard's. However, it had absolutely no moderation at all. There were **MANY** assholes on that site, people who just wanted to argue or play games. As a result, I decided that I was going to start my own site, and I did.

On January 15, 2005, www.yourbbsucks.com (the YBBS) was born. I spent \$300 on the software for the bulletin board from the same company Howard used, VBulletin. I then set up the site on a server for \$30 a month and the site has been active ever since. The name of the site (Your Bulletin Board Sucks) was a shot at that other site "the PSBB." Also, I didn't want a "9/11 Truth site." Instead, I wanted a site that everyday people would want to take part in that would also quietly have a "9/11 Truther Forum" for people to stumble across. I didn't want to reach the choir, in other words. Originally, the site was very much like Howard's, with many of the same subjects (because many of the same people from Howard's site posted on mine). Sports, women, women, movies ... and so on. However, I have since taken down the posts about women because I didn't want it to be seen as a "porn site." One of the coolest things to happen was that one of my detractors on the HSBBS became friends with me and helped me with my site. He added video games and helped with the formatting of the site. Ryan, thank you for what you did. By the way, the registration is broken, so please fix it when you get the chance. :) At the time I'm writing this, the stats for the YBBS are as follows: In total, there are 20,449 threads, 89,967 posts, 6,845,622 thread views, 3,667,276 visitors and 22,266,846 website hits. The top poster on the site is Gold9472 (me) with 34,136 posts.



Original YBBS Logo.

For a good five years I posted 9/11 information and news on that site on a daily basis. As a result, I managed to develop some pretty massive archives. I have used those archives to write many an article. In March 2005, Roger Peters asked me if he could use my bulletin board as the "official bulletin board" for his new site, 911blogger.com. He also asked that I provide content for his site. He had apparently seen some of my posts on www.septembereleventh.org and liked what he saw. I haven't posted regularly on 911blogger.com for a long time but I still have more posts than anyone else on that site. Roger and I developed the original logo; he did the buildings and I did the text. I remember one time it was shown on CNN, and I felt proud.



Logo created by Roger Peters and I.

There was a time when that site was something very special. Roger and I, two working people, did our very best to provide the best 9/11 Truth related material for the public. There were **MANY** problems we had to endure, which I will address in the next chapter. I remember many nights watching television so as to be able to film something about 9/11 with my camcorder to put on the Internet. I was never audio or video intelligent but activism forced me to change all of that (work benefitted from this newfound knowledge). I was never a writer but activism forced me to learn how to write. When I write, I often write exactly as I would speak. Some like this style; others do not. So long as it's understandable and my point gets across, I'm happy. I would like to personally thank all of those people over the years whose opinion I have asked with regards to my articles. People like Eric, Don, Cosmos, Good Doctor HST, WhiteGuySaysThis, Simuvac, Nicholas, Missy, Hoz and so many others that have helped me to improve my message. Thank you. There are many others I wish to thank, and there will be a chapter devoted to those thank you's at the end.

I was never a speaker but activism forced me to learn how to speak. I really haven't spoken as often as I would like but I am grateful for all of the opportunities I've had to do so. When I get home from an event and have the opportunity to watch a video of myself speaking, it's like I'm watching someone else. Who is that person who knows so much about 9/11, who seems so political, and who people applaud when he's done? I don't know who he is but I'd sure like to meet him.


On 911blogger.com, we used to hold fundraisers so as to be able to post banners on prominent sites. A few of the sites that allowed our banner were BradBlog, RawStory and BuzzFlash. Eventually, 911blogger.com became the most heavily trafficked 9/11 Truth site in the world. Below is a banner that was on RawStory. For the record, RawStory is not the site it once was, and is no longer friendly to those of us seeking 9/11 Justice. In my opinion, it has become a "left-leaning" news site that likes to take part in partisan politics.

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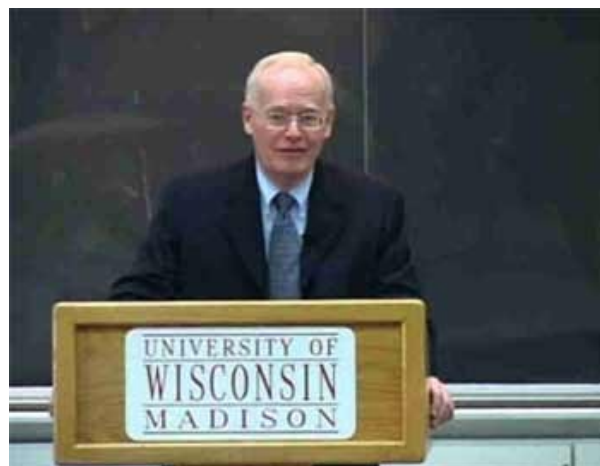
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In April 2005, David Ray Griffin was going to speak at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. This was a big event for 911blogger.com because it was going to be broadcast on C-SPAN. One of the things 9/11 Truth activists had to endure was a media blackout, so any chance to be on the TV was a good thing. We heavily promoted this, and Roger and 911busters.com made sure to get a copy of the video online for everyone to see.



David Ray Griffin at the Univ. of Wisconsin Madison.

The summer of 2005 was a very busy time for 9/11 Truth activists. Rep. Cynthia McKinney, now serving in Washington D.C., was going to host a 9/11 Congressional Briefing on Capitol

Hill. This nine-hour long event was carried by C-SPAN. I believe the only other media coverage of the event came from the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, which said, "The eight-hour hearing, timed to mark the first anniversary of the release of the Sept. 11 commission's report on the attacks, drew dozens of contrarians and conspiracy theorists who suggest President Bush purposely ignored warnings or may even have had a hand in the attack — claims participants said the commission ignored."

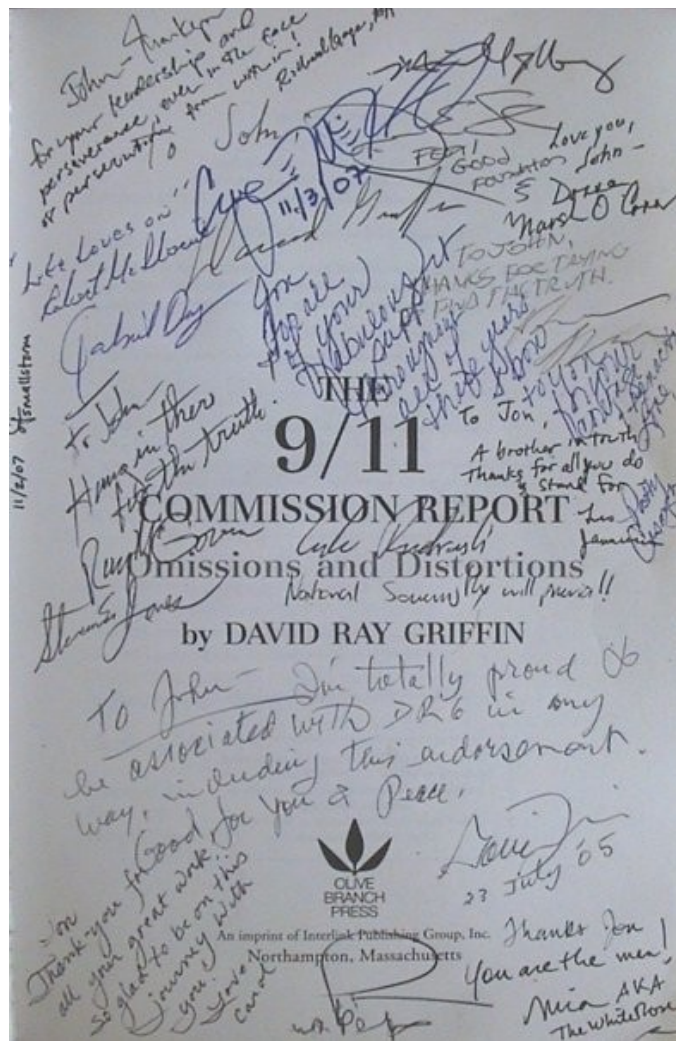
I remember [watching the hearings](#) online on July 22nd and they were amazing. First were 9/11 family members Lorie Van Auken, Mindy Kleinberg and Monica Gabrielle of the September Eleventh Advocates (also known as "the Jersey Girls"). Lorie spoke for the three of them. She started out by playing a tape of her husband Kenneth calling her from the tower. This was heartbreaking for me and I cried. Other speakers were Paul Thompson, Melvin Goodman, John Newman, Nafeez Mossadegh Ahmed, Peter Dale Scott, John Judge and others. The questioners for the panelists were made up of Michael Ruppert, Wayne Madsen and Ray McGovern. The hearings were shown twice that weekend on C-SPAN, so those of us on the Internet spent a lot of time promoting it.

An event called the "[Emergency Truth Convergence](#)" had been planned for the following day at Lafayette Park in Washington, D.C., to coincide with McKinney's hearings. I attended that event, which was an amazing experience for me. I finally got to meet people like Janice Matthews, Paul Thompson, Peter Dale Scott, David Ray Griffin, Nafeez Ahmed, Kyle Hence and many others. I also got to see Ray McGovern again, and he recognized me from the previous year in Washington D.C. These people were all heroes to me. When I got there, I met with Janice and asked if there was anything I could do to help. The only thing she could think of was for me to hold the sign behind the stage that was getting blown all over the place because of the wind. Here's a picture of me, Peter Dale Scott and Paul Thompson.



Paul Thompson, Peter Dale Scott and myself at Lafayette Park in Washington D.C.

Kyle Hence was giving out copies of David Ray Griffin's latest book, *The 9/11 Commission Report: Omissions & Distortions*. I managed to get Dr. Griffin to autograph the book. Since that event, I have taken that book everywhere in order to get autographs from people. Some of my favorite signatures are from 9/11 Family Members Lorie Van Auken, Patty Casazza, Donna Marsh O'Connor, Bob McIlvaine and 9/11 First Responder John Feal. Other worthy mentions are Ray McGovern, Paul Thompson, William Pepper and Cynthia McKinney. People have offered me as much as \$200 for this book but I would never give it up.



My autographed copy of David Ray Griffin's "The 9/11 Commission Report: Omissions and Distortions."

In September 2005, Cynthia McKinney participated in another event at the Congressional Black Caucus. The only news outlet to cover it was the *Weekly Standard* (what I refer to as the PNAC Newspaper). Their article also ran on CBSNews.com. It was entitled, "March of the Conspiracy Theorists." The first paragraph says, "THE TERMS 'BRAIN TRUST' and 'Cynthia McKinney' do not roll off the tongue like 'peanut butter and jelly.' But that's how the press release advertised a series of 'Brain Trust' panels moderated by Rep. McKinney this past weekend at the Congressional Black Caucus's annual legislative conference. The topic: 'The 9/11 Omission: Did the Commission Get it Wrong?' Overall, that is typical of the kind of coverage the 9/11 Truth Movement has gotten from the media over the years.

Between events for 9/11 Truth, I started becoming extremely active locally. I once started a campaign called, "9/11 Truth Door To Door" where I would go knock on random people's doors and ask them if they would like to do an interview. I only did that for a short period of time but it was fun. Someone named Ian in California copied what I did and made a few videos of his own. I also started, along with Wendi Polinow, the "PA 9/11 Visibility Group." We held meetings at local coffee shops to talk about putting together events and such. No event ever came from those meetings, unfortunately. We ran into some problems with one planned

event and eventually decided to cancel it. Another time, I took my "EXPOSE THE 9/11 COVER-UP" sign to Bala Cynwyd, PA where all of the media outlets are, and sat out in front of all of them. I did that on a few Saturdays in a row. It's amazing how many honks 9/11 Truth Activists get.

In the summer of 2005, I gave Kyle Hence a call just to see what was going on. He told me about a documentary he had been working on, and said that he needed some money to finish it. I asked what it was about and he told me it was about the Jersey Girls' experiences, and based on Paul Thompson's *Complete 9/11 Timeline*. I thought to myself, "This is it. This is **EXACTLY** what people need to see." I asked him how much he needed, he told me \$5,000 and the next thing I knew, I was on the phone with my father asking for money. My father gave me that money, which I sent to Kyle. I was now an "investor" in a movie about 9/11. I never considered the possibility that this film would make millions. In fact, I really wasn't concerned about my investment. The only reason I would want the money back was so that I could give it to my father. However, I have never asked Kyle or Ray Nowosielski, the director of the film, for money and I know that if it made the money back, they would give it to me. I don't feel right asking for it. I feel like it's my contribution towards justice. Someday, I hope to pay my father back.

During the 4th anniversary of 9/11 in 2005, a march was planned in New York City that would eventually end up at the United Nations. The 9/11 Truth Movement, specifically the 9/11 Visibility Project, has tried to reach out to the United Nations in the past, but in spite of delivering packets of information to most countries' offices, no response came from it. The only person in the UN that seemed to listen to us was Richard Falk. Roger Peters attended and filmed this march. At the UN there were several speakers, but the one that stood out the most was 9/11 Family Member Donna Marsh O'Connor, whose speech was so powerful, so heartbreaking, so inspiring that it quickly became one of the more popular 9/11 Truth [videos](#) on the Internet. Unfortunately, Donna got some flack for that speech, but she should know that she inspired so many damn people. Thank you, Donna, for doing that.

On September 24th 2005, there was an anti-war rally in Washington D.C. which I decided to attend. Some of the speakers were [Cindy Sheehan](#), Cynthia McKinney, Jesse Jackson and others. Gabriel Day decided to set up a 9/11 Truth table there. I helped out with the sales, and spoke to a lot of people that day. Incidentally, that was the first time I met New York 9/11 Truth activist Luke Rudkowski. I didn't know Cindy then, but she was certainly a hero to me. That day, she wore a yellow t-shirt that said "I want the truth." When the Downing Street Memo Hearings took place, I stayed home from work to watch them. That was the first time I had heard of Cindy. I have followed her ever since, and have a massive archive of articles about her on my website. More on Cindy later.



9/11 Truth Table at Sept. 05 Anti-War Rally in D.C.

The end of 2005 was an interesting time for 9/11 Truth. On Nov. 10th, 2005, Salt Lake City's *Deseret News* [reported](#), "the physics of 9/11 — including how fast and symmetrically one of the World Trade Center buildings fell — prove that official explanations of the collapses are wrong, says a Brigham Young University physics professor. In fact, it's likely that there were 'pre-positioned explosives' in all three buildings at ground zero, says Steven E. Jones." He was the first professional to speak out about the buildings. That following Monday, Jones [appeared](#) on Tucker Carlson's show on MSNBC. At the time, and still to this day, I am amazed at how quickly the media jumped at the opportunity to have him on. We'd been jumping up and down, screaming as loudly as we could, and no matter what we did, we couldn't get any TV coverage, except for a spot on DemocracyNow! with David Ray Griffin and something on Penn & Teller's "Bullshit" with Eric Hufschmid and Jimmy Walters. All three of these TV appearances, incidentally, were meant to make the 9/11 Truth Movement look bad. Tucker did his best to make Steven Jones look like a fool and from then on the "Controlled Demolition" argument became extremely important to the 9/11 Truth Movement. Morgan Reynolds, a former Bush administration official, speaking out in July 2005 about Controlled Demolition also helped to make this happen.

As I said, I was very much influenced by Michael Ruppert's school of thought, so the idea of promoting the "Controlled Demolition" of the towers was very hard for me to do. However, to support the movement that I was a part of, I posted regularly about Steven Jones and his findings. I have a rather extensive [archive](#) on the subject of Steven Jones on my site, as well as [several others](#). When Scholars For 9/11 Truth started, I tried to give pointers to then-co-chairs, Steven Jones and Jim Fetzer, about "9/11 Truth Politics." At the time, I was a member of 911Truth.org's Steering Committee so I reached out to Jones and Fetzer because I saw some problems with their new organization. Steven was more apt to listen than Jim was. There will be more about this issue in Chapter 5.

On January 7th, 2006, the *New York Post* reported that, "A police detective has died from lung disease, which the NYPD believes he contracted while working at Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks. The tragedy makes James Zadroga, 34, the first rescue worker to die from illness attributed to the Ground Zero rubble, a police spokesperson said yesterday."

For the very first time, I wrote an article about the environmental impact of 9/11. Here is that article.

A Fallen Hero

Written By Jon Gold

In [February 2005](#), "Speakers at the national meeting of the American Association for Advancement of Science expressed concern Sunday that some scientists in key federal agencies are being ignored or even pressured to change study conclusions that don't support policy positions." Their concerns are well-founded. In June 2005, the [New York Times](#) reported that Philip A. Cooney, "removed or adjusted descriptions of climate research that government scientists and their supervisors, including some senior Bush administration officials, had already approved" so as to play down emissions' links to Global Warming. Mr. Cooney served as chief of staff for the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Now, however, he serves [Exxon](#).

In July 2005, the EPA purposefully held back [incriminating reports](#) about our fuel economy so an Energy Bill that served not the people, but the corporations, would pass. As quoted by [CBS News](#), the energy bill "sends billions of dollars in tax breaks and subsidies to energy companies, but is expected to do little to reduce U.S. oil consumption or dampen high energy prices." The EPA's report stated, "loopholes in American fuel economy regulations have allowed automakers to produce cars and trucks that are significantly less fuel-efficient, on average than they were in the late 1980's." No wonder they didn't want it to be known. We've done nothing to become more fuel-efficient, and in fact, have gone backwards. Now, as a result, we've passed an energy bill that helps us not at all.

In August 2003, [CBS News](#) reported that "White House officials pressured the agency to prematurely assure the public that the air was safe to breathe a week after the World Trade Center collapse". Why would they do such a thing? Now, as a result, [9/11 firefighters](#) are suffering from long-term lung damage, and now, sadly, a 9/11 Hero has died. Of the 97 dogs that were deployed to Ground Zero, [18 of them have died](#) as well. It's interesting to note that the *New York Post* is reporting Zadroga "was in 7 World Trade Center when it started to collapse." Considering [Mr. Dara McQuillan](#), a spokesman for Silverstein Properties, stated on September 9, 2005 that Larry Silverstein's "Pull It" comment was referring to getting the firemen out, it's amazing he was still in there.

In March 2004, residents, students, and office workers in Lower Manhattan filed a [class action lawsuit](#) against the Environmental Protection Agency, Christine Todd Whitman, former administrator of EPA, Marianne L. Horinko, former assistant administrator and then administrator of EPA, and Michael Leavitt, administrator of EPA since 2003. The complaint alleges that the defendants violated the law when they, "made materially misleading statements regarding the safety of air quality in Lower Manhattan shortly after September 11, 2001, failed to follow federal laws mandating that EPA take lead responsibility for the cleanup of buildings and residences in response to terroristic attacks, delegated all responsibility for the cleanup to the City of New York which was ill-equipped to handle the situation, failed to properly supervise and oversee the cleanup

efforts by the City of New York, referred the public to cleanup guidelines issued by the City of New York which were contrary to EPA standards and grossly inadequate to properly cleanup the hazardous substances, failed to properly assess the complete geographic scope of the hazard, and failed to remediate the problems through their voluntary cleanup program."

Unfortunately, the deceit does not end with 9/11. [Hugh Kaufmann](#), a Senior Policy Analyst at the Environmental Protection Agency, said that in regards to Katrina, "that a government cover-up is taking place right now, as we speak, to hide information about the dangerous toxins in the flood waters of the Gulf Coast region." Hugh Kaufmann was also the chief investigator for the 9/11 clean-up. He says, "that the Bush administration engaged in the same practice after 9/11 covering up the truth about the dangers in the air and water and lying to the public in the weeks after the disaster."

The sad thing is, there are people within our Government who are [aware](#) of what's going on with the EPA and the Bush Administration, and have done little to nothing about it. In October 2005, the Associated Press reported that "The Bush administration was accused Thursday by senators in both parties of minimizing health hazards from the toxic soup left by Hurricane Katrina, just as they said it did with air pollution in New York from the Sept. 11 attacks." In December 2005, the Associated Press also reported [Congress Researchers](#), "say the Environmental Protection Agency skewed its analysis of air pollution legislation to favor President Bush's plan". Hillary Clinton and Jerrold Nadler of New York, "had criticized past EPA testing efforts and demanded more thorough scientific work.", and now as a result, the Environmental Protection Agency has developed a new, "plan for testing any dust that may remain in private homes and commercial space from the collapse of the World Trade Center more than four years ago." Lawmakers even addressed it as being "too little, too late", and I'm sure Hillary is thinking about 2006, and possibly 2008 (Heaven forbid).

It's a damn shame the media isn't covering the death of a 9/11 Hero. Maybe it would open up people's minds to what's going on. I guess that's not what the "Powers That Be" want.

End of article

From that point on, I started an [archive](#) on my site, called "A Fallen Hero," that focused specifically on the environmental impact of 9/11. I challenge people to find a more extensive collection of articles on that specific topic. I don't think one exists. This has been, and will always be, an important issue for me. These men and women – heroes – have been used to sell the "War On Terror." Their images have been flashed across a million TV screens to get people to support the wars and to get people elected. However, the government that used them, both local and federal, treated them like dirt. Some people try to say that the issue of the environmental impact of 9/11 and 9/11 Truth are separate issues. However, both came about from lies, so I can't think of anything more appropriate for 9/11 Truth activists to address.

Being a member of 911Truth.org's Steering Committee meant that I had to make myself available for scheduled phone calls and help to plan certain events or actions. I also helped to post stories and redesign the website at one time. Unfortunately, I never saved pictures of the design I made. One of the actions that we tried to start was something called the "Blogger

Brigade." This was supposed to be a group of individuals that would post 9/11 news stories on prominent sites whenever they came out. Another action was called the "Citizens' Counter-Coup." This campaign asked people "to take 15-30 minutes on the week of the 11th of each month to lobby their legislators and targeted media to finally study – and act on – the irrefutable evidence for White House responsibility in the 9/11 attacks." I also helped to write something called, "Now That You Know, What Can You Do?" It was essentially a helpful list of things for activists to do for this cause.



Image used for Citizen's Counter-Coup Campaign.

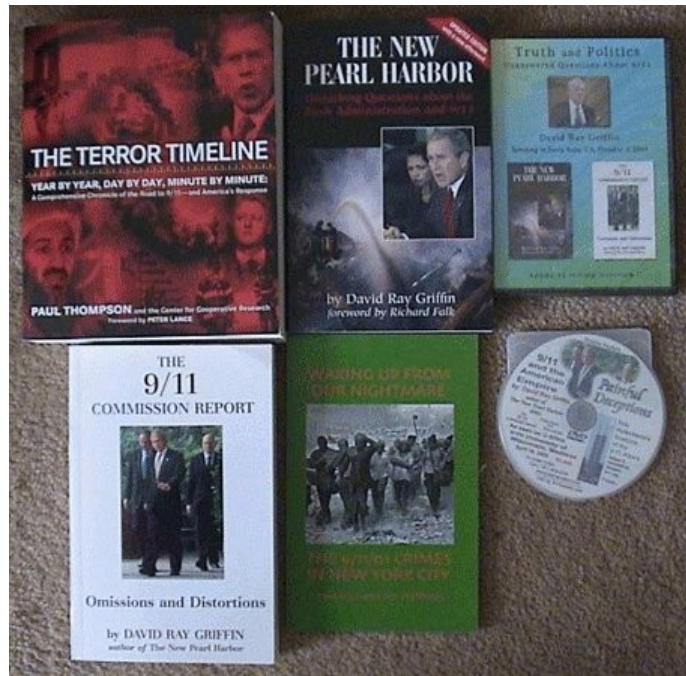
While I was a member of the steering committee I became friendly with Michael Wolsey. Michael started his own podcast in January 2006 called "Visibility 9-11," and I tried to be supportive of the show. I posted many of his shows on my site and on 911blogger.com. Eventually, he had me on as a guest. He also asked that I contribute to his website, www.visibility911.com, and I did. There are many activists with many stories worthy of a book. Michael and several others I have mentioned, or will mention, are activists like that.

I think in terms of people being active for this cause, 2006 was definitely the biggest year. In April 2005, the first installment of the "Loose Change" series was released. That didn't seem to get a lot of attention but the second release, in December 2005, certainly did (the third was in December 2007, and the fourth was in September 2009). The media gave a lot of attention to "Loose Change," many "hit pieces" were written and something new started to spring up – "debunkers." I will address the issue of "debunkers" in Chapter 5.

I was never a fan of "Loose Change" because it seemed that it was easy to use against us. Plus, it focused on things I didn't like: controlled demolition and a missile hitting the Pentagon. I used to say to myself that it brings people in, so it can't be all bad. I think people will look back at the "Loose Change" era of the 9/11 Truth Movement and see things differently, depending upon when they started to be involved in this movement. I used to be friendly with both Jason Bermas and Dylan Avery, the producers of "Loose Change." When Jason became something of an "Alex Jones Jr." I stopped talking to him. Dylan grew up a lot over the years and I consider him to be a friend.

In March 2006, I had the opportunity to meet with 9/11 Family Member Bob McIlvaine. This was the first time I had ever met a 9/11 Family Member, and for it to be Bob McIlvaine, I was absolutely thrilled. He has always been such an inspiration to me. The reason we were meeting was so that we could convince a friend of then-Rep. Curt Weldon to arrange a meeting for us to speak with Rep. Weldon. I live in Pennsylvania and Curt Weldon just happened to be my representative. Because of that meeting, Dave Slesinger and I managed to get tickets to a Town Hall meeting at which Rep. Weldon was going to be speaking. The reason Weldon was of interest was because of something called Able Danger. Basically, in

August 2005, news came out about a unit from the Department of Defense that had identified four of the hijackers a year before 9/11. At that town hall meeting I met 9/11 whistleblower Anthony Shaffer. Tony and I are now friends on Facebook. We don't always agree but I respect him. I wish he would lay off of the partisan stuff, though. Here's a set of books I once delivered to Rep. Weldon's office.



A picture of 9/11 information I brought to Rep. Weldon's office.

At the meeting with Bob McIlvaine, he gave me the opportunity to [interview him](#) on camera. It was a very candid interview and became somewhat popular on the Internet. I am always grateful to a 9/11 Family Member who is willing to give me the time of day. For a long time I have striven to build relationships with different 9/11 Family Members. Something I try to do a lot is put myself in the shoes of a 9/11 Family Member. Over the years I have experienced a great degree of anger over the 9/11 cover-up. But I will never be able to know what it's truly like for a 9/11 Family Member, especially one who knows the things I know. I can't imagine having to experience that anger on top of having lost someone beloved that day. I simply can't do it. However, it's because of that that I feel very much for the 9/11 Family Members. All of them. Even the ones that don't think as I do. There is one in particular who makes it very difficult named Debra Burlingame. She lost her brother, Charles Burlingame, who was the pilot of Flight 77. She was used for years by the media to be the "poster child" for the "War On Terror." She is very pro-war, it seems. I don't hate her. I try to understand where she's coming from.

Some say that because I reach out to 9/11 Family Members I am trying to use them. This offends me greatly. Never once have I tried to use a 9/11 Family Member. There was a time when 9/11 Family Member Michele Little wrote something in defense of me and she did that by choice. We were all attacked on 9/11, every single one of us. We didn't all lose someone special that day but we all felt the horror that came from it and we certainly all lost a lot of other things. Working side by side with the 9/11 families is only natural for someone who

wants justice for 9/11. And yes, it does help when 9/11 Family Members speak because sometimes the media listens to them – though not very often, to be sure. That's just the way it is. 9/11 Family Member Patty Casazza once said, "Believe me, if it wasn't for our friend Jon Gold here, and so many other citizen activists, I'm sure the 9/11 movement would have died a long time ago. Partly the reason for that is that, every time we look at the information on 9/11 we die a little. And I speak from personal experience. This is not an easy thing. I wish I could do more with the movement myself but it pains me greatly." This is another reason I support anything they do to the best of my ability. Because each effort kills them a little. I think that's a good reason, don't you?

Jonathan Kay from the *National Post* wrote about me in his book, *Among The Truthers*:

*Damaged survivors are particularly effective as recruiters for conspiracist movements because the spectacle of their grief **short-circuits our intellectual faculties** - much the same way that graphic testimony from a crime victim can sway a jury to convict an innocent defendant. "When I saw Bob [McIlvaine] cry at the commission hearings in New York in 2004, it broke my heart," Pennsylvania-based 911blogger.com founder Jon Gold told me when I asked him what drove his activism. "The anger I felt when I saw we were lied to was enormous. I couldn't imagine how much extra pain must have been felt by those who actually lost people. I believe they deserve better." [pages 164-165]*

I never thought my sympathy for those who lost the most that day, would be used against me. And I consider myself a "co-founder" of 911blogger.com. Roger Peters is the founder.

Here's something for you to think about. Lorie Van Auken, Mindy Kleinberg, Patty Casazza, Kristen Breitweiser, Bob McIlvaine and Monica Gabrielle attended every single 9/11 Commission hearing. The Jersey Girls themselves were greatly responsible for the creation of the 9/11 Commission to begin with. They were also a part of the 9/11 Family Steering Committee, which monitored the 9/11 Commission, supplied them hundreds of well-researched questions to be answered and worked alongside the staffers of the 9/11 Commission. Thomas Kean once said, "They monitor us, they follow our progress, they've supplied us with some of the best questions we've asked. I doubt very much if we would be in existence without them." Basically, these Family Members know what the hell they're talking about when it comes to 9/11 so you should listen to what they have to say. No, I don't always agree with them but I very much respect everything they have to say.

People like Bob McIlvaine, Lorie Van Auken, Donna Marsh O'Connor, Tia Kminek and Monica Gabrielle have been invaluable resources to me over the years as far as insight goes. I could never thank them enough. The only thing I can do that is worthy is keep fighting for them. They will be acknowledged in the final chapter of this book.

Also in March 2006, I started teaching online "classes" about the cover-up of 9/11 on my website. Each week I would select a topic and write a long essay on that topic for people to read. After they had time to read the essay I would then take questions.

In May of 2006, for the first time in my life, I was reported on by the news. It wasn't national news. It was local news, the *Times Herald*. Not only did they report on me once but also the following week. The second time was to talk about the latest Zogby poll commissioned by

911truth.org. 911Truth.org commissioned Zogby International for a poll that found 45% of voting Americans think "Congress or an International Tribunal should re-investigate the attacks, including whether any US government officials consciously allowed or helped facilitate their success."



Image taken by Norristown's Times Herald newspaper.

In June 2006, I went to my very first 9/11 Truth Conference in Chicago, called "9/11: Revealing The Truth, Reclaiming Our Future." I hadn't been to Chicago since I was in the Navy for a brief period of time. At this conference was the first time I ever spoke in public. I talked about blogging and how to reach people. Someone came up to me after the talk and, also for the first time in my life, asked me for my autograph. This was very weird for me. A long time ago, I heard Michael Ruppert talk about putting his name out there for safety. In the event that something happened to him, people would know about it. When I decided I was going to do this, I was hesitant to put my name out there. I used to go solely by "Gold9472" or "9/11 Truther." As I started to become more involved, I decided to start using my real name. It was not for notoriety purposes. It was so that if something happened to me, people would know who I am. If I became "famous" in the 9/11 Truth Movement it was only because I busted my ass for this cause and nothing more. I don't want fame. I don't want fortune. As I write this book, I can't decide whether or not I'm going to give it away for free or sell it for a small sum. Anyway, signing my autograph is a weird experience for me.

In Chicago, I met some people for the first time, like Alex Jones, Steven Jones, Peter Philips, Michael Wolsey, Roger Peters, Christopher Bell (somebigguy, a moderator on 911blogger.com), David Kubiak and several others, like Janice Matthews, who I had seen only very rarely. So many people seemed to know who I was and I had a very good time there. This was also the weekend that the movie I had invested in would get its first showing. The movie is called "9/11: Press For Truth." Kyle Hence and Rory O'Connor are the Executive Producers. Ray Nowosielski is the Director. John Duffy was also a producer for the film. I had seen unfinished versions of the film before its release but I had never seen it like this. I sat down in the audience and watched. I laughed, I cried, I applauded and whistled. The movie

was shown a few times that weekend, and each time I would step into the theater to watch the reactions from the audience. They seemed to love it. I was thrilled. Keith Olbermann covered that event but very briefly. He didn't mention anything significant. He addressed us as "conspiracy theorists."

Other notable movies to come out in 2006 were "Who Killed John O'Neill?" by Ty Rauber and Ryan Thurston, and "Everybody's Gotta Learn Sometime" by John Albanese and Nick Levis. I knew John Albanese and Nick Levis from their years of activism for this cause in New York City. I cried at the end of their movie. Any movie that can make me cry is a good one. When they released it, they got a lot of flack because there was nothing about Controlled Demolition in it. Eventually, John Albanese felt that he had to write a statement accepting the idea of Controlled Demolition. Things like this will be discussed in Chapter 5.

One thing I remember about June 2006 was Ann Coulter's mouth. That was the month she decided to talk about the Jersey Girls and say, "These broads are millionaires, lionized on TV and in articles about them, reveling in their status as celebrities and stalked by griefparrazies. I have never seen people enjoying their husband's death so much." I swore it had something to do with the premiere of "9/11: Press For Truth," but it was probably just a coincidence. I commented about it on my site: "So let me get this straight... because the Jersey Girls lost their husbands lives, they're not allowed to speak about making sure the way they died never happens again? To protect other people's lives? That makes complete and total sense. Somebody shoot me now. Please."

In August of 2006, Oliver Stone's movie entitled "World Trade Center" was released. One of the actions 9/11 Truth activists took part in was another leafleting campaign at local movie theaters, like the one we'd done following Michael Moore's film, "Fahrenheit 9/11." Wendy Polinow and I went to the Anthony Wayne Movie Theater in Wayne, PA together, and I went to the movie theater in King of Prussia alone. I managed to get some interviews of people and posted them online.



Leafleting in Wayne, PA.

On September 5th, 2006, "9/11: Press For Truth" was officially released. Since its release, I have promoted this documentary more than any other. I have done my very best to get people to show this film to people first, before anything else, because it helps to create a foundation to build upon. On September 11th, 2006, 9/11 Family Members Donna Marsh O'Connor, Michele Little and Tia Kminek, along with Kyle Hence and Paul Thompson, held a press conference at the National Press Club to call for a new investigation. They did so while also showing a preview of "9/11: Press For Truth." Only one media outlet in the country covered this event. To me, "9/11: Press For Truth" is the most important documentary of our age because it's the only one that approaches the topic from the viewpoint of the Family Members, and so it's extremely believable to people who have no knowledge about the lingering questions around 9/11.

At the same time, I took part in the anniversary events at [Cooper Union](#) in New York City. On September 11th, 2006, Wendi Polinow and I went to Ground Zero to pay our respects, to hand out literature and to participate in the [silent march for the fallen](#). Between 3,000 and 5,000 people showed up that day in support of 9/11 Justice, most wearing black shirts that said "Investigate 9/11." It was an honor for me to participate in that march.

To my knowledge, no media outlet covered the release of "9/11: Press For Truth." Even though it featured the Jersey Girls calling into question the entire official account of 9/11 – the same Jersey Girls the media **LOVED** to cover at one time – no one covered it. It did, however, receive a tremendous number of good reviews by movie critics all across the country.

On September 7th, 2006, Chuck Koplinski of *hubweekly.com* [wrote](#), "While many recent documentaries (An Inconvenient Truth, Who Killed the Electric Car?) have gone out of their way to provide a hopeful ending to their cautionary tales, Nowosielski and Duffy don't go out of their way to do the same. The vision that comes out of 9/11: Press for Truth is a dire one, as the fact that a duplicitous government headed by a callous, indifferent leader is in charge comes into full focus. The gulf that exists between government representatives and their constituents is seemingly unbridgeable. It's bad enough that Bush and his administration only seem interested in protecting their own interests and covering their tracks, but their flippant attitude about it adds insult to injury. This is fully apparent here, as is the fact that their tenure in control is a tragedy of epic proportions. As Lorie Van Auken states early on, 'Our country is at risk from terrorists and incompetence, or worse.' Unfortunately, truer words were never spoken."

On September 15th, 2006, Matthew Singer of *vcreporter.com* [wrote](#), "Director Ray Nowosielski recounts the struggle and ongoing disappointment experienced by the victims' families in an unflashy journalistic style that, straightforward as it is, still manages to shake with anger."

On September 25th, 2006, *DigitallyObsessed.com* [wrote](#), "though it jumps around a bit, Press for Truth does a great job of first documenting the lengths to which the families of 9/11 victims were forced to go in order to secure any sort of investigation into the events of that day, and then begins to connect dots in ways that suggest motivations for those who weren't interested in digging too deeply." There were several other good reviews from [DVDTalk](#),

[AMNY](#), [BuzzFlash](#) and elsewhere.

On October 14th, 2006, the September Eleventh Advocates (Jersey Girls) released this petition:

9/11 Families Put Forward Petition To Release Documents

To: U.S. Congress; Press/Media

We, the undersigned, demand the immediate declassification and release of all transcripts and documents relating to the July 10, 2001 meeting that took place between former CIA Director George Tenet and then National Security Advisor, Condoleezza Rice. It has been alleged that this urgent and out-of-the-ordinary meeting was called to discuss the increasingly dire warnings of an imminent al Qaeda attack within the U.S.

Given that much of the July 10, 2001 meeting has already been made public in Bob Woodward's newly released book, "State of Denial", it is unacceptable to continue to keep these documents and transcripts hidden from the American public's view.

In addition, we again call for the declassification and release of both the redacted 28 pages of the Joint Inquiry Into The Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001 (JICI) and the CIA Inspector General's report, "CIA Accountability With Respect To The 9/11 Attacks".

The disastrous nature of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks warrant the release of all of this information so that the American public may learn what its government did or did not do to protect them. Had this nation been properly warned of the looming and imminent terrorist threat, life saving choices could have been made that day.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned

End of petition

For most of the remainder of 2006, I focused on getting them the signatures they needed. Every couple of days I would make an image to show just how many signatures were still needed.



Image I made for the September Eleventh Advocates petition.

Sadly, not only has the media ignored people like me but they have also ignored efforts made by the 9/11 Family Members as well. On October 17th, 2006, I wrote the following open letter.

A Challenge To The Media

Dear Media,

Within the last few months, you've given a lot of attention to the 9/11 Truth Movement. In rare circumstances, we've even gotten a "fair shake."

However, your guests have consisted of Dylan Avery, Corey Rowe, Jason Bermas, James Fetzer, Kevin Barrett, Dave Von Kleist, Charlie Sheen, Alex Jones, Dr. Robert Bowman, Michael Berger, Paul Thompson and Dr. David Ray Griffin.

We don't know if you're aware or not (you haven't reported on it), but the original members of the 9/11 Truth Movement have been busy as of late.

On August 4th, 2006, 9/11 family members Lorie Van Auken, Patty Casazza, Mindy Kleinberg, and Monica Gabrielle released a [statement](#) that questioned the "entire veracity" of the 9/11 Commission's report.

On September 5th, 2006, a [documentary](#) endorsed by the families that fought for the creation of the 9/11 Commission was released entitled, "9/11: Press For Truth."

On September 11th, 2006, at the National Press Club in Washington D.C., family members Donna Marsh O'Connor, Michelle Little, and Christina Kminek asked for, "a new investigation into the events of September 11th, and this time, a truly bipartisan, global, with families invested from the beginning, middle, and throughout the end."

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Considering all of the nice publicity you gave to Ann Coulter, don't you think it's time you started giving OTHER members of the 9/11 Truth Movement a "fair shake?"

We do. You have been challenged.

Sincerely,

The 9/11 Truth Movement

End of letter

I will address the media further in Chapter 5. They have a lot to answer for, in my opinion.

On December 16th, 2006, I took part in the first "Tea Party" in the last decade. Wendy Polinow, myself and one other person went to the Delaware River in Penns Landing to throw

my copy of the *9/11 Report* into the river. Before I threw the book in, I read a speech that I had written. This is the same "Tea Party" that Sarah Palin and Glenn Beck eventually became famous for, though you never hear about that in the history books. Imagine how much that effort was "co-opted."



Me throwing my 9/11 Report into the Delaware.

2007 was probably the most fulfilling year for me as far as activism goes, and will be a pleasure for me to write about. More often than I should have, I fought with "debunkers" about 9/11. Some people liked this about me but I found that it caused me a lot of stress, not because the "debunkers" were right, but because they had such an obvious agenda. Very simply, they disgust me. During one argument with a "debunker," I was challenged to raise money for the 9/11 First Responders. Since I cared **SO MUCH** about them, then obviously I should spend some time raising money for them, right? It's not often "debunkers" are right, but this time, they were.

In January 2007, I held my very first fundraiser for 9/11 First Responders. There is a "widget" online called "Chip-in" that makes it very easy to hold fund-raisers. I wrote a long article about the responders to launch the fundraiser, called "If You Want Something Done Right..." Here is that article.

If You Want Something Done Right...

By Jon Gold
12/7/2006

This movement, more than anything else in existence, has supported the sick and the dying from the environmental disaster that was 9/11.

As we all know, it was the [White House](#), through [Condoleezza Rice's office](#), that signed off on the infamous press release read by then EPA Director, Christie Todd Whitman that said, "Given the scope of the tragedy from last week, I am glad to reassure the people of New York and Washington, D.C. that their air is safe to breath and their water is safe to

drink."

Christie [denied](#) misleading the public, but a Federal Judge by the name of [Deborah A. Batts](#) **BLASTED** her by saying, "no reasonable person would have thought that telling thousands of people that it was safe to return to lower Manhattan, [while knowing](#) that such return could pose long-term health risks and other dire consequences, was conduct sanctioned by our laws."

On January 7th of this year, [James Zadroga](#) passed away.

Michael Palladino, head of the Detectives' Endowment Association said that, "He was a hero, he disregarded his own health and life to rescue people at Ground Zero."

I am sad to say that James was the not the only one affected by the environmental disaster. As it stands right now, there are upwards of 70,000 people that are now sick as a result of breathing in those toxins.

Recently, another victim of the disaster passed away. This time, it was a nun by the name of [Cindy Mahoney](#). Before she died, she promised to donate her body to be [autopsied](#) in the hopes of helping those that are suffering. She is a hero in her own right.

On December 3rd, it was reported that, [Rep. Nadler](#) is investigating whether or not, "five Bloomberg administration officials" [...] "violated congressional intent and misspent federal money to dispute more than 6,400 claims." They apparently believed it was their "duty to defend" against the claims.

These people are sick and dying as a result of actions by our Government, and now that very same Government is letting them suffer. This is unacceptable.

After 9/11, the people of America managed to donate upwards of \$5 billion to the people affected by the attacks.

Since it seems the Government does not seem willing to help, it again falls on the shoulders of the people.

As I said, this movement has always supported the sick and the dying from the environmental disaster that was 9/11. It is time to dig deep, and give them the kind of support they need. There are currently first responders who are having problems getting by month to month. We have people like David Miller who walks around with a mobile respirator, and Craig Bartmer going to places like the [PSU](#) to inform people of what's going on, but are too proud to ask for money.

There are currently 2 organizations that are accepting money to help the first responders, and a new one that will be announced in the coming weeks.

They are:

The Feal Good Foundation
Gear Up Foundation

Very soon, 911Blogger.com is going to start accepting donations that will be split evenly among all of the organizations listed. Obviously, the more that can be raised, the better. These people are heroes, and they deserve so much better than they've gotten.

Craig Bartmer recently said in regards to our efforts as a movement, "You're not offending me. You're doing the right thing."

It's time for us to do the right thing again. Please give what you can, and thank you.

End of article

I managed to raise \$3,290 that first time. I used to tell people that victories in 9/11 Truth are few and far between, and that every \$1 raised for a 9/11 First Responder counts as 100 victories. I drove all the way to New York to hand deliver those checks to them, and it was an honor for me to do it. I was privileged to meet John Feal for the first time.



Vincent Forras, Alan Forcier, me and John Feal

There is a lot I would like to say about John Feal. However, I think this "tribute" I wrote in 2009 for him speaks for itself.

A Tribute To John Feal

Yesterday, John Feal, along with several other 9/11 First Responders went down to Washington D.C. to attend the hearing on the James Zadroga 9/11 Health And Compensation Act. From what I understand, he was singled out by the Congressmen, and applauded for his efforts. I want to say congratulations John. Just to give people an idea of how much you've fought for the responders, here's a little tribute to you (that barely covers your fight). Thank you for doing the right thing. I am very proud to say that you are my friend.

The EPA is a "bunch of brainiacs and bookworms who just look at numbers but don't look at people's pain," said John Feal, a construction worker who lost half a foot in an accident

while working in "the pit" at Ground Zero. "The people [downtown] and in Brooklyn pay taxes and deserve to know their tax money is going to protect their health."

John Feal - [[NYMetro](#), 12/13/2005]

John Feal, Valenti's friend and the founder of the Feal Good Foundation, an advocacy group for 9/11 first responders suffering from ground zero-related illnesses, called the workers' compensation ruling encouraging, but added that more must be done to help those who have gotten sick. "Individually, that's great," said Feal, a demolition supervisor who lost part of his foot when it was crushed by an eight-ton beam during the recovery effort at ground zero. "What stinks is that so many others in his position that have 9/11 illnesses still have problems getting [their compensation], or may never get theirs. Vito won a battle, but it's still a long war."

John Feal - [[lilherald.com](#), 2/8/2007]

Feal said after he felt sorry for himself for about a year; then, after he realized other responders were worse off, he decided to create the FealGood Foundation. "People are suffering and dying and there is nothing I can do to save Joe Picurro and Father Stephen, but I can help ease the pain," he said.

Feal believes the recent \$25 million pledge by President Bush to help rescue workers who have been sickened from the site is "political bread crumbs."

"They shouldn't have to suffer because the federal government remains idle," he said, adding, "And the lack of compassion that has trickled down from our leaders has become a snowball in society where 9/11 responders are being forgotten."

John Feal - [[ocobserver.com](#), 2/11/2007]

Feal's foot was crushed from falling metal.

"I ended up getting wedged in and buried beneath the ground," Feal said.

John Feal - [[wcbstv.com](#), 2/16/2007]

A letter between myself and Susan Edelman from the NYPost on [2/19/2007](#).

"Dear Jon,

Thanks so much for your kind note. I care very much about the WTC workers and hope that those sickened by their contribution get the care and financial help they desperately need.

John Feal has been a great ally.

Keep in touch.

Sue"

End letter

"We're not the little boys crying wolf anymore. It's a 'told you so.' This whole time we weren't just running around saying we're sick. We now have legitimate proof," said Long Island resident John Feal. "But the fact that it took five years is insulting. The federal government's lack of compassion in helping heroes is insulting."

Feal, who heads the not-for-profit Feal Good Foundation to call attention to the issue, is hoping this development helps the thousands of ongoing cases brought by rescue and construction workers against the city.

John Feal - [silive.com, 5/24/2007]

John Feal on DemocracyNow 6/21/2007

"I applaud the medical examiner for making this direct link, but its six years late and we need more doctors to come forward and say these brave souls are sick because of the aftermath of 9-11," responder John Feal said.

John Feal - [wcbstv.com, 5/28/2007]

Feal, 40, of Nesconset, briefly watched Whitman's testimony before becoming agitated by her "excuses." "There's not a word that comes out of her mouth that I believe," Feal said.

Feal was a demolition supervisor at Ground Zero from Sept. 12 to Sept. 17, 2001, when a steel beam fell on his left foot, and doctors had to amputate half of it, he said. He now runs the FealGood Foundation, a nonprofit advocacy group for 9/11 responders.

John Feal - [Newsday, 6/25/2007]

John Feal, creator of the FealGood Foundation, is the mastermind behind the First Responders Concert.

Feal was a construction worker who began demolition at the World Trade Center site on September 12. On September 17, an 8,000-pound steel beam fell on and crushed his left foot. He was hospitalized for 11 weeks and lost his foot.

"For a year, I was depressed and suicidal," like many others who were injured at Ground Zero, Feal explained. He tried to get worker's comp and appealed to the 9/11 relief fund, but he was turned down.

In 2003, he decided, "To stop feeling sorry for [him]self," and devoted his life to making sure that 9/11 victims and their families received the care that they desperately need.

"It's time for people to help each other," said Feal, who will also be donating a kidney to a man he met through his organization. "As a country, we took one on the chin and moved forward," he explained, "but we cannot forget who we left behind."

The FealGood Foundation, a non-profit organization Feal created to educate the public about the health effects of 9/11 First Responders, and gives 100 percent of their donations to First Responders to victims and their families, was born out of that determination to help others.

First Responders are anyone that was at Ground Zero, said Feal, "cops, firefighters, EMS, EMT, even civilians that were effected by 9/11 - we don't discriminate.

"This is no way for heroes to be treated," he said of the men and women who worked tirelessly at Ground Zero - many even giving their lives.

Feal contacted Wasserman about the concert, he explained, as a way for the organization to "step it up a notch and make it bigger," to help all who were affected. Along with other apparel, the foundation will also be selling limited edition Doo-Wop t-shirts on its web site, www.fealgoodfoundation.com.

"We're at 6 years, and its catastrophic now," he explained of the problems 9/11 victims and their families deal with, and of the lack of help they receive. "Usually fundraising is a lot smaller," he said about the organization. "We wanted to help on a bigger scale."

Feal plans to hold another concert in December, and next year make them a more regular event.

John Feal - [queenscourier.com, 7/5/2007]

John Feal writes a letter posted on MichaelMoore.com, 7/12/2007

John Feal writes a letter to Rudy Giuliani posted on MichaelMoore.com, 8/10/2007

WTC responder spearheads three-way kidney transplant [Newsday, 8/30/2007]

The newspaper said victim advocates were skeptical that would be adequate to cover care for long-term illnesses of thousands of people and to compensate the roughly 150 families who blame the death of a relative on work at Ground Zero.

"If you do the math, it's not that handsome a settlement for the 9/11 responders," the newspaper quoted John Feal, a responder and Ground Zero activist, as saying.

John Feal - [Reuters, 10/16/2007]

"We didn't think we'd raise that much money. We were just so excited when we found out. We were blown away by how generous people were," said one student.

But when John Feal arrived, Giles became emotional. Feal lost a foot as a 9/11 responder at ground zero. He is the founder of Feal Good Foundation and has adopted Giles' case.

"We're going to show the federal government that while they sit idle that people like us that really have nothing after 9/11, can still make a difference and help," Feal said.

Those who came to the fundraiser brought a donation. In the end, the amount totaled \$5,000. The sum brought Giles to tears, once again.

John Feal - [[MSNBC](#), 10/27/2007]

Riordan and the group's founder John Feal attended the event Friday night in Barnegat.

Feal lauded the recent response to Giles' plight, an unfortunate situation which, he pointed out, is not unique among Sept. 11 responders. In the past two months, Feal estimated Riordan, an attorney specializing in workers' compensation, had added 66 cases to his load, including Giles'. Riordan has taken Giles' case pro bono.

John Feal - [[pressofatlanticcity.com](#), 10/27/2007]

The efforts received a big boost this week when a published report about his struggles caught the eye of John Feal, a 9/11 responder who heads the FealGood Foundation — a nonprofit organization dedicated to spreading awareness about the disaster's long-term health effects on those who worked at the World Trade Center.

"In 2001, on Sept. 11, everybody was patriotic and everybody wanted to help. I hope I can resurface some of those feelings," Feal said. "You don't need a plane to hit a building to be compassionate."

Feal, who has helped dozens of other responders, began a massive public-relations campaign on Giles' behalf, including appearances on Star Jones' CourtTV show and CBS news.

He drummed up more than \$2,000 in a few days, drawing donations from unlikely sources, including more than \$100 from elementary school students in Purchase, N.Y.

"These were 10- and 11-year-olds doing what they can, and, meanwhile, our federal and state government sits by while more and more people die," Feal said.

As part of his foundation, Feal has advocated for the release of funding to help the estimated 30,000 responders suffering from 9/11-attack-related physical and mental illnesses.

"There are thousands of Charlie Giles out there," he said.

In addition to raising money to save the Giles family home, Feal has found an attorney experienced with 9/11 workers' rights to handle Giles' government claims pro bono. While any government check is undoubtedly too far away to arrive in time for Tuesday's deadline, Feal said he hopes the attention drawn to Giles will spur more support for others in need.

"People like Charlie Giles can't move on because they don't have justice," he said. "The government needs to do more; that's the bottom line."

John Feal - [[app.com](#), 10/28/2007]

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that all these healthy men who were working in their 30s are dying in their 40s now," said John Feal, head of the not-for-profit Feal Good Foundation, which advocates for 9/11 responders and their families. "In 10 years, we're going to outnumber the people who died [on Sept. 11]."

John Feal - [[firerescue1.com](#), 11/30/2007]

John Feal, founder of the FealGood Foundation, said, "These people risked their lives without prejudice. There is no money in the world that is going to save their lives, but we can give them a little compassion and respect. We give them a safety and support system and give them hope."

Feal is a 9/11 first responder. He is one of the many injured at what he calls "The Pile." Feal has had to have his foot amputated and underwent months and months of therapy to recover from the ordeal. Like many 9/11 responders, he also suffers from breathing ailments as a result of his work at the site and can no longer work. Yet, in 2005, he started the FealGood Foundation to help those who are so much worse off than he is.

Although he may no longer be able to work a job, Feal has made it his daily duty to help other survivors and advocate on their behalf. He even donated a kidney to another first responder - a man he had never met - whose kidneys failed because of his 9/11 service.

"In 2001, on Sept. 11, everybody was patriotic and everybody wanted to help," Feal said. "You don't need a plane to hit a building to be compassionate."

John Feal - [[examiner.gmnews.com](#), 12/6/2007]

John Feal, a demolition supervisor who lost part of a foot at ground zero, said, "I am sick and I am disgusted that we're out here in the cold begging for help."

John Feal - [[Newsday](#), 1/27/2008]

"This isn't a political issue," said Feal, who has developed lung problems in addition to having 11 surgeries on his feet. "This is a moral and human issue. This is about people dying."

Rep. Tim Bishop (D-Southampton), praised Feal for the work of the Feal Good Foundation, but added, "he ought not have to do that. ... The public sector has the resources and it has the obligation."

John Feal - [[Newsday](#), 1/28/2008]

"We want to implore our new President to make 9/11 health care an issue," said John Feal, a Ground Zero volunteer whose foot was crushed by an 8-ton steel beam.

His FealGood Foundation, set up to draw attention to the health problems of Ground Zero workers, organized the trip after Congress cut health care funding by 77%.

Only \$25 million has been budgeted for 2009, down from \$108 million this year, he said.

"The bottom line is, human life has taken a backseat to economics," said Feal. "It's an insult."

John Feal - [[NYDailyNews](#), 2/15/2008]

"We're not going to stand for being cut out of the budget by 77 percent," said John Feal, founder of the FealGood Foundation. "It's not adequate and it's an insult."

John Feal - [[ny1.com](#), 2/25/2008]

The trip was co-organized by the FealGood Foundation, established by crippled first respondent John Feal to raise awareness about the health issues faced by the World Trade Center workers. Health advocacy group 9/11 Health Now, based in Babylon, N.Y., also helped plan the lobbying trip.

John Feal - [[nyunews.com](#), 2/26/2008]

The bus ride was organized by the FealGood Foundation, a group founded by John Feal, a 9/11 volunteer whose foot was crushed by an 8-ton steel beam.

"This is like show and tell," Feal told the Daily News Monday. "For 6 1/2 years we've been neglected, denied and lied to."

John Feal - [[NYDailyNews](#), 2/26/2008]

The rally was organized by the FealGood Foundation and its founder, John Feal, 41, of Nesconset, who said a piece of steel crushed one of his feet when he was working on a demolition crew at the trade center. He said he faced foreclosure on his home after he was denied workers' compensation and Social Security benefits.

"I am one mad American," Feal told the crowd.

John Feal - [[Newsday](#), 2/26/2008]

Though the recent ruling is good news for Feal and his fellow responders, he wasn't completely content with the decision. Feal said in a phone interview that the decision was "a step in the right direction, but it was four to five years late." However, he added that he was "optimistic that by the end of the year, people will start getting compensated."

John Feal - [[nyunews.com](#), 4/2/2008]

"This gives legitimate foundations a black eye," said John Feal, whose FealGood Foundation replaced Parisi's as a charity partner for the motorcycle run.

"As a foundation founder, I'm not surprised," he said. "As a 9/11 responder, I was irate."

John Feal - [[NJHerald](#), 4/13/2008]

Activist John Feal said there's only one punishment for Whitman that fits the crime. "She should go to jail for manslaughter," he said.

John Feal - [[NYDailyNews](#), 4/23/2008]

End of tribute

Because of shenanigans that will be discussed in Chapter 5, my relationship with John got strained over the years. However, I will always deeply respect him and I will always count him among my friends. I held two more fund-raisers that year, and eventually was made Honorary Director of the FealGood Foundation. I drove to New York with my friend Don and his then-girlfriend Marie to go to the first "Doo Wop Concert" for 9/11 First Responders. There, I would receive my award. At the time this book is being written, I can honestly say that that was the [greatest moment of my life](#).



A picture of me with my Honorary Director plaque from the FealGood Foundation.

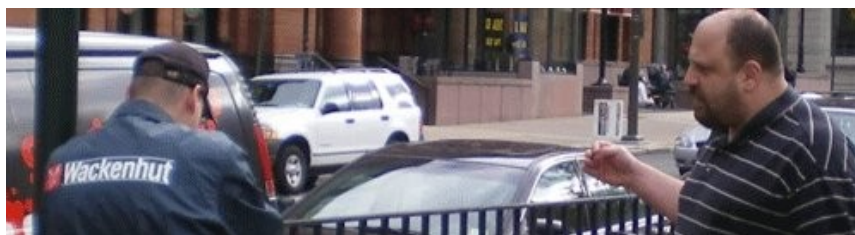
The great thing to happen from my fundraisers was that people all across the country started holding similar events. People held concerts with local bands, people held speaking events, just to raise money for the FealGood Foundation. I was so proud of all of those people who participated in what I referred to as an "absolute good." Michael Wolsey did a podcast series called "[9/11 Dust](#)." He had John Feal, Jenna Orkin and Penny Little on. In my opinion, he deserves some kind of medal for that series.

In February 2007, an event in Chandler, Arizona was held called the "9/11 Accountability Conference." I attended, and managed to [speak](#) two [times](#). The first time I spoke, I tried to talk about credibility behind our message. I tried to tell people that Controlled Demolition isn't everything, and that there are things the media doesn't want us to focus on, things like the September Eleventh Advocates petition, or the movie "9/11: Press For Truth." At the end of that speech, I was privileged to be able to read a letter from 9/11 Family Member Donna Marsh O'Connor. She was scheduled to be there that weekend but couldn't make it. The second time I spoke, I recited an article I had written a few years earlier called, "They Would Never." On this trip, I got to interview Peter Dale Scott and meet people like Cosmos for the first time. Janette MacKinlay (rest in peace) asked me to design a website for that event but the design was never used. Some other things about this trip will be addressed in Chapter 5.



My ID at the 9/11 Accountability Conference.

Another great thing to happen in 2007 was something started by Cosmos called the "Eleventh Day Of Every Month Until Justice" action. This called for people to be out in the streets promoting the need for 9/11 Justice every month. In my opinion, no better action has been devised for this cause. I didn't participate as often as I should have, but I did manage to get out there a couple of times. Here is a photo of me at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.



At Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA.

This action quickly spread all across the world. People used to send Cosmos pictures and videos, and he would post them on his site, www.truthaction.org.



Logo for the "Eleventh Day of Every Month Until Justice" action. (logo by Cosmos)

On July 4th, 2007, something called the "Philadelphia Emergency Anti-War Convention" was held at Independence Hall. This is the event where I first met Betsy Metz (more on Betsy later). Bob McIlvaine was there, as were people like Justin Martell, Mike Jackman, Luke Rudkowski and others. Nothing ever really came from that event that I remember, though I do remember an interview of Bob McIlvaine conducted by Student Scholars For 9/11 Truth being put on the Internet. I designed this picture for the people who put the event together.

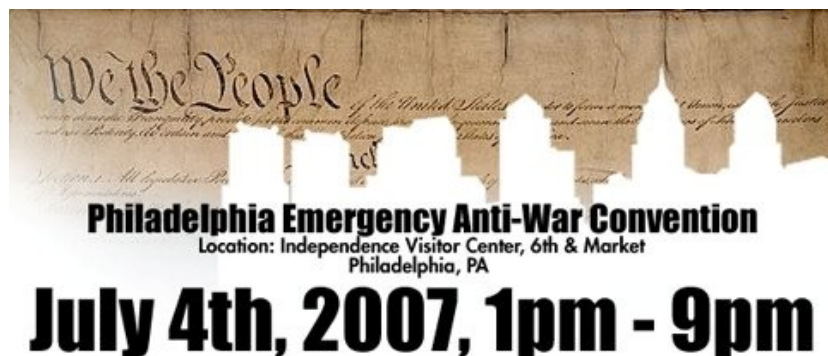
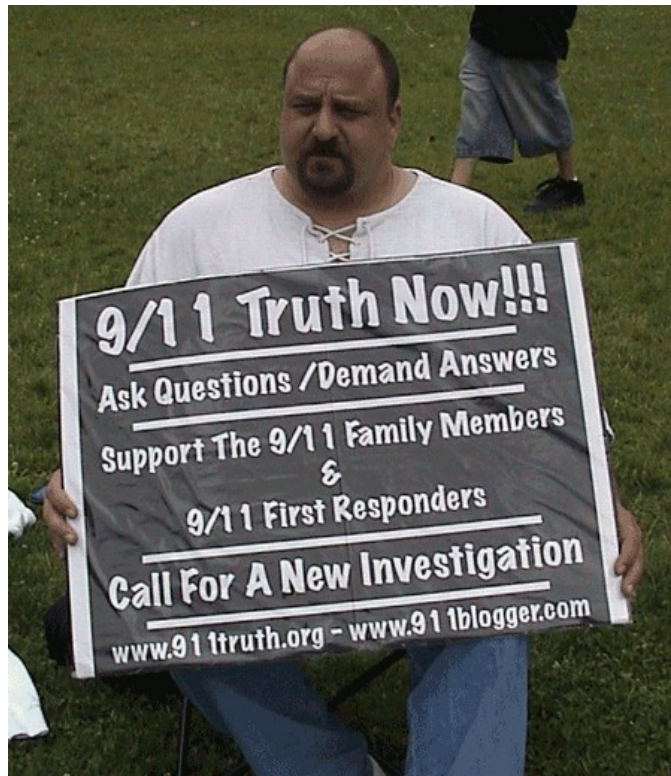


Image I made for the Emergency Anti-War Convention.

Here is a photo of me with a sign that Nick Carangi of Philly911Truth.org helped me to make.



Me with the sign Nick Carangi made for me.

The 6th anniversary events in New York City took place at Webster Hall, or at least one of the events took place there. John Feal was the speaker for the evening at the one I attended and I was privileged to be able to [introduce](#) him. He and I met outside and managed to talk a bit, so that was cool. That was the first time I met Daniel Sunjata, one of the actors for the TV show "Rescue Me." If there's one thing I can say about Daniel, it is that he puts his money where his mouth is and is a very good man.



Me at Webster Hall.

After the anniversary, because of shenanigans that will be addressed in Chapter 5, I really didn't want much to do with other people in the 9/11 Truth Movement, with few exceptions. I started a project that I called the "[Who Is? Archives](#)." Often times when I'm not being active outside, I find things to do inside. I'll make movies, I'll write articles. This time, I decided to make an archive based on the information from the "Complete 9/11 Timeline" at www.historycommons.org. Essentially, I made a "Who Is?" list that consists of about 100 people who were in some way connected to 9/11. I took each of their individual entries from the timeline, compiled them all in one place and listed them alphabetically. When I first made it, I wrote, "Some of you may have noticed that I have started a new 'Who Is?' series with regard to 9/11. The reason I started this was because I thought too much emphasis was being placed on the physical aspects of 9/11 and not enough on the background information, the people who may have had something to do with it, the people who participated in the cover-up, the whistleblowers, the family members, the people who represent discrepancies and so on." I started to see how the argument of "Controlled Demolition" was taking over the movement and it irked me.

WHO IS?

Thanks to www.cooperativeresearch.org

Image I made for my "Who Is? Archives."

In November of 2007, people from West Hartford, Connecticut put together an event called, "9/11: Family Members, First Responders, and Experts Speak Out." I helped them to get John Feal and Sean Riordan of the FealGood Foundation to come speak. There have been many times over the years, because of the different bridges I've managed to build with people, that I have been asked to help get speakers for different events. This was one of those times. I think this was my favorite 9/11 event that I ever attended. It's a toss-up between this, 9/11 Truth Tuesday's "Special Night," and the 2010 Treason In America Conference.



Donna Marsh O'Connor and I.

No matter which one is my favorite, this event was definitely magical. For the first time ever, I finally got to meet one of the Jersey Girls, Patty Casazza. She didn't tell anyone she was coming; she just showed up. I was sitting at a table near the entrance to the facility, and I saw her walk in. I immediately recognized who she was and said, "**PATTY!!!**" She knew who I was and gave me a hug. She agreed to [speak](#) to the audience. She and Bob McIlvaine spoke about their experiences with the 9/11 Commission. Eventually, we had the [9/11 First Responders](#) panel, and I was the emcee for that. Unfortunately, because of lunch I missed what John Feal had to say but the Q&A session was extremely enlightening. Then former Rep. Cynthia McKinney made a surprise visit that evening just so she could introduce William Pepper. The audience went wild when it was announced she was coming. Thank you to everyone who helped put that event together.



Patty Casazza and I.

In December of 2007, Betsy Metz decided that she was going to show movies at the Anthony Wayne Movie Theater in Wayne, PA. She asked me for my help. For that month, every Saturday we went to Wayne, PA to [stand outside](#) the theater, promoting what she called "9/11 Truth Tuesdays." The idea was that each Tuesday, Betsy would show a movie at the theater. Greatly because of me, the first movies that we showed were "9/11: Press For Truth," "In Their Own Words: The Untold Stories Of The 9/11 Families" (the sequel to "9/11: Press For Truth") and "9/11: Dust & Deceit." Betsy paid for everything out of pocket and all proceeds went to the FealGood Foundation.



Betsy and I flyer for "9/11 Truth Tuesdays" in Wayne, PA.

In January 2008, we started showing movies. I designed the movie poster that was put into one of the cases in front of the theater. That was very cool for me. As I said, I love movies so that was a treat. Betsy spent too much money advertising the movies in local newspapers, although if not for that we might not have had anyone show up. Wayne, PA is a very "conservative," affluent area. The idea that someone was showing movies about 9/11 Truth was hard for many people in that area to digest. However, we also had a lot of support from people, it seemed.



The poster I made promoted by the Anthony Wayne Movie Theater.

On January 29th, we held 9/11 Truth Tuesdays "Special Night." Before this event, Betsy spent upwards of \$3,000 to advertise in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the 11th largest newspaper in the country. This managed to bring at least 200 people out that night. We showed "9/11: Press For Truth," followed by the third installment of "Loose Change."



"9/11 Truth Tuesdays" ad that ran in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

After the movies were shown, we went to a restaurant around the corner for a Q&A session. The people who were kind enough to agree to be on the panel were 9/11 Family Members Bob McIlvaine, Lorie Van Auken, Mindy Kleinberg, First Responder John Feal, and filmmakers Dylan Avery and Ray Nowosielski. Mindy unfortunately got sick so she stayed in her room, and John couldn't make it so I sat in for him. Being on a panel with those Family Members, my heroes, was an honor for me.



Lorie Van Auken and I.

We continued showing movies for several months more. Eventually, we managed to get covered by a local newspaper called *MainLineLife*. Reporter Jeff Cobb came out to Wayne to

Speak with Betsy and I, and the story made the front page.



MainLineLife's front page for the week of Feb 13 – 19, 2008.

That newspaper received several "letters to the editor," all of which were positive, and they eventually let me respond to all of them with a big section of the newspaper. I wrote an article entitled, "The Reasons Behind The 9/11 Truth Movement."



Different letters praising "9/11 Truth Tuesdays."

Eventually, Dom Giordano from the "Big Talker" on CBSRadio contacted Betsy for an interview. Betsy can be very nervous so she asked that I join her. We went on his show, which reached 38 states and Canada, and gave a fairly good interview. Dom decided to take it upon himself to come down to the movie theater to mock what we were doing. He showed up at the theater while we weren't there and took pictures of himself with a tinfoil hat on.



Dom Giordano at the Anthony Wayne Movie Theater.

I found out about this and became furious. I wrote an [article](#) about it, called up Dom's show and made him look like a fool. I also spoke to Bob McIlvaine before I called him, and Bob asked me to try to get Dom to come down to the theater so Bob could talk with him. Dom said he would make time but guess what? He never showed up.

As this book is being written, Betsy is still paying for movies to be shown at the Anthony Wayne Movie Theater. I think she handed off the responsibility of what movies would be shown to someone else but it's still going on. One thing I can say about Betsy is that she is not afraid to spend money for this cause. I know for a fact that with **VERY** few exceptions, she has spent more money for 9/11 Truth than anyone else.

In March of 2008, I decided that I was going to make a compilation of movies about different 9/11 Family Members stating some of their problems with the official account of 9/11, the reason being I was tired of the media ignoring them. I made ten in all. In 2006, I went to an event where Ray McGovern spoke. During the Q&A at that event I asked Ray about 9/11 and why questioning what happened that day is a taboo subject in this country. He said very simply, "I think, you know, in simplest terms there's a cover-up. The *9/11 Commission Report* is a joke. The question is what's being covered-up?" I took that video segment and combined that with a different 9/11 Family Member talking about their problems with the official account. The entire series of videos is available at 911truth.org, and is called, "[What's Being Covered Up? Tenth Time Asked](#)."

In April of 2008, *New York Times* bestselling author Steve Alten was releasing a fictional book based on 9/11 facts entitled *The Shell Game*. During the conference in West Hartford, 9/11 Family Member Donna Marsh O'Connor talked about the best way to reach people. She [told us](#) to "**GET ON THE DAMN VIEW!**" (meaning the television). Because of that, and because Steve had been a bestselling author in the past, I decided to take part in an action called the "Week Of Truth." The idea was to get as many people as possible to buy Steve's book so that it would go up in the rankings, thereby getting him "television time." It worked a little bit. He was on the local ABC channel near me and a couple of other stations, but overall, we failed.

One good thing to come from it was that Richard Greene from Air America's "Clout" decided to devote an entire month to hosting debates about 9/11. Many people disagreed with this action and honestly, I wouldn't take part in an action like that again.

On May 5, 2008, a unique opportunity presented itself when Justin Martell of Student Scholars for 9/11 Truth informed me that then White House Press Secretary, Dana Perino, was to be honored at his school, Franklin Pierce University – ironically, for her "contribution to the public discourse" – by the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication. Furthermore, she was to hold a press conference in the communications center of the school prior to the awards ceremony.

Though Perino was not the press secretary on 9/11, she was the current spokesperson for those who had been in office at that time, and were still in office at the time Justin questioned her. Justin and I spent the afternoon writing a well-constructed question about the Bush Administration's clear obstruction of any and all inquiries into 9/11.

According to Justin, aside from the student media, there was only one member of the working press in the press conference that evening. That "journalist" chose to ask what part of Wyoming Perino was from. Justin's question to Perino, on the other hand, made her clearly uncomfortable. Lacking any response that could refute the facts in Justin's question, she questioned his credibility given that he was technically a "student journalist."

"I would caution you," she said, "to go back and look at some of the sources of the information that you just stated as fact because one of the things that's going to be important in your life as a journalist is separating spin from both sides and getting to the truth... if you strip away some of the things that I know to be spin from the other side, that there's a much more balanced way to look at this..."

He was later lambasted by the administrators of the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication when Perino stormed out of the press conference and said, "I didn't come here to be sand bagged." His contribution to the public discourse was apparently not one that it wanted.



Justin Martell questioning then White House Press Secretary Dana Perino.

Here is the article Justin wrote about his experience.

Dana Perino Questioned About 9/11

Justin Martell
5/7/2008

Here is the video. First, I'd like to thank Jon Gold for his help in creating this video, as his guidance has proved to be invaluable. The sources appear long enough for viewers to see the headline and source so that they can verify it if so inclined. Below the video are my comments to Perino:

[Video](#)

Dana,

Thank you for the suggestion of checking my sources. If you take the time to read those articles, you will see that both sides of the aisle had issues with the way the Bush Administration dealt with the investigations of 9/11. Also, the people that were most affected by that day also had several issues with their conduct as well. With regard to your predecessors Ari Fleischer, Scott McClellan, and Tony Snow, if you could set up interviews for me with each of them, I would be more than happy to discuss this information. However, with regard to the last article cited in this video clip, entitled "9/11 - the big cover-up?", it is from September 2007, so I would also like to request another interview with you when you have the time. The recent news concerning Philip Zelikow from *NYTimes* Reporter Phil Shenon, to quote the September 11th Advocates, brings into question "the veracity of the entire Commission's report." It also resulted in them calling for an entirely new investigation. In fact, that is the only article cited in this video that is not considered "mainstream". The reason for this is because what is considered "mainstream", did not bother to cover their request. This is not spin. This is a request by those most affected by that day to finally learn the who, how, and why of 9/11 so they can have some much deserved justice and solace.

It is true, we have not been attacked since September 11th, 2001, and thank God for that. However, as a result of that day, we have started two wars that are still going on, and thousands have been killed. We have changed our entire way of life here in America in the name of "Security". If that day is not what we were led to believe, then we need to know about it, and we need to know about it now. I hope this letter finds you in good spirits, as well as in good health. I also look forward to our next interview.

Sincerest Regards,
Justin Martell

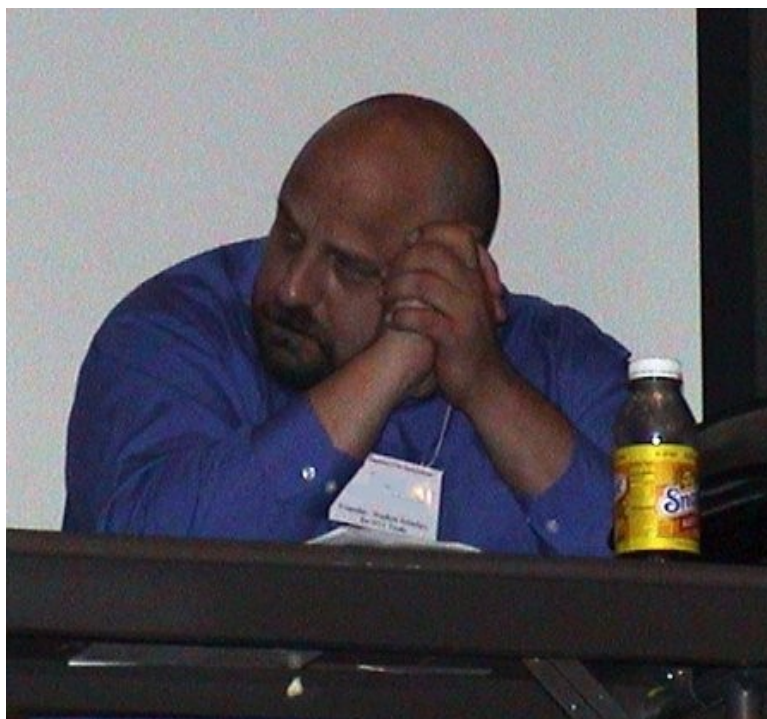
Disclaimer: This article was written while I was heading a previous organization, Student Scholars for 9/11 Truth. As of August of 2008, Student Scholars for 9/11 Truth has been replaced by a new organization, www.FormYourOwn.org.

End of article

Writing questions for activists who intended to confront someone is something I have done a

lot of over the years, especially for Luke Rudkowski. Unfortunately, Luke never seemed to get the questions right.

Also in May of 2008, Student Scholars for 9/11 Truth decided to put together a 9/11 Truth Symposium in Keene, New Hampshire, and they invited me to speak. I had never actually been asked to speak anywhere before. Every time I had spoken previously at an event, I had either asked to be allowed to speak or was asked by someone at the event to speak. This is the first time I was officially invited to speak at an event. The title of my speech was "What Qualifies As Suspicious Behavior?" Basically, it ran down a list of "suspicious" things people in the Bush Administration and elsewhere had done with regards to 9/11. At the end of the speech, I intended to ask the audience if "anyone had a cellphone?" The reason was, in the "Post-9/11 World," we are asked to report "suspicious behavior." The actions I ran through in my speech certainly qualified. However, I completely forgot my "joke," and almost walked off the stage. Then, I quickly remembered and ran back to tell it. People still laughed, thankfully. At this convention, Jonathan Elinoff interviewed me for a movie he was making. I have gotten a lot of praise for this interview, which is available [online](#). The best part of this trip was getting there. Bob McIlvaine had also been asked to speak and we decided to drive up together and since it was a good six or seven hours each way we had a lot of time to talk and get to know one another. I will always remember that. Big thanks to Eric Jackman, Mike Jackman and Justin Martell for helping to make that event happen.



Me at the 9/11 Truth Symposium in Keene, NH.

For the anniversary in 2008, I went to an event in New York City called "Now Or Never." The speakers were Bob McIlvaine and Richard Gage. I didn't stay for very long. I love hearing Bob speak but I'd had my fill of talk about controlled demolition.

On September 25th, 2008 I decided that I was going to write an article. I was so tired of all of

the “theories” in the 9/11 Truth Movement. At the National Press Club in Washington D.C. on September 11th 2006, 9/11 Family Member Donna Marsh O'Connor had said, "This government has made me a victim of conspiracy theories because they haven't answered fully or allowed anyone to ask the true questions of September 11th, and that's what I'm asking from you today. For exposure. We are not crazy. We have questions. We demand answers." I completely understand where she's coming from. For many years, I tried to get people to focus on the facts when trying to reach people, to stick to basics, to stick to things that don't cause a "knee-jerk reaction," as Cindy Sheehan says. I wrote many articles over the years that gave "pointers" to people in the hopes that some might listen. Some did; others continued spreading what I thought was contradicted and downright bad information. The name of the article was "The Facts Speak For Themselves." Originally, it listed 25 facts, but today it has a full 50. Janice Matthews at 911Truth.org was the first to post the article. I mentioned that I have used the archives on my site to write many an article. This was the most extensive article I'd ever written and it was based upon those archives as well as the information available at www.historycommons.org. I have added to this article, rewritten parts of this article where errors were found and updated it every couple of months since it was first posted. Many people thanked me for writing this article. One of the reasons I had written it was because I wanted to document "my" problems with the official account. I was tired of relying on other authors for information, especially when some of the information they were peddling turned out to be bad. A few "debunkers" have claimed to "debunk" this article but I say that is a lie. To me, a true "debunking" is when someone like me says Statement A, and a "debunker" shows Statements B and C which shows that Statement A is incorrect or never happened. In my opinion, they have failed to do this with my article. The article will be posted as a chapter later in this book.

On November 24, 2008 I [debated](#) 9/11 "debunker" Pat Curley, co-founder of the site screwloosechange.blogspot.com. The topics for the debate were "Are there unanswered questions?" and "Was the 9/11 Commission a legitimate investigation?" I have never debated anyone before. I am not a scientist, an engineer, a pilot, a journalist or a politician. However, I was determined to beat Pat.



Image I made to promote my debate with Pat Curley.

The reason I agreed to the debate was because I wanted to show people that an everyday Joe Schmoe such as myself can win a 9/11 debate and not have to rely on “scientific punditry” to do so. In my opinion, you shouldn't have to be a physicist, an engineer, a scholar, an architect or have any certain set of initials after your name to understand the need for 9/11 justice. In order to prepare for this debate, I wrote down all of the points I wanted to make followed by the responses I thought Pat would make. More often than not, even though they

are shown to be wrong, a "debunker" will continue to repeat the same arguments so I pretty much had them memorized. I also re-read Phil Shenon's book, *The Commission*. The debate was to be moderated by Eric Jackman and Justin Martell, and took place over the phone. Before the debate, Pat was asked not to make "guilt by association arguments." For instance, "David Ray Griffin said this and was shown to be wrong, therefore, you are wrong." I am my own person, with my own arguments regarding 9/11. I wanted my arguments to be addressed directly. Some friends helped me to practice for the debate. Many people loved this debate and thanked me for doing it. On the day of the debate I spent all day listening to three songs to pump me up: "Eye Of The Tiger" from Survivor, "You're The Best" by Joe Esposito and "Going The Distance" from the film Rocky. Two songs from Rocky. Ok, I'm a Philly boy. Cut me some slack. I thought I clearly won but I have heard some say that it was a "toss-up." Either way, I did my very best. I even made a little "victory" [movie](#) so as to rub it in Pat's face. Stephen Lemons, a "journalist" from Arizona, once wrote about Pat Curley and his site where he depicted Pat as the "Yoda" of 9/11. Yeah, not so much.



Image I made after my debate with Pat Curley.

Because of many of the problems within the 9/11 Truth Movement, several "veterans" for this cause decided to write a "Declaration" to better help activists. The authors were Max, Robert and Julian from TruthMove.org, myself, "Arabesque," Nicholas Levis, John Albanese and 9/11 Family Member Donna Marsh O'Connor. Here is that Declaration.

2008 Declaration Standards and Strategies for 9/11 Truth

We, the authors and supporters of this declaration, agree to abide by the guidelines herein. We offer this statement to the wider movement simply as a guide and resource. We remain open to reasonable debate, and encourage others to research and come to

their own conclusions, rather than relying on us or any single authority.

We aim to foster reason and responsibility within the global movement for truth. We base this in the following values:

1. Awareness of public perception and the need for strategic and responsible promotion and presentation.
2. A commitment to building credibility and encouraging constructive alliances with the anti-war movement and other natural allies.
3. Adherence to the scientific method and journalistic standards, with a focus on facts, substance, and sources.
4. A dedication to rational, respectful, and nonviolent debate and activism. Fundamental respect in discourse with all individuals, including those within the government and military, journalists, and supposed “opponents.”
5. A faith in the honest democratic process and our ability to come to meaningful and actionable conclusions (truths).
6. Motivations based in compassion, justice, and truth.

Conversely, we seek to counteract and minimize:

1. Promotion of speculative and unsubstantiated claims.
2. Disruptive, divisive, diversionary, and aggressive behavior.
3. Damaging and marginalizing associations.
4. Organized and intentional sabotage.
5. Highly partisan representations of the movement.
6. Motivations based on ego, hatred, and belittlement.

We will engage others in the movement who break these guidelines with constructive dialog, raising awareness of these issues. Those who are unresponsive to reason, and have a clear history of disruption, combativeness, or excessively poor judgment, will not be engaged.

We recognize an important distinction between private speculation and public promotion. Speculation, hypothesis, and experimentation are the basis of the scientific method. However, the promotion of highly speculative claims is irresponsible and damaging to our credibility. Instead, verifiable fact-based research must be primary in our search for and promotion of the truth.

Guidelines

1. Critique destructive behavior that can harm the movement (i.e. speculative theories without evidence, prominent activists who engage in disruptive behavior, divisive incidents, etc). Challenge leaders who unreasonably continue to support and tolerate damaging behavior.
2. Critique, marginalize, and/or ignore unnecessary and unproductive antagonism (i.e. infighting, personal attacks, gossip, etc.) that wastes time and causes divisiveness.
3. Avoid the divisive labeling of individuals and groups (i.e. MIHOP, LIHOP, Shill, planehugger, agent, etc.)
4. Refuse to endlessly debate debunked theories by simply referencing responsible

websites, articles, and blogs which have already refuted such claims. Or cite this document itself.

5. Be aware and vigilant concerning the presence of agent provocateurs within the movement. But do not engage in witch hunts or unsubstantiated accusations. Treat those who continually, and despite consultation, act in word and deed in the manner of agent provocateurs, as such. While these people can rarely be proven to be agents, they should be treated as counterproductive and untrustworthy. Such groups and individuals should not be engaged in unproductive ways, such as aggression, name-calling, personal attacks, etc. Instead, the substance of their destructive behavior should be detailed, after which they should be ignored as much as possible. If appropriate, exclusionary action (banning from forums, venues, etc.) or, in extreme cases, legal action, should be taken.

6. Do not allow the proliferation of irresponsible information or damaging behavior simply because the individuals or groups in question maintain a certain reputation or notoriety within the movement. The fact that someone may “have done good work in the past” is never a valid excuse to tolerate damaging participation in the present. The movement must be about truth and justice rather than character and ego.

Unity is not achieved by ignoring divisiveness. It is achieved through civil critique and a constructive response to the disruptive behavior. Repeated and continuing behavior should result in comment moderation, temporary, long-term, and if necessary permanent bans from activist groups, removal of links from websites, cancellation of speaking engagements, etc.

Below is a list of theories and claims which do not have a convincing basis in verifiable facts. Such claims have served as a distraction for many honest activists and have ultimately damaged the credibility of the movement. This is a partial list, only meant to demonstrate some of the more prominent examples:

- Directed Energy Weapons (DEW) or nuclear devices were used to demolish the towers.
<http://911research.wtc7.net/wtc/analysis/theories/energybeam.html>
- A missile or something other than a 757 hit the Pentagon.
<http://911research.wtc7.net/essays/pentagon/index.html>
- “Plane pods,” on the underside of the planes shot missiles into the towers before impact.
<http://www.oilempire.us/pod.html>
- No planes hit the World Trade Center Towers
<http://www.questionsquestions.net/WTC/review.html>

Below is a list of associations that are damaging and marginalizing to the movement. Some are offensive and baseless, others may simply be speculative or fringe. The common thread is that all of these topics/attitudes/assertions have extremely negative connotations for the general public and they should not be paired with concrete, fact-based research. This is only a partial list:

- UFO and alien theories
- Holocaust denial/revisionism and Jewish conspiracy theories
- All forms of racism
- Moon Landing “Hoax”
- Anti-environmentalism (i.e. “global warming is a hoax” or “the environment is fine; humans aren’t causing significant damage”)

Conclusion

Many activists came together to make this statement possible. We have all had direct experience with behavior and information that has impeded our cause, and we hope this document will help the community to achieve greater unity and focus. We encourage activists to cite and link to the statement as a standard response to diversionary and disruptive behavior. Hopefully, this will allow us to move beyond some of our major obstacles to spreading truth and securing justice.

End of Declaration

Toward the end of 2008, Joanne O'Neill from Progressive Democrats of America held an event in Center City Philadelphia at Malcolm X Park. She invited me to come speak and I agreed. [Bob McIlvaine](#) was also there, as well as Anna Baltzer and Dave Lindorff. Dave Lindorff had previously written about the black boxes from the planes having been found at Ground Zero even though we'd been told they weren't. I had the opportunity to interview him and many people liked the interview when it was put online.

The last thing I did in 2008 was make three movies: "The 9/11 Truth Movement: An Incomplete History" parts I, II, and III. I spent a lot of time doing research and sending emails to people for verification of information. At the end of each movie it said, "There is obviously a lot missing in this video. It's literally impossible for one person to catalog the entire history of the 9/11 Truth Movement for three reasons. The first is that we've done too much to fit into a 10-minute video. The second reason is that this particular person is **WAY** too lazy. The third reason is (and then it went to the next screen and said) "We're not finished yet." I've always thought of myself as lazy but then I look at everything I've done. I don't think I'm lazy, after all.

2009 was the last year I spent entirely dedicated to this cause. I've never actually stopped but I have moved on to other things as well.

In 2009, Barack Obama became the President of the United States. I knew beforehand that the elections were a sham but I gave him the benefit of the doubt. It didn't take long to realize he was just as much a criminal as his predecessor. After a month of being in office, he had a meeting with 9/11 Family Members, the purpose of which was to discuss the closing of Guantanamo Bay. At that meeting, 9/11 Family Member Kristen Breitweiser asked him to release the 28 redacted pages of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11, a request that had been made by the September Eleventh Advocates on several occasions. He said he would look into it, and never got back to her.

About a week after his meeting with the families, Obama was asked a question by a reporter: "You promised to send more troops to Afghanistan. And since you've been very clear about a timetable to withdraw all combat troops from Iraq within 16 months, I wonder what's your timetable to withdraw troops eventually from Afghanistan?" As part of his answer, Obama [said](#), "This past week, I met with families of those who were lost in 9/11 – a reminder of the costs of allowing those safe havens to exist." He used his meeting with the 9/11 Family Members to justify sending more troops to Afghanistan. He used 9/11. The same way as had been done by his predecessor and by so many other people before him. Later, Elena Kagan from the Obama Administration sided with the Saudis over the 9/11 Families by preventing

the families from suing them. That was pretty much all I needed to know about Barack Obama.

The biggest initiative during 2009 was the NYCCAN (New York City Coalition for Accountability Now) initiative. The hope was to get a call for a new investigation into 9/11 onto the ballots of New York City.

I worked very hard for this initiative. 9/11 Whistleblower Coleen Rowley was one of the first to endorse it, and because of her endorsement I worked to get others. I managed to get Cindy Sheehan, Peter Dale Scott, Ray Nowosielski, Steve Alten and 9/11 Whistleblower Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer to endorse NYCCAN. I also wrote several articles and made several short movies in support of NYCCAN.

In June 2009, I met Cindy Sheehan for the [very first time](#). How we were introduced will be addressed in Chapter 5, but this was the first time I actually got to meet her. My friend Don and I drove to New Jersey so as to be able to hear her speak. When she came into the building she instantly knew who I was. We sat down and talked a little bit, and the one thing I noticed is that our thought processes were “in sync.” We don’t think exactly alike but we are very similar. We both approach things from a “right or wrong” perspective as opposed to a “left or right” perspective. It was a thrill for me to finally meet her.



First time I met Cindy Sheehan.

Also in 2009 there were many efforts to get the James Zadroga 9/11 Health & Compensation Act passed. I worked on both this and the NYCCAN initiative.

For the 8th anniversary of 9/11, I drove to Ground Zero to pay my respects and didn’t attend any events.

On September 27th, 2009, a march took place in New York City in support of the NYCCAN initiative. I attended this march and walked the whole way with them until we reached the

area where speakers would tell their story. Along the way I was asked by 9/11 Family Member Manny Badillo to say a few words. Bob McIlvaine and Daniel Sunjata were some of the speakers there that day. When it was my time to speak, the very first thing I did was apologize to the 9/11 Family Members for the “part that I had to play” in supporting the system that brought about the 9/11 attacks. My father gave me some flack for this because he didn’t think I owed them an apology. I felt that I did.



Manny Badillo introducing me at the NYCCAN March.

Unfortunately, the NYCCAN initiative failed. Afterwards, those who were in charge of the effort decided that they were going to change their campaign to something called “BuildingWhat?!?” The reason was, one of the judges who ruled on the NYCCAN initiative was asked about Building 7, and replied by asking, “Building *what?*” That initiative eventually turned into “RememberBuilding7.org.” The failure of the NYCCAN initiative was the “last straw” for me. I felt that I had tried everything I could to bring about justice for the 9/11 attacks using the “system” available to us and I had failed. Because of my adversity to making the “Controlled Demolition Argument” the sole focus of the 9/11 Truth Movement I couldn’t fully support “RememberBuilding7.org.”

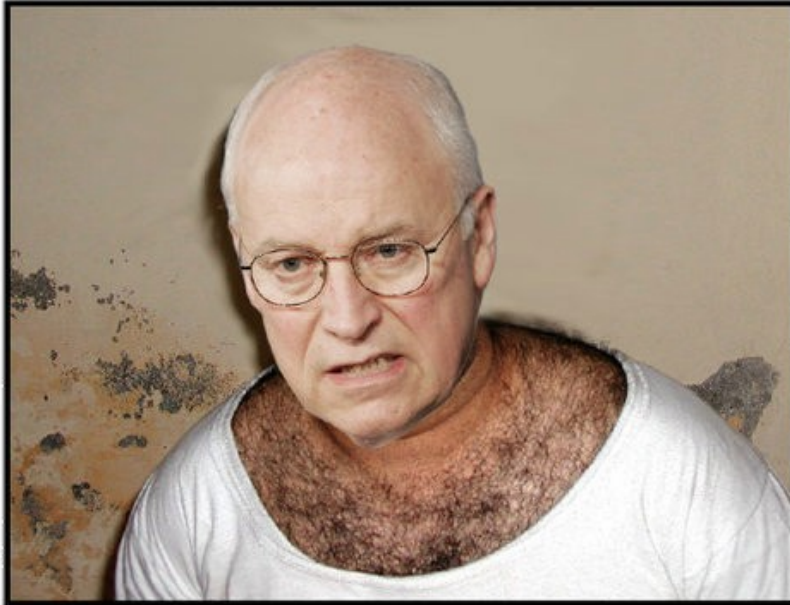
I had spoken to Cindy, who mentioned to me that she was starting a new organization called, “Peace of the Action” that was going to be about people putting their bodies on the gears of the machine so as to stop this empire. As I said, I felt like I had tried everything, and this effort sounded perfect to me.

Cindy was very much influenced by a speech given by Mario Savio on December 2nd 1964

wherein he said, "There comes a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part, you can't even passively take part, and you've got to put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon all the apparatus, and you've got to make it stop. And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, the people who own it, that unless you're free the machine will be prevented from working at all."

In January 2010 Cindy and others organized a protest outside of CIA Headquarters in Langley, VA. Some of the speakers included Kathy Kelly, Debra Sweet and Cindy Sheehan. The protest was specifically about the drone bombings being carried out by the US. Betsy Metz, her husband Chris and myself drove down to attend this protest. As I was walking to the area where everyone was Cindy was walking towards me. She said, "**JON GOLD!**", I said, "**CINDY SHEEHAN**" and we hugged. John Judge showed up at that protest so we got to talk for a little bit. The best thing about that protest was that afterwards we walked to Dick Cheney's house, which happens to be within a mile of CIA headquarters. When we got close, the police wouldn't let us walk down to his house. They told us that when the protesters left, then they would let us go. So we waited. Eventually, Cindy, myself and someone else walked down to Cheney's house. I had brought a flyer I made for the Khalid Sheikh Mohammed trials that were supposedly going to be held in New York City. The reason I made this flyer and two others was because I didn't want people in the 9/11 Truth Movement at the trials declaring KSM's innocence. I thought that the media would jump all over that. Instead, I made these flyers depicting people like Cheney as **ANOTHER** suspect for the crime of 9/11. The police didn't let me deliver the flyer to Cheney but after everything was said and done, Betsy and Chris drove past his house anyway. I got out of their car and posted my flyer on his fence. The video of me doing this became very popular on the Internet.

ANOTHER SUSPECT FOR THE CRIME OF 9/11



DICK CHENEY

SOME OF THE REASONS FOR SUSPICION

1. Belonged to an organization called the Project For A New American Century that recognized a "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 Harbor."
2. Was the CEO of Halliburton. During his tenure there, he gave a speech at the Institute of Petroleum that said, "while many regions of the world offer great oil opportunities, the Middle East with two thirds of the world's oil and the lowest cost, is still where the prize ultimately lies, even though companies are anxious for greater access there, progress continues to be slow."
3. Cheney was in command during the attacks of 9/11, and there are a multitude of inconsistencies regarding what he did that day. Especially concerning his involvement with our military's response that morning.
4. Cheney aggressively fought against investigating 9/11. He resisted testifying before the 9/11 Commission until the bitter end. When he finally agreed to testify, he refused to do so publicly, under oath, no recordings or transcripts were allowed, only certain people were allowed in the room, and he had to be at George Bush's side.

Dick Cheney flyer I made for the KSM trials that were to take place in NYC.

One of the reasons we drove down to this protest was because Betsy wanted to deliver a check to Cindy so she could come speak at an event Betsy was planning for March 2010 called the "Treason In America" conference. This event was to take place at the Valley Forge Convention Center in Valley Forge, PA. When Betsy asked me to emcee the event I agreed. Before the event, we experienced many headaches in trying to get speakers. The speakers who attended were Cindy Sheehan, Coleen Rowley, Bob McIlvaine, Manny Badillo, Dahlia Wasfi, Russ Baker, Charles Giles, Michael Springmann, John Albanese, Ray Nowosielski, John Duffy, Dylan Avery, Richard Gage and a few others. It was truly my honor to [emcee](#) this event. When the time came for me to introduce Bob McIlvaine I told a little bit of my history with him. It took everything I had not to break down crying. ABC News [came to the event](#) but they came for a specific reason. At the time, there had recently been news of a "Pentagon Shooter" who may or may not have been interested in 9/11 truth issues. ABC News

essentially came there to try to paint us all as crazy people willing to go shoot a gun at the Pentagon. When Coleen Rowley spoke to one of their journalists she gave them a hard time of it. I tried to get them to talk to Bob McIlvaine but they absolutely refused. Thank you, Betsy, for letting me take part in that amazing event.



Me as the "Master of Ceremonies" at the "Treason In America Conference."

During this time Cindy, myself and others were planning our first action as "Peace of the Action" for March of 2010. It was to take place a few weeks after the "Treason In America" conference in Washington D.C. We were planning on setting up a camp directly across from the White House called, "Camp OUT NOW." We were going to try and put our bodies on the "gears of the machine" so as to disrupt business as usual. The first week we weren't going to commit any civil disobedience. The plan was to learn how to deal with the police, to hear speakers and to try to draw a crowd. The second week we were going to start committing civil disobedience. We were staying on the lawn of the Washington Memorial directly across from the White House. The police wouldn't let us put up tents so a lot of us had to stay at St. Stephens Church.



Me with Cindy Sheehan at Camp Out Now.

One night, I was tasked with watching the camp so Malcolm Chaddock, Tim Rodriguez and I spent the night at the camp. It got so cold that night. I remember putting my head against the lamp that was giving off an infinitesimal amount of heat. The police wouldn't let us sleep so we had to sit in chairs all night. Most of the week was actually nice weather, except for that one night.

The first week was amazing. Ray McGovern, Ann Wright and several others came to speak with us. It also happens to be the first time I met Missy Comley Beattie, or "Boo," as I like to call her. Missy and I have since become amazing friends. She writes for counterpunch.org and because of our relationship she [has written](#) quite a few 9/11 Justice friendly articles for them, a rare occurrence on Counterpunch. Missy lost her nephew Chase in the Iraq War.

Cindy, Mike Ferner, Ann Wright, myself and a few other people took a trip down to Virginia so we could protest John Yoo at a speaking engagement. For me, that was an incredible day. I got to spend time with amazing and inspirational people. At camp, we spent a lot of time putting up a memorial to honor the fallen soldiers and the fallen people of Iraq and Afghanistan. That memorial was absolutely huge.



The memorial and Camp Out Now at the Washington Monument in Washington D.C. (photo by Ward Reilly)

One day during the week I got to speak to the people who were there. I gave a talk

specifically about the absurdity of the 9/11 Commission. Not many people sat in for my talk but there is one thing I remember about it specifically. As I was talking, a woman came up to the camp to listen to me speak. During the Q&A session, instead of asking a question she praised me in front of the audience. She had apparently known who I was and was familiar with the work that I had done. I don't know who it was, but thank you for that.



Me speaking at Camp Out Now.

On Saturday of the first week a massive anti-war rally was going to take place for the anniversary of the Iraq War. This was also around the time the healthcare bill was being debated on (the one that Dennis Kucinich screwed everyone on). We decided that on that Saturday we would attempt to block the Democratic Caucus from entering the White House to talk about the healthcare bill. We held a memorial service at the memorial we had built. Cindy and a few other Gold Star Family Members said a few words and then we marched to Lafayette Park for the rally. Veterans for Peace member Bill Perry said cadence as we marched and it was really inspiring to march along with so many veterans.

When we got to Lafayette Park there were thousands of people. Several of us handed out flyers for Camp OUT NOW and personally, I met several historical individuals, like Ramona Africa and Ralph Nader. I had remembered the whole "Move" story from back in grade school as it was taking place so it was interesting to get Ramona's perspective on what happened. As I was walking around I met Brian Becker from ANSWER who was coordinating the stage. I asked him if I could speak and he asked me about what. When I said, "9/11" he told me the slots were full.

There was a little "pit" for the speakers and again, so many interesting people were there. I met up with Cindy & Co. and was asked if I wanted to accompany Cindy on the stage. I said,

"YES!" That was such an honor for me. When it came time for Cindy to speak we all started to walk up on the stage. Brian Becker was standing there and he actually pulled on my shirt as if to prevent me from going on the stage. I gave him a "look" and went up on stage with Cindy and Missy Beattie. I never asked him why he pulled on my shirt but I gather it had something to do with the possibility that I might say something about 9/11. Based on our previous discussion about whether or not I could speak and based on stories I've heard from other people about Brian Becker and the issue of 9/11 truth, that seems to be the most likely case. There are many "Brian Beckers" in the world when it comes to 9/11 and this will be discussed in the next chapter.



Standing on the stage with Cindy Sheehan and Missy Comley Beattie.

After the rally, Cindy, myself and others went to get some lunch. The rest of the rally went on a march. When the marchers returned they placed faux coffins representing different countries that the US has harmed militarily in front of the White House. People sat down in front of the coffins and the police didn't like that. They set up a barrier around the protesters in front of the coffins and if you went into that area you got arrested. We returned from lunch and immediately Cindy went to the front of the line. She crossed the barrier, the police grabbed her, manhandled her essentially, put plasticuffs on her and took her away. I didn't have the chance to follow her through the barrier because about three police officers started blocking it. I wanted to keep an eye on Cindy. I didn't like how they were treating her and it was making me furious. There was an easily accessible area to the "arrest zone" so I walked around to that and went inside to get arrested. Just to keep an eye on Cindy. As they took me away, I screamed out loudly that I dedicate this arrest to "9/11 Victim Family Member Robert McIlvaine Jr.". (I meant to say 9/11 Victim Robert McIlvaine Jr.). I wrote an article about this entire experience that I will include later in this book, called "A Dog For Three Days." After that whole experience, Camp OUT NOW closed and we all eventually went home. In case you couldn't tell, we never got the chance to block the Democratic Caucus. Eventually, with the exception of a few, we were all acquitted for our "crimes." Thank you to Cindy for starting

"Peace of the Action."



First time getting arrested in front of the White House.

The next several months were spent planning Peace of the Action's next event, called the "[Sizzlin' Summer Protests](#)," which was essentially supposed to be the same thing as Camp OUT NOW. This took place in July 2010 in Washington D.C. Around the same time a big push to pass the James Zadroga 9/11 Health & Compensation Act was underway. John Feal and several 9/11 First Responders were fighting hard in D.C. to make this happen. I helped them, as I always did, to get the word out. On September 29th, 2010, H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health & Compensation Act, passed the House of Representatives. This was the first step to making sure it would become law.

Another thing that happened in 2010 was the launch of a new 9/11 Truth website called www.911truthnews.com. Cosmos, Julian Ware and Victoria Ashley decided a new site run by "veterans" of this cause needed to be made. I had since stopped posting on 911blogger.com and I liked the idea of the new site. I have written several articles to support this new site and I have since made it the main site for my facts piece article, which means that all updates for this article are posted there.

In July of 2010, Cindy, myself, Missy Beattie and a few – a **VERY** few – people went to Washington D.C. to take part in Peace of the Action's event. All in all, I would say maybe ten people showed up that whole week. At the time, Cindy and I were under a restraining order that prevented us from going near certain areas of the White House. If we had we could have ended up spending six months in prison.

We spent that week camped out in front of the White House in Lafayette Park. There were no tents, just blankets and supplies. It was a **VERY** hot week. We protested the BP Oil Spill, we protested giving aid to Israel, we protested General Dynamics. I took the bullhorn and talked about 9/11 and other things when I got the opportunity. It was such a disappointment to us that no one showed up. I didn't stay the whole week but I did come back to celebrate Cindy's "25th" birthday. Because of the lack of support I wrote an article. Here is that article.

3 Days In DeCeit, WHERE THE F#@ ARE YOUR MORALS?!?

Jon Gold
7/6/2010

I'm back from what I now call Washington DeCeit. We have **A LOT** to be worried about America (OOPS... Hold on, I have to turn myself over. I don't want that side to be overcooked (it was THAT hot out)).

Last time I participated in an event with Cindy, I [wrote an article](#) about the different things we did, and the experiences I had. Not this time. This time I'm going to call you out America because you should be ashamed of yourselves. This does **NOT** apply to everyone because I know some had legitimate reasons not to be there. Some, but **VERY** few.

When Cindy told me that she was going to start POTA, I knew I had to participate. After 8 years of trying to use the "system" to bring truth, accountability, and justice for the 9/11 attacks, I learned a very hard lesson. The "system" **DOES NOT WORK**.

Right now, our soldiers are fighting illegal, preemptive wars (Yes, I know it's better to call them occupations Ward Reilly), with no end in sight. They are being told that the people they are fighting are less than human. They are killing innocent people. People with families, and lives that they care about, **JUST LIKE** all of you. Our soldiers are committing suicide at an **ASTOUNDING** rate because of what they have had to endure, and what they are being told to do. Even a soldier that accepts what they're being told about who they are fighting eventually sees that what they are doing is wrong. It takes its toll (no, I have never served, but it's **NOT** rocket science). They should be brought home immediately. Illegal occupations under Bush, are **JUST** as illegal under Obama. C'mon "anti-war" movement. You're **SUPPOSED** to know better. You're **SUPPOSED** to be those people that **DO NOT** rely on the Television set to tell you what's going on, and instead, know to research, and pay attention to alternative sources of information. **WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU!?** It's Cindy Sheehan for crying out loud. The literal face of peace in the world that we live in. If she makes an effort to stop these illegal occupations, then you should do **EVERYTHING** within your power to be there, or support her as best as you can. You shouldn't only show up when the "mainstream media" is present.

Our civil liberties are disappearing, and let me tell you, after having been thrown out of Lafayette Park more times than I remember, I can honestly say that the right to "peaceably assemble" is **GONE**. The right to petition your Government for a "redress of grievances" is **GONE**. The secret service made sure to tell Cindy that she has a "stay away order" that states if she walks on the White House sidewalk, she will go to prison for 6 months. I have an identical "stay away order." It was depressing to see our friends "bullhorning" the White House, and not being able to participate. Our trial is this Monday, 7/12/2010.

Do I really need to tell you about what's happening in the Gulf? Do I really need to tell you how it is destroying our ocean? We need to deal with the "oilcano." This is a "no-brainer."

The "mainstream media" in this country **IS COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY COMPROMISED**. I've known this for years, but today was another great reminder. Benjamin Netancuckoo visited the White House today. Peace of the Action,

A.N.S.W.E.R., Code Pink, Ray McGovern, and others were at the White House to protest his meeting with Obomba. There is no mention of this protest in any news outlet that I can see at the time this article is being written. It is doubtful that will change, because if they cover what we were doing, then they certainly should be covering the 1000+ Orthodox Jews that were protesting his visit as well. Do you think that's something the people of this country should know about?

There is **A LOT** more that is wrong. Corruption in Government, and elsewhere is obviously running rampant. Our schools are a joke. Our healthcare is horrible. I could go on and on, but would it get you off your asses? As it looks right now, it is doubtful.

It's very hard to want to continue doing what I do when you think that no one cares. What's happening to this country, and to the world, **IN OUR NAMES**, is wrong. These aren't left or right issues. These are issues that affect **ALL** of humanity. It's not about left and right, it's about right and wrong. What's happening is wrong, and detrimental to all of us.

I want to thank those of you who did come to participate. You should all be **EXTREMELY** proud of yourselves.

Cindy & Co. are going to be in Washington DeCeit for a while longer. You know joining her is the right thing to do, so please just do it.

I'm going to end by posting something Theresa Childs posted on Cindy's wall on Facebook. Theresa, along with her husband Stephen, drove their family all the way from Florida to be with us. Thank you both.

To Cindy...

I just wanted to say that spending time with POTA was such a wonderful thing for my family. I cannot tell you how proud I am that my kids got to see peaceful protest first hand and it was an education that money could never buy. I love your comment that we should "teach our children about peace". I agree, and thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me teach mine. My kids love you!!!!

End of article

Theresa Childs and her husband Stephen Conrad (don't ask about their names) and I have become very good friends. They are both professional photographers who came to take pictures of our event that week, which resulted in excellent pictures. Theresa took most of them, to my knowledge. They have also spent an enormous amount of time on a project photographing the catastrophe known as the "BP Oil Spill."



Cindy Sheehan bullhorning with me in the background in Washington D.C., July 2010. (photo by Theresa Childs)

For the 9th anniversary of 9/11 I drove to Ground Zero to pay my respects. This is something that has become a tradition for me. I drive to New York, attend some of the memorial services, take some video and go home. Usually I put together a little video of my day. That year, I also attended an event sponsored by Independent News Network that featured such speakers as Michael Parenti, Coleen Rowley, Ray McGovern and others.

Towards the end of September 2010 there were a lot of problems concerning the FBI arresting anti-war and pro-Palestinian activists. "The FBI said it searched eight homes in Minneapolis and Chicago as part of a terrorism investigation on Friday, and two subjects said the agency is targeting leaders of the anti-war movement." [AP, 9/24/2010] "The government's trying to quiet activists," Fennerty said. "This case is really scary." [AP, 9/26/2010] Those of us who were activists spent a lot of time trying to bring attention to this issue. Peace of the Action was planning an action to take place at FBI headquarters for January of 2011 but unfortunately, that action never happened. I designed a really good flyer called "[POTA FBI Files](#)" that contained lots of information about the history of COINTELPRO with Dr. Martin Luther King, among other things.

Cindy came to Pennsylvania to speak at the "Annual Peace Fair" in Lahaska, PA. I attended, filmed her speaking and put that video online. I love watching her speak. She is really a brilliant person. I recently attended a function with Cindy and one of the individuals there had had no clue how brilliant she was. After hearing Cindy speak she was honestly amazed by her. As am I, often.

On December 16, 2010 about 200 veterans committed an act of civil disobedience in front of the White House. Several chained themselves to the fence in one form or another. This act

inspired me. I decided that I was going to do something similar for 9/11 Justice. I designed a sign, had it professionally made and also bought a pair of handcuffs. Erik Larson, someone who is responsible for putting online the 9/11 Commission's records and has written several good articles over the years, agreed to come film my act of civil disobedience. I decided to do this on January 31, 2011.

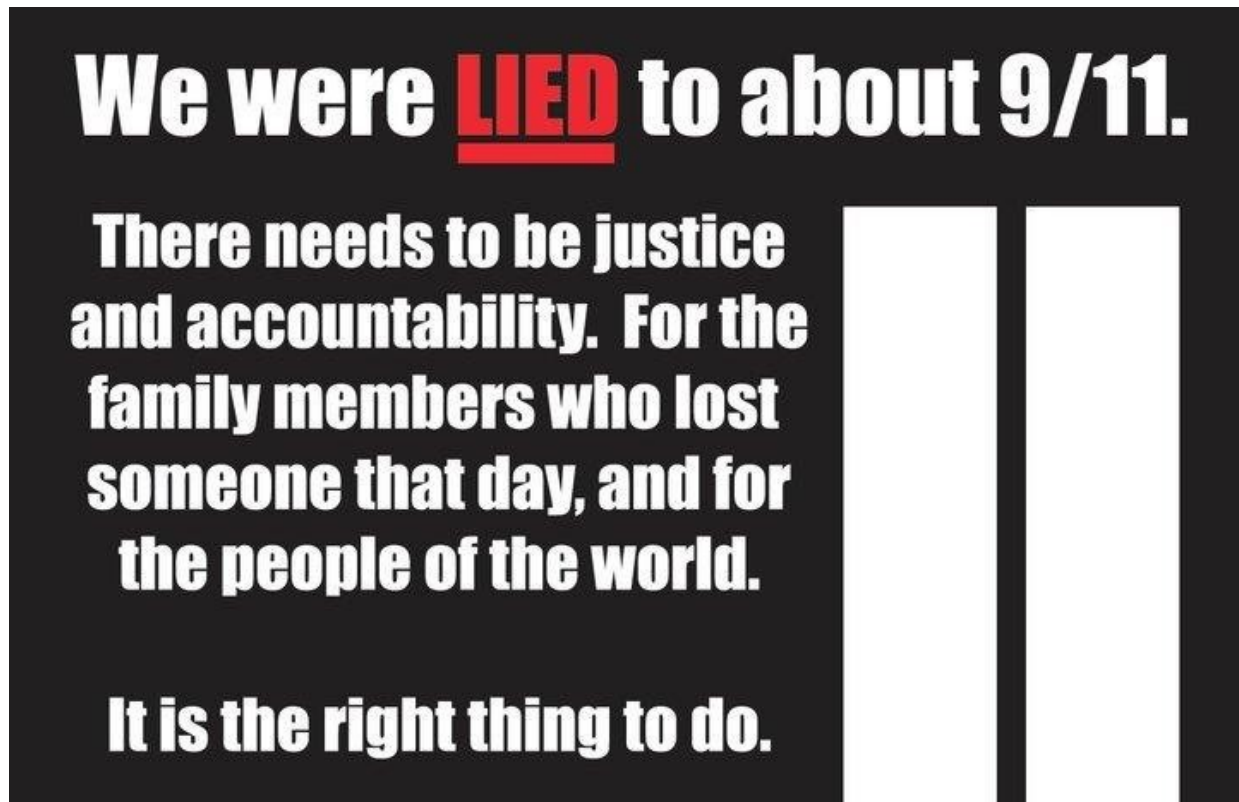
After years of fighting, on December 23rd, 2010 the James Zadroga 9/11 Health & Compensation Act passed the Senate, and on January 2nd, 2011 Barack Obama signed it into law. I cried so much when it finally passed. I picked up my cell phone and called a bunch of people to tell them about it. A lot of people gave credit to Jon Stewart of the Daily Show for getting the bill finally passed by shaming the legislators who were opposing it. However, those of us who have been fighting for years know that the credit should go to people like John Feal, Sean Riordan, Anne Marie Baumann and many others who helped to bring attention to this important issue. The bill wasn't perfect, as it turns out. Applicants (9/11 First Responder Heroes) are required to be screened for connections to terrorism and [it doesn't cover cancer](#) at the time this book is being written. This is an absolute disgrace.



Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, John Feal, and Sen. Chuck Schumer.

In early January 2011 9/11 Whistleblower Sibel Edmonds contacted me because she had an action of her own for which she needed my help. Cryptome.org released a document from the 9/11 Commission pertaining to 9/11 Whistleblower Behrooz Sarshar that contradicted information Sibel had on Behrooz, and Sibel wanted me to contact the September Eleventh Advocates in order to collaborate on an effort. On January 31, 2011, the same day I was going to commit my act of civil disobedience at the White House, the September Eleventh Advocates released a statement pertaining to 9/11 Whistleblower Behrooz Sarshar. This statement asked "that the transcript of Mr. Sarshar's interview be immediately declassified" and they respectfully requested "that the former Chairman, Governor Thomas Kean, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lee Hamilton and the Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission, Mr. Philip Zelikow, promptly answer the questions herein." Neither Thomas Kean, Lee Hamilton or Philip Zelikow responded. As a result of their refusal to respond, 9/11 Whistleblower Sibel

Edmonds released a transcript of one of the times Berhrooz Sarshar testified. This transcript speaks of foreknowledge of the 9/11 attacks and an order from above to disregard any knowledge of it. Not one news outlet reported on it.



The sign I made for my act of civil disobedience at the White House.

I wrote an article about my act of civil disobedience on January 31, 2011. Here is that article.

Not On the Fence For 9/11 Justice

Jon Gold
1/31/2011

On December 16, 2010, I would estimate about [200 veterans](#) committed an act of civil disobedience in front of the White House. Several chained themselves to the fence in one form or another. This act inspired me. As a result, I decided to commit a similar act of civil disobedience.

Today, I did exactly that. I went to the White House to chain (handcuff) myself to the White House fence in an act of civil disobedience specifically for 9/11 Justice. Something that has been denied to the families that lost someone that day, and to the people of the world.

In the weeks leading up to the action, several people warned me about what “might” happen to me. One person suggested that because of the Tucson shooter, they may “302” me (put me in a mental institution). Another warned that I had better be prepared to

feel sniper lasers on me from those sitting atop the White House. As it turns out, none of that happened. However, I would like to thank those people for all of the unnecessary stress they caused me.

This morning, I met Erik Larson at Cusi's, which is right next to the White House. Thankfully, he agreed to film my action. At around 9:45, we left Cusi's to go to Lafayette Park. I had already put one cuff on my wrist, and hid the other up my sleeve so the cops couldn't see it. It didn't matter as it turned out. Before the action, I decided to have a cigarette. One of the police rode his bike up to where we were sitting and parked. He stood there for a minute or two, and then said, "Are you Mr. Gold?" I responded, "Yes, that's me." He asked, "Are you still planning on chaining yourself to the fence?" I said, "That is my intention." He said, "I wish you wouldn't." To me, it was clear intimidation, but lucky for me, I am one stubborn individual.

After the conversation with the police officer, I grabbed my sign and walked to the White House fence. I walked back and forth for a little bit (something you are allowed to do on the White House sidewalk), and then I thought to myself, "Now is as good a time as any," and pulled out the other cuff, and latched it onto the fence.

The police immediately took out their crime scene tape and set up a perimeter. Here I was, all by myself, in the middle of a "crime scene." I have to admit, aside from the officer that tried to "intimidate" me, the other officers were extremely friendly. One walked up to me and asked me if I needed a pair of gloves. Another asked if the cuff around my wrist was too tight.

As I was at the fence, two plain clothes individuals walked up to me to ask a few questions. I thought they were from the media, but as it turns out, they were from the Secret Service. The agent asked for my number, my address, and what my intentions were. I said, "We were lied to about 9/11 and I'm trying to bring attention to that fact because the media isn't doing it." He again asked about my intentions, and in the back of my mind, it occurred to me that maybe he thought I was someone like the Tucson shooter. I said, "My intentions are what I told you. [I am non-violent.](#)" He said, "That's all I wanted to know," and left.

It is policy for the police to give you a warning 3x before they arrest you. After the third warning, they took off the handcuffs I had on, and put on another pair. Again, a nice police officer used two sets of handcuffs because I am such a big guy. As they walked me off, I made sure to dedicate my arrest to the "Jersey Girls" (September Eleventh Advocates).

Getting in the back of the police car was an experience in and of itself. Apparently, they never expected to arrest a 6'2" 300+ lb individual with a size 16 shoe. I tried to get in the car, and my foot got stuck underneath the front seat. Finally, after squirming a bit, I managed to lay down in the back so they could close the door. Then, we drove off to the processing center.

I am amazed at how quickly they let me go. From the time I was put in the car, until the time I was processed, it took no longer than 45 minutes. Compared to my last experience which was 53 hours in jail, this was a breeze.

I am sorry to say that only one other person besides Erik and myself showed up. One of the reasons I chose to do this action was to hopefully show people who care about 9/11 Justice that we need to take it to the next level. That we can't sit on websites arguing about whose theory is right or wrong until this issue disappears into the ether. We are coming up on 10 years since that horrible event happened, and we need to do everything we can to make sure justice is served.

My sincerest thanks to Erik for [coming to film today](#), and to the multitude of people that supported me from afar. Thank you.

End of article

The "media" ignored both my act of civil disobedience and the latest effort by the September Eleventh Advocates and Sibel Edmonds. I contacted so many different journalists, practically begging a few to cover it, and none of them did. 9/11 has been ignored by many a journalist over the years but as the years go by it becomes harder and harder to get journalists to do their job.



Me chained to the White House fence. (photo by Jeffrey Hill)

The one great thing to come from my act of civil disobedience is that it inspired activist Gareth Newnham to commit a similar act of civil disobedience at 10 Downing Street in the UK on the same day. The picture of Gareth being dragged away by the police, holding his 9/11 Truth sign, is one of my favorite photos.



Gareth Newnham being arrested at 10 Downing Street in the U.K.

For about half of 2010, and 2011, I started a new project for 9/11. I started searching the video archives of C-SPAN for previous statements made by certain officials over the years pertaining to 9/11. I would select a topic and then search through hours worth of transcripts. When I found a clip I wanted, I purchased it. C-SPAN sells their clips for about \$5 a piece. After spending about \$300 on video clips I managed to create about [20 movies](#) pertaining to different subjects on 9/11. Most are made up of footage very few people have seen, even among activists and researchers in the 9/11 Truth Movement.

After Osama Bin Laden's assassination in May of 2011, something very cool happened to me. Paul Thompson, someone who had been out of the spotlight for what seemed like forever, came out of "retirement." He and I got to speaking, and he asked me to be a part of the www.historycommons.org team. I gladly and proudly accepted. Learning the technology of that site was (and still is) a challenge but I'm starting to get it. At the time this book is being written, I have added two new timeline entries to the "Complete 9/11 Timeline," both having to do with the 9/11 Family Members. It was a thrill for me to see those entries. Thank you, Paul, for asking me to take part.

Because the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks was coming up, many different activists were making a big "push." As I said, Paul Thompson came out of "retirement" and started making an incredible number of entries in the timeline. Also, Sibel Edmonds and Peter B. Collins were posting podcast after podcast about 9/11 at BoilingFrogsPost. As it happens, I hooked up Paul Thompson with Sibel and they did an incredible [three-part series](#) on the 9/11 attacks, probably the most comprehensive series available in audio format. I also encouraged Cindy Sheehan to interview Paul and that was also a [great interview](#).

Kevin Fenton, a contributor to the "Complete 9/11 Timeline" and major contributor to the 9/11 Truth Movement over the years (and someone who wrote several introductions for my "Who Is? Archives") came out with a new book in June 2011, entitled "*Disconnecting the Dots: How CIA and FBI officials helped enable 9/11 and evaded government investigations*." This book is greatly based on what's referred to as "Footnote 44" of the 9/11 Report.



Kristen Breitweiser and Lorie Van Auken reading "Footnote 44." (Source: Banded Artists)

Because of Kevin's book and because Kristen Breitweiser showed an interest in Footnote 44 in her book, *Wake-Up Call: The Political Education of a 9/11 Widow*, the makers of "9/11: Press For Truth" decided they were going to make a documentary about it. Sadly, they never managed to get funding for this documentary. Ray Nowosielski contacted me to make me aware of the fact that they were going to release their "[Richard Clarke interview](#)" at the PBS station KBDI in Colorado, and that they were working on a podcast version of the documentary they wanted to create about Footnote 44, which they were planning to release for the 10th anniversary. Ray and John Duffy had shown an early version of the Clarke interview at the "Treason In America" conference. The name of the podcast is "Who Is Rich Blee?" referring to former CIA Alec Station Chief Richard Blee. When they told me they were [showing it on PBS](#), I instantly offered my assistance to help them promote the event. The event was a huge success. Some media actually picked up on it. I became an administrator for www.secrecykills.com's Facebook page (the official site for the podcast) and have been ever since.

When the podcast was finally released for the anniversary not one media outlet picked up on it with one exception: Gawker.com. I begged and pleaded with journalists I had met over the years to cover it and none of them were willing. Finally, Ray told me that Salon was interested in running a story on it. Eventually, Rory O'Connor and Ray Nowosielski wrote an article about "Who Is Rich Blee?" that ran on Salon.com. Again, like too many times to count the rest of the media completely and totally ignored it. Thank you to Sibel Edmonds and boilingfrogspost.com for helping to promote it.

For the 10th anniversary of 9/11, as I had in previous years, I drove to New York to pay my respects. However, this year, because the event was going to be so massive New York City became a "police state." Most of the roads leading to Ground Zero were closed and because I am unfamiliar with most of New York City, I decided that instead of finding a parking lot and somehow managing to find a way to get to Ground Zero, I would turn around and go home. I figured the four-hour ride was a nice show of respect.



Me, driving to Ground Zero for the 10th anniversary.

In October 2011, the Occupy Wall Street movement was born. After the "Brooklyn Bridge Incident" that caught the whole world's attention I was inspired by them. I and wrote this article.

My Hopes For The Occupy Movement

Jon Gold
10/18/2011

I would like to say that I am proud of everyone that has made it to the streets with Occupy Wall Street. For quite a while now, Cindy Sheehan, myself, and others, through our organization "Peace of the Action," have been trying to get people to put their bodies on the "gears of the machine." To see this amount of people finally doing that, it's a thrill, and I am very proud of all of you.

When OWS first started, I didn't pay as much attention to it as I do now. It wasn't until the confrontation on the Brooklyn Bridge that I finally started to really look at what they're doing. My interpretation of why they are doing what they're doing is as follows. In a nutshell, they are tired of the bought and paid for politicians making decisions that do not benefit the people, and instead, benefit the corporations.

There might be more to it, but to me, that is it. After seeing how Obama is Bush's third term and then some, people finally "woke up."

Finally. As an advocate for 9/11 Justice for the last 9+ years, I have seen spurts of people protest this and that, but for the most part, people have acted as though they just didn't care. Call it apathy, ignorance, whatever. It seemed like they just didn't care. For years,

people in the 9/11 Truth Movement, and the anti-war movement used to say that people will finally wake up when they start to lose their homes, when they start to lose their jobs, their TVs, their pensions, their cars, etc., and so on. From the majority of signs I see, it seems that we were right. Ok. Whatever works.

I would like to address those signs. Jobs, health care, money out of politics, holding bankers accountable, etc... are all legitimate issues. However, so is the killing and dying we are responsible for around the world. There must be a strong anti-war message (which includes 9/11 Justice) included in the Occupy movements. It is the moral thing to do. It must not be just about material wealth and needs. Unless, of course, you want to be seen as greedy people who want a slice of the pie.

This past weekend, I had the pleasure of going to Occupy Wall Street with my 9/11 sign. Between 500-1000 people took my picture or gave me a "thumbs up." About 5 people wanted their picture taken with my sign. It was nice to know that people still care.

It has been absolutely fascinating for me to watch the media's response to OWS. I have seen every "trick of the trade" used against OWS that I have seen used against the 9/11 Truth Movement. It was like watching a re-run. On 10/13/2011, the *LATimes* [ran an article](#) that said, "How do you know when a protest movement is starting to scare the pants off the establishment? One clue is when the protesters are casually dismissed as hippies or rabble, or their principles redefined as class envy or as (that all-purpose insult) "un-American." If that is the case, then the "establishment" must be **SCARED SHITLESS** of what advocates for 9/11 Justice have to say. Just look at the [different things](#) the media has said over the years. It is because of the media's campaign that no one wants to associate with anyone that questions the official account of 9/11.

That is what the media seems to be doing now. In fact, I'm seeing the "anti-semitism" card being played a lot now. The 9/11 Truth Movement [can relate](#). They will look for the 5, 10, even 20 people (out of millions) ignorantly saying things about Zionism or Israel, and they will paint **EVERYONE** with the same brush.

There are also efforts by MoveOn.org, and unions to "co-opt" OWS. The 9/11 Truth Movement was "co-opted" by people in the "Conspiracy Theory Industry," so again, we can relate. Do not let that happen, OWS. The Democrats and the Republicans are two sides of the same exact coin. Also, Fox News can be horrid, but so can MSNBC, CNN, and the rest of the corporate media.

I fully support the efforts of OWS. Last week, I brought \$120 worth of supplies to "Occupy Philly."

Here is what I'm hoping happens. I hope the end result of their effort brings us a system that works for the people, and not the corporations (in Government, media, courts, etc...). I hope the end result of their efforts gives us a system that holds people accountable for their crimes, no matter **HOW** powerful or rich a person may be. I hope the end result of their effort puts an end to the murder we are taking part in around the world.

Basically, I'm hoping for a Revolution.

So stand your ground OWS, and the rest of the Occupy Movements. Now is the time.

End of article

I have gone to Occupy Wall Street once, Occupy Philly a few times and brought about \$200 worth of supplies to them. Once, I brought my sign to Occupy Philly and I was welcomed. Here I am at Occupy Wall Street.



Me at Zuccotti Park in NYC. (Photo by Missy Comley Beattie)

As of November 16th 2011 the encampment at Zuccotti Park was shut down (with the protesters trying to return at the time this book is being written) and other parks are still open.

Because the media ignored the "Who Is Rich Blee?" podcast, something I was so sure would bring media attention, I had finally had my "last straw." I decided to write a book. I figured I have tried everything else in the world to bring attention to this issue, and writing a book was my last option. So here I am, writing my book.

I have done my best to tell you what I have done for this cause. There are many things I have taken part in over the years that I haven't mentioned in this chapter, things like becoming the web administrator for Peace of the Action's website, things like getting 9/11 Family Member

Lorie Van Auken to [write](#) an introduction for 9/11 Whistleblower Sibel Edmonds in my "Who Is? Archives," things like having written interviews with people like Bob McIlvaine, Donna Marsh O'Connor and others. I have done a lot and I can't possibly remember it all.

As I said, I haven't done this for notoriety, fame or for fortune. I'm doing it because, very simply, it's the right thing to do. The people who were brutally murdered that day, their families and the people of the world both require and deserve real justice and accountability for what happened. This is a fact. If that day wasn't what we were led to believe – and I can guarantee that it wasn't – then the people of this country and the world need to know about it so as to take away the justification for the "Post-9/11 World" and everything that entails. It is the right thing to do.



Problems

Many of the hardships I've had to endure advocating for 9/11 Justice have been shared by many people. I will only talk about things from my perspective.

Early on, I had to contend with people in my office calling me crazy. Every time I found an article I sent it to everyone thinking they would find it interesting. Instead, many of them called me a "conspiracy theorist" and said that they didn't want to hear about it. In fact, some of them got angry at me for even questioning 9/11. After Eric left my company we moved into a new building. There, a new employee named Deborah was very keen on the things I was saying. She read most of the articles I wrote, gave me feedback on them and when I would advocate for the 9/11 First Responders she would often give money towards them. She became my "sounding board." I mention Deborah because not long ago Deborah passed away. She was a good friend.



My dear friend Deborah. RIP.

Also, I had to deal with friends who didn't understand why I was doing what I was doing. They, too, would call me a "conspiracy theorist" and as a result, most of my friendships got strained over the years to the point of ending.

With the exception of the media and my local representatives, I didn't face any real adversity until I started posting on the Howard Stern Bulletin Board (HSBB). When I did start posting I faced a lot of backlash from posters on the site, mostly people who called themselves Republicans (which is something I hated because 9/11 is a non-partisan issue. If Bill Clinton did something wrong with regards to 9/11 then he should be held accountable just as much as Bush). However, I was introduced to a term that I had never heard before: "troll." Wikipedia says "a troll is someone who posts inflammatory, extraneous, or off-topic messages in an online community, such as an online discussion forum, chat room, or blog, with the primary

intent of provoking readers into an emotional response or of otherwise disrupting normal on-topic discussion."

Some of the evil posters at the HSBB followed me to www.septembereleventh.org's forum just to be able to post crap about me. Some signed up with usernames like, "GoldIsAFag," and "GoldsDeadGrandfather." Janice Matthews was the moderator at the time and this became a huge headache for her. I felt horrible. Eventually, because of antics like this and other disruptive techniques by trolls and disinformation 'specialists,' the forum on www.septembereleventh.org was shut down. This was part of the reason I started the YBBS. I felt partly responsible for the forum being shut down so I wanted to provide another one for people.

As I said earlier, one of my detractors on the HSBB became my friend and helped me to get my site started. Here is what Ryan had to say about the flack I had to endure on the HSBB.

"Well, let me first say that I was one of Gold's most heated opponents way back on the Howard Stern board. I started in on him because all he did was talk about 9/11 and these weird and wild accusations about our Govt. So I played the bad guy for a long time. I was mean. But I wasn't being me. It was a character, if you can understand what I am saying. Anyways, this guy has had his grandfather pulled through the mud. His grandfather (who has passed) was made up as pictures, screen names, and just other horrible things. Still Gold stayed strong. I don't know how he did it. He wouldn't be online more than 2 minutes, and he would get a shit load of people making fun of him. I was guilty as well, as making Gold feel paranoid. I would say I worked for a Gov't Agency, who was monitoring the 9/11 movement, to being a hired gun for the Republican party. It is very easy to make someone think a certain way while you are online. Gold kept his head high, although sometimes he would get pushed over the limit. He lasted longer than I would have."

Another friend that I met on the HSBB, Dennis, said:

"I've known Jon for quite a few months now and I have seen him take more shit on BBs than most. People would even go as far as to talk shit about his family and friends. I don't even want to say some of the things that were said. I would defend him as much as I could because he is a friend and people don't talk shit about my homies! The truly sad thing is, is that people would say these things simply because he is very passionate about 9/11 and the truth."

If there's one thing I learned about posting on the Internet over the years, it's that if someone wants to start trouble it isn't hard to do. Also, it's easy to manipulate "polls" and "comment votes" when you have 1000 posters asking people to vote a certain way.

As I said earlier, www.911blogger.com used to be a very special site. However, it had **MANY** problems. Originally, it was just Roger deciding on what stories would be posted but eventually, he made it so that anyone could post a blog. The "crazies" came out of the woodwork. They would post about the idea that the planes we saw hit the towers were holograms. They would post – over and over again – the theory that a missile hit the Pentagon. They would post about something referred to as "TV Fakery," which is the idea that everything we saw on TV that day was fake, made-for-TV footage, and that the planes were

actually missiles. They would say that witnesses who said something that didn't coincide with their theory were actors. It was just one big clusterfuck for those of us who were trying to maintain the credibility of this cause.

It seemed like there have been "campaigns" for many different theories over the years, several of which recycle over and over. Groups of people post crap on sites, and not just 9/11 sites but news sites, and political forums as well and after the furor dies down they move on to a next crap theory. Eventually, they start in again with an earlier "campaign." On and on this goes. For instance, as this book is being written the "planes were actually missiles" disinformation meme has reared its ridiculous head again.

I'm going to talk a little about "disinformation" and "misinformation." Disinformation is crap purposefully put out in an effort to discredit a particular person or cause. Misinformation is when well-intentioned people take that disinformation and peddle it, thinking it's right when, in fact, it's not.

I have absolutely no proof whatsoever that anyone is an agent. I will say that the United States Government, or elements within it, have participated in a massive cover-up regarding 9/11 and it isn't inconceivable, at least not to me, that they would put people on the Internet to start crap or post nonsense in an effort to discredit specific individuals or this cause, in general. It's also not inconceivable, at least not to me, that organizations friendly to a particular politician or entity in the United States Government would spend money to put people on the Internet to start crap or post nonsense in an effort to discredit people or this cause. We often see pro-Republican and pro-Democrat posters from different organizations post on sites. It's not a stretch to think that some of those people might have the goal of starting trouble.

One thing that isn't talked about much is that after 9/11 John Ashcroft re-instated COINTELPRO in the United States.

"As noted here, Ashcroft has revived the FBI's totally discredited COINTELPRO program, which flourished from 1956 to 1971, during the anti-war and civil rights movements. In those years, the bureau monitored, infiltrated, and disrupted an array of religious and political organizations that were critical of various government policies." [[VillageVoice](#), 1/15/2002]

"From now on, covert FBI agents can mingle with unsuspecting Americans at churches, mosques, synagogues, meetings of environmentalists, the ACLU, the Gun Owners of America, and Reverend Al Sharpton's presidential campaign headquarters. (He has been resoundingly critical of the cutting back of the Bill of Rights.) These eavesdroppers do not need any evidence, not even a previous complaint, that anything illegal is going on, or is being contemplated." [[VillageVoice](#), 6/4/2002]

"Ashcroft has restored the reckless spirit of COINTELPRO by again giving the FBI the power to conduct investigations under such loose guidelines that the Fourth Amendment might as well be obsolete." [[VillageVoice](#), 11/19/2002]

"The abuses of the Hoover era, which included efforts by the F.B.I. to harass and discredit Hoover's political enemies under a program known as Cointelpro, led to tight restrictions on F.B.I. investigations of political activities. Those restrictions were relaxed significantly last

year, when Attorney General John Ashcroft issued guidelines giving agents authority to attend political rallies, mosques and any event "open to the public." [[NYTimes](#), 11/23/2003]

"Disclosure of a confidential memorandum sent by the FBI to local police disclosing a massive program of infiltration and surveillance of lawful anti-war and anti-WTO protest movements confirms what most progressives and leftists in the U.S. knew already--that the Bush Administration and the Ashcroft "Justice" Department have ushered in a full-fledged return to the Nixon-era practice of employing police-state tactics against opposition movements." [[CounterPunch](#), 11/25/2003]

"Some fear that something like COINTELPRO may again be at hand. There are undercover agents infiltrating peaceful protests in America. Pretending to be political activists, local law enforcement officials are monitoring the activities of advocacy and protest groups based on what one judge calls those organizations' "political philosophies and conduct protected under the First Amendment." The tactic has come about as a result of the relaxation of guidelines first put into place after the COINTELPRO scandal investigation." [[pbs.org](#), 3/5/2004]

If I remember correctly, there was a segment in the film "Fahrenheit 9/11" that talked about how one peaceful organization had been infiltrated by the FBI. There have been many stories like that over the years and I previously mentioned the arrest of anti-war and pro-Palestinian activists. Just look at all of the police and FBI infiltrators in the Occupy Wall Street movement who are there to start trouble and monitor them.

As for the well-intentioned, misinformed people who peddle nonsense, I have more sympathy for them. Very early on, I promoted a lot of information from different authors and independent journalists that I shouldn't have. Much of that information was discrediting to me at work. Karl Schwarz once declared that he had a video showing that one of the planes that hit the towers wasn't the kind of plane we were told it was. He initially seemed like a credible man. I told people at work about it and they mocked me. They were right to because Schwarz never produced anything credible. On September 14th 2004 someone by the name of Stanley Hilton told Alex Jones that he had actual "documents" that showed Bush signed off on 9/11. He said, "Bush personally ordered it to happen. We have some very incriminating documents as well as eye-witnesses, that Bush personally ordered this event to happen in order to gain political advantage, to pursue a bogus political agenda on behalf of the neocons and their deluded thinking in the Middle East." Who was Stanley Hilton? Apparently, he had been a senior staffer to Bob Dole. That sounds like someone we should listen to, right? Well, he never produced any documentation and I believe he was eventually disbarred. Again, people at work had ammunition to discredit me.

Over the years, because I have been so burned by pushing other people's "work" I have developed into a very strict "Devil's Advocate" with regard to everything. This is not a bad thing. If anything, it helps me to improve my arguments. I despise "debunkers" because of their obvious agendas and because they are just some of the most nasty people you would ever want to meet. However, I do look at what they say. Again, if anything, it helps me to strengthen my arguments.

I'm not perfect, not by any stretch of the imagination. I make mistakes. However, I try to learn from my mistakes. I try to correct my mistakes. Sometimes if it's a bad enough mistake, I'll apologize for it. I tend to stay away from people who don't learn from their mistakes or people

who make bad mistakes. Over the years I have tried to judge people by the "fruits of their labor." If over a long period of time someone is consistent or learns from their mistakes and makes a conscious effort not to make them again, I start to trust them. The people I do trust in this movement are some of the most amazing people I've ever met.

Like most activists for this cause, I don't have a Ph.D., or any letters after my name that would bring me automatic credibility in the eyes of others. I have to be extremely careful with the information I promote if I want to seem credible to people or reach them. To me, it's not rocket science. If you push bad information you end up pushing people away.

Let me qualify what I consider to be "bad information." Bad information is a theory promoted as fact for which contradictory information is known. Bad information is information that just sounds "bat-shit crazy" to the average person. (Here's a hint: If you are in this movement that means you are open-minded, so if something sounds "bat-shit crazy" to you, imagine how it will sound to someone outside of this movement). Bad information is information based on bigotry or racism. Bad information is information that might be genuinely disrespectful to a 9/11 Family Member or a 9/11 First Responder. When I see someone posting information like this I try to tell them about why it might be considered bad. This has caused me many problems over the years. People don't like to have their errors pointed out to them.

There are many people in the 9/11 Truth Movement who refuse to acknowledge something might be wrong and if you question them on something they sometimes get furious and take it personally. I get mad. I sometimes unfortunately say, and have said, dumb things when I've gotten angry. However, if I am to be honest with myself, when someone shows me something about what I promote or say that is wrong, I accept it and move on. I want to be a credible activist for this cause.

Sometimes when I've played "Devil's Advocate," I've gotten accused of being an agent or a shill. This is called "snitch-jacketing." According to urbandictionary.com, snitch-jacketing "refers to someone calling someone an informant or a 'snitch' to out them from a group. The FBI and other law enforcement groups use real informants to plant evidence on people who may be a snitch to then create infighting or a witch-hunt. It also makes it difficult for those referred to as snitches, who are in fact snitches, to work within the movement they come from, because people are weary of such a rumor possibly being true. When not used by cops/ security forces/ etc it's usually employed by someone as a low blow, because they can't come up with anything of any merit to accuse, denounce, or argue with someone about."

Two of the biggest snitch-jacketers were Lisa Guliani and Victor Thorne of WingTV. They never really attacked me but they spent a lot of time attacking people from 911truth.org like Janice Matthews, Nicholas Levis and Kyle Hence. They also spent a lot of time attacking people like Michael Ruppert. When Scholars for 9/11 Truth first formed, as I said earlier, I contacted Steven Jones and Jim Fetzer. The reason I did was because they were promoting WingTV. Fetzer had apparently been interviewed by them in the past and I believe David Ray Griffin had endorsed one of Victor Thorne's books. They used to show up at events with their huge "9/11 World Trade Center Controlled Demolition" sign, and they would start problems with people.



Victor Thorne and Lisa Guliani at Lafayette Park in July 2005.

Oddly enough, much of the opposition people have faced over the years has come directly from people who consider or call themselves “members” of the 9/11 Truth Movement.

One of the very first people in the 9/11 Truth Movement to “turn” on me, for reasons that aren’t clear to me, was Eric Hufschmid. Eric was “famous” for putting forward one of the first books about 9/11 skepticism. He used to be invited to speak at events and would often go on speaking “tours” with other activists. Eventually, he started to push the idea that 9/11 was a Zionist crime and started to publicly support “Holocaust Denial.” Many people stopped inviting him places. I may have said something about some of what he was promoting somewhere. I can imagine myself doing that but I honestly don’t know why he started to say the things about me that he did. He once made a movie called “The French Connection” that tried to paint me as a Zionist and 911blogger.com as a Zionist site.

Some people would outright accuse me, while others would casually make the inference. There are maybe two times I can remember where I publicly called someone a “shill.” If there are more, I apologize to those people. The first time was toward someone named Nico Haupt. Nico is the originator of many theories in this movement. He has also spent more time than most attacking different activists in this movement. During the 5th anniversary in 2006 in New York City he tried to goad me into fighting him. I walked away. During the 6th anniversary in 2007 in New York City, as I was walking towards Webster Hall, he spotted me and again tried provoking me into doing something. I was walking along with someone and I completely ignored Nico. He posted that video of me ignoring him online.

Over the years, Nico has written many things about me. Here are a few examples.

“Respect to Roger Peters who runs this portal which is hard work compiling 9/11 news in the tradition of 911skeptics.blogspot.com, my former blog. Unfortunately his blogger brigade is manipulated by one of the biggest idiots, 9/11 truthlings and lowest IQs I ever met since Sep11th: Jonathan Gold. He not only openly confirmed that he worked together with spook and insider Keith Phucas from *Times Herald* (Able Danger limited hangout crap), he’s also hugging pentagon planes and others... A real tool and puppet in the tradition of Kyle Hence, who’s turning this movement backwards and is fooling too many newbies right now...”

"Jonathan 'Hangout' Gold"

"I also don't wanna waste time with distraction concepts like fruitloopers, gatekeepers, trolls, hangouters, mid center shills or dupes at the bottom. The 9/11 perps and 9/11 MIT perps tried to keep us busy with these kind of 9/11 truthlings during the first years after 9/11, to not destabilize the TOP too quickly. The current, meanwhile clearly Orwellianized TOP is [...] the most dynamic news portal of the 9/11 'truth' movement, at 911blogger.com. 911blogger meanwhile basically behaves like another CULT, by building so called 'truthers', though it's still a helpful news platform to analyse hangout crap from Jonathan Gold or John Albanese."

Here's a string of things Nico said about me that I responded to. My responses are in bold.

Most idiotic Hangouter Jonathan Gold doesn't even know the work of Grable and Holmgren and concentrates therefore on Haupt aka ewing2001 only, which he sometimes calls a "damager of the truth". In case of Gold I can only detect a very low level of IQ and the worst Cult Victim of all of them.

I don't follow the work of individuals I think are promoting bad information. Nico Haupt is one of those people, and a "damager of the truth." As for my IQ, it's high enough to detect bullshit.

I analysed also his language in videos and audios. I believe he has no self-confidence at all and possibly was rejected from many friends when he was younger and sees "9/11 Truth" as THE chance to build an ego, desperately overpromotes any kind of 9/11 hangout crap, to become a "truth hero".

No, I'm not doing this to be a "truth hero." I'm doing this because murdering 2,973+ people is wrong, and I demand accountability. Nico, on the other hand, loves to remind people endlessly about his "accomplishments", and "9/11 Truth Resume."

First I tried to feel sorry for him, then we both literally tried to beat up each other in NYC but when we finally met, we ironically both chickened out, which is fun, because he's much stronger than me and might have won a box fight in the third run. Then again, Gold is also a Vendetta type and threatened to kill me once. Maybe that's how the FBI 9/11 perps will set us up one day.

No, we didn't literally try to beat up each other. I walked up to him, and said something like, "You're lucky I don't kick your ass." (He was posting a lot of lies about me at the time on the internet, and I didn't appreciate it.) However, because of Wendi telling me it's not worth it, and because of where we were, and what day it was, I chose not to make a scene. He did threaten to drop kick me in the head. I thought it was hysterical. Anyway, as far as the "death threat" goes... sometimes if someone pushes you enough, you say things you shouldn't. I'm not a violent person, but I can only take so much sometimes.

But some 9/11 analysts and -decoders even give Gold more credit and think he's the

best skill of all of them and works for either IntelOps of Howard Stern or the Porn Industry. I couldn't figure out yet, where *this satire* was created.

Nope, I don't work for Howard Stern, or the Porn Industry.

Another person who has constantly harassed me over the years, and someone I accused of being a "shill," goes by the name Gustavo Espada. He originally started posting at 911blogger.com as "real truther" but eventually, because he started promoting "Holocaust Denial" and other things, he was banned. A friend of his who goes by the name Casseia was another person who posted on my site at one time, as well as on 911blogger.com, and was someone I thought was my friend. Together, they started another site, which essentially became an anti-911blogger.com/anti-Jon Gold site. Over the years, they have written so many horrid things about me. So many lies. So many accusations that I am a this or a that. I always wondered how people could commit so much time to attacking one person. At one time, I made a collection of links to their site that were specifically about me. There were a total of 43, and that was September 2007. Who knows how many there are now. Here are some examples of what they've said.

"I think the behavior of limited hangout and/or misleading distractors like Sibel and Jon Gold has to be examined in the context of the growing awareness in the mainstream that 9/11 Truth is here to stay. As we go critical, they are scrambling to solidify what they see as a united front of feigned consensus. What they are hoping, I think, is that once the "national debate on 9/11" starts, their team will have a head start and pre-empt any real truth from being aired."

"Jon Gold and his sayanim friends probably high-fived all the ops in the bunker. They are having a great night now."

"Here's why preaching the virtue of unity is not a good idea. First, you have to be nice to Jon Gold, which is very very hard. Second, you have to accept that Jon Gold represents the ultimate truther, the highest goal any of us can hope to achieve. I'm all for Jon Gold being a truther if he wants to, and even calling himself one if he must. But I'll be damned if I'm going to let him get away with the constant self-aggrandizement. Why, because I dislike Jonny? No--I do but that's not why. The reason I call him out on his BS is because what he does is set the bar very very low for truthers. Low in terms of inquisitiveness, analytical ability, breadth of scope, likeability, accuracy, and so much else that when people thank him for "all he's done for the movement" I can't help but vomit."

"Sorry that wasn't clear. I am certainly not on the same side as Jon Gold, since his agenda is to pin 9/11 on everyone possible aside from (though he claims in addition to) Israel. Your idea of unity is quite outdated. It was important back in the day but now that we are breaking through it's time to give the people a choice between the LIHOP BS pushed by Jon Gold and, well, the truth. You are entitled to think whatever you want of me and me of you. Hell, I would encourage you to talk about me as much as we talk about Jon Gold if indeed I'm such a damaging influence on the movement. Then maybe I too could be a "celebrity" in the movement like Nico Haupt!"

Jon Gold Continues Hateful Campaign Against Arabs and Muslims

Image of a title to a blog post insinuating I hate Arabs and Muslims.

"The fact is that many people have come to understand that Jon Gold is a pretty good example of a subtle kind of disinfo where he makes no absurd claims, just does his best to make it seem that a) he is more trustworthy than he really is and b) he is convinced of things like that Larry Silverstein is not implicated in the events but Pakistan is."

"First responders and victims' families are not what these people are really into--they use them as goodwill tools for their own limited hangout agenda. Note in the comments Jon Gold tries to sucker Rosie into attending his Keene on LIHOP Symposium. Sickening. Now I know what their response to this will be (one of them anyway) and that is "What have **YOU** done for first responders and the victims' families?" Being able to throw that in the face of those who criticize their LIHOP crap is one big reason why they do the little they do for the aforementioned victims of 9/11--don't doubt that for one second. My answer is of course that fighting LIHOP scumbags and exposing their deceit and hypocrisy in an effort to expose the whole truth about 9/11 over the obnoxious and shrill attention whores and their LIHOP limited hangout agenda is what I have done and will continue to do for all the real victims of 9/11 whom I would not dream of exploiting in the process as some people find it so easy to do. "

I've devoted too much space to them already. Suffice it to say they have been a thorn in my side for years. Before the "9/11 Accountability Conference" in Chandler, Arizona, someone who was a part of the committee for the conference released a book about "Holocaust Denial." From what I remember, he released it a week before the conference. Many of us fought to disassociate him from the conference because of how his interest in "Holocaust Denial" would be used against us. Casseia was one of the people who fought for this. After the event, however, she started promoting exactly the issue she had fought against. I never understood this but after that she was no longer my friend. I don't do it anymore because it is wrong; however, I don't regret calling Nico or Gustavo "shill" or "my personal psyop." I literally have never seen better candidates for the position. One time they even questioned whether or not one of the Jersey Girls was a real 9/11 Family Member. They are disgusting individuals.

My Big List of Facts

Submitted by 9-11 Family Guy on Thu, 2009-10-08 18:09.

I've been refining this, pouring every ounce of my soul [8473 oz. to be precise -gReT] into it and I think it's time for people to compliment me for all my work.

The Facts Prove Bush Did 9/11!

- #1 Bush was the president on 9/11.
- #2 Al Qaeda told Condoleeza Rice they were going to conduct an Attack on America.
- #3 Arab Muslim terrorists known to be working for al Qaeda hijacked four planes on 9/11 and flew them into buildings and the ground.
- #4 Cheney told NORAD not to shoot down any of the hijacked planes--Norman Mineta heard him say this.
- #5 The August PDB said bin Laden was going to attack America. Bush already knew this and told people not to try to stop bin Laden.
- #6 bin Laden's family is rich and does business with Bush's family
- #7 the family members
- #8 the Pakistani ISI wired \$100,000 to Mohammed Atta
- #9 holocaust denying no-planers use divisive terms like LIHOP
- #10 Sibel Edmonds knows a bunch of stuff about Turkish lesbians
- #11 the family members

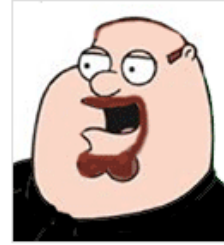


Image of a posting that mocks my article, "The Facts Speak For Themselves."

There's an acronym that you may have noticed spring up occasionally: "LIHOP." That is part of a set, the other one being "MIHOP." The idea is that the Government either Let It Happen On Purpose (LIHOP) or Made It Happen On Purpose (MIHOP). For a very short time I used these terms but eventually I came to see that they are the false "left/right paradigm" of the 9/11 Truth Movement. I also found out that they were "created" by Nico Haupt. Over the years, people started to call me a "LIHOPPER" and did so repeatedly. I used to ask David Ray Griffin to tell people to stop using these divisive terms but he and others continued to use them. The phrases infer that you "know" what happened on 9/11. If there's one thing I've learned over the years it's that I don't know what happened on 9/11 and neither does anyone else (except those involved, of course).

This brings me to another topic. Years ago, our signs said things like "SUPPORT THE 9/11 FAMILY MEMBERS," and "ASK QUESTIONS/DEMAND ANSWERS." Eventually, they started to say things like, "9/11 WAS AN INSIDE JOB!!!" and "NEW WORLD ORDER" and "FALSE FLAG ATTACK" and "9/11 = CONTROLLED DEMOLITION." How can you "know" that 9/11 was an "inside job" and still call for a "real investigation"? This is a contradiction. This started to happen, in my opinion, because of the influence of people like Alex Jones.

Alex, to me, is not an activist. I see Alex Jones as a businessman, someone in the "Conspiracy Theory Industry." There are many people who probably fit into this category of people but he is the one with the most influence because of his radio show and other outlets. I have never been a fan of Alex Jones. Michael Ruppert and he used to go back and forth publicly, and Ruppert almost always made the better points, in my opinion. I don't agree with everything Ruppert says but he was influential to me.

911Truth.org at one point had something on their site that said Alex Jones was "110% energy, 89% accuracy." He has the most highly trafficked 9/11 site and there were several

actions over the years that he wouldn't promote. When movies like "9/11: Press For Truth" would come out he would barely, if at all, promote them. I used to cut him some slack because he managed to get good guests on his show but I found over the years that he, and others like him, are a detriment to this cause.

The entire "WeAreChange" crew was very much influenced originally by Alex Jones and more often than not we would see a video of someone from WAC screaming "murderer" at Larry Silverstein. There are some good people in WAC but there are also the Alex Jones wannabes who have made us look like fools over the years.

One thing that Alex and people like Alex do is say that every horrid thing that happens is a government "conspiracy." This practice is completely discrediting, in my opinion, to this cause. The world is a chaotic place where sometimes, shit happens. In April of 2009, I wrote the following article to address this problem.

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Jon Gold
4/28/2009

Have you ever heard of the boy who cried wolf? If not, here is the story.

There once was a shepherd boy who was bored as he sat on the hillside watching the village sheep. To amuse himself he took a great breath and sang out, "Wolf! Wolf! The Wolf is chasing the sheep!"

The villagers came running up the hill to help the boy drive the wolf away. But when they arrived at the top of the hill, they found no wolf. The boy laughed at the sight of their angry faces.

"Don't cry 'wolf', shepherd boy," said the villagers, "when there's no wolf!" They went grumbling back down the hill.

Later, the boy sang out again, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!" To his naughty delight, he watched the villagers run up the hill to help him drive the wolf away.

When the villagers saw no wolf they sternly said, "Save your frightened song for when there is really something wrong! Don't cry 'wolf' when there is **NO** wolf!"

But the boy just grinned and watched them go grumbling down the hill once more.

Later, he saw a **REAL** wolf prowling about his flock. Alarmed, he leaped to his feet and sang out as loudly as he could, "Wolf! Wolf!"

But the villagers thought he was trying to fool them again, and so they didn't come.

At sunset, everyone wondered why the shepherd boy hadn't returned to the village with their sheep. They went up the hill to find the boy. They found him weeping.

"There really was a wolf here! The flock has scattered! I cried out, "Wolf!" Why didn't you come?"

An old man tried to comfort the boy as they walked back to the village.

"We'll help you look for the lost sheep in the morning," he said, putting his arm around the youth, "Nobody believes a liar...even when he is telling the truth!"

How does this story help those in the 9/11 Truth Movement? Over the years, there have been many horrible things that have happened. The Beltway sniper shootings. The Virginia Tech shootings. Currently, we have the "swine flu" scare. Each time something like these events happen, there is **ALWAYS** someone screaming "false flag terror." This "practice" hurts what we are doing in the 9/11 Truth Movement. If people say that **EVERYTHING** is a "conspiracy," then no one will believe us with regards to 9/11. In my humble opinion, it would be a good idea for people in this movement to stick to 9/11, and everything related to it. This is, after all, the 9/11 Truth Movement.

End of article

Let me put it in a way that's easy to understand. Imagine that you are attacked by a mugger with a gun. This mugger's gun, however, doesn't have any bullets in it. Would you give the mugger ammunition so he could use it against you? Of course you wouldn't. However, in the 9/11 Truth Movement we never run out of stupid. We never run out of people willing to give ammunition to our detractors. Whether or not this is by design I have no idea, but the system of "someone says or does something stupid, our detractors pick it up and use it to paint the whole as something derogatory" has been used against us countless times, both by "debunkers" and by the media.

As I said, I've been burned many times pushing information from other people. As a result, I pretty much push my own information with very few exceptions. I can imagine how many well-intentioned people bought into the idea that beams from space brought down the towers because of Judy Wood. I can imagine how many well-intentioned people bought into the idea that the videos on TV we saw that day were fake because of Nico Haupt. I can imagine how many well-intentioned people bought into the idea that the planes were "cartoons" because of Morgan Reynolds. I don't have to imagine how many times someone pushing that kind of crap has been used against us because I've seen it with my own two eyes.

There must have been hundreds if not thousands of posts by "debunkers" pointing out every stupid thing anyone, myself included, had ever done. I could never comprehend why people didn't understand the idea of not giving ammunition to our detractors. I still don't to this day. But they did it and we have paid a big price for it in terms of credibility for this cause.

This brings me to the issue of promoting every theory publicly. Many times over the years different "scientists" have put forward theories or information that either sounds "bat-shit crazy" or is just completely contradicted. This doesn't seem like "science" to me. To me, a responsible scientist would test a theory, ask other scientists to test that theory to get their input etc., before even thinking about putting forward something publicly. And yet, time and time again discrediting theories have been put forward. Also, in my opinion, the argument that everything that contradicts a theory is fake or planted is also discrediting to the individual who

makes it.

One thing I despise is having to defend myself for the actions of others. I have had to do this too many times to count over the years.

Now, about "debunkers" ... As I said, "debunkers" didn't start springing up until after "Loose Change" came out. I would make a post about Sibel Edmonds or something else about 9/11 on 911blogger.com, and soon a "debunker" would show up to call me names or to question me about "Controlled Demolition." The first "debunker" I remember is someone by the name of Terrence. No matter what you told him, he always tried to bring the argument back to "Controlled Demolition." In fact, it seemed like "Controlled Demolition" was the preferred topic for all "debunkers" over the years. There are entire "debunker" sites dedicated to debunking "Controlled Demolition." I don't know why this is. Sure, they will "tackle" other things (dishonestly), but they sure do love "Controlled Demolition." I think it has to do with the fact that it does sound crazy at first to a lot of people.

Eventually, "debunkers" started to become more "advanced," so to speak. People like Mark Roberts would tackle the "Controlled Demolition" argument and the "missile hitting the Pentagon" argument and write long papers denouncing each. ScrewLooseChange, the "debunking" site was eventually created by Pat Curley and James Bennett and they have been updating their blog regularly since 2006.

When it was announced that I was writing a book, Pat Curley took it upon himself to post this.

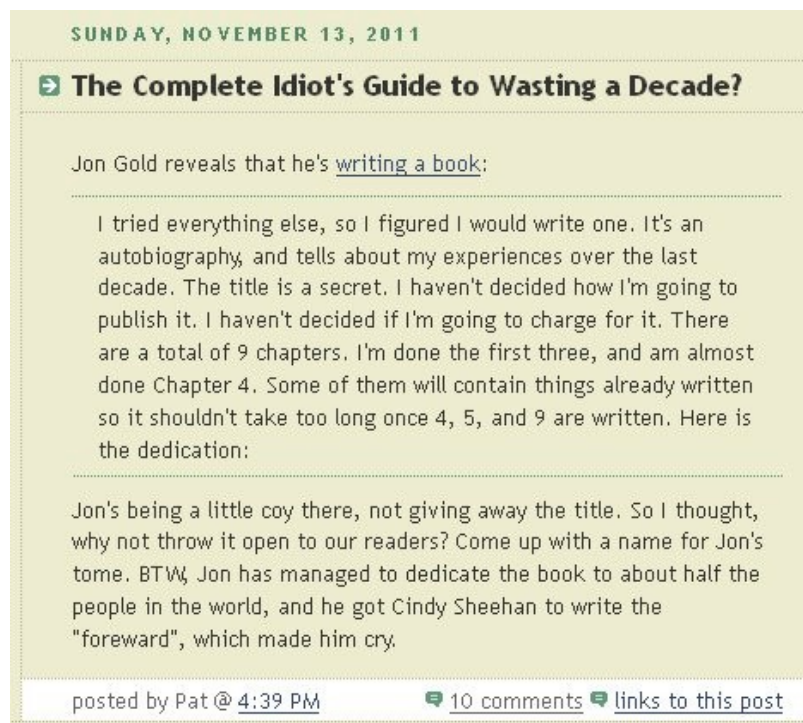


Image of Pat Curley's announcement for my book.

There were a few suggestions for a title for this book in the comments. "You're a liar! - The Fat Deluded Narcissist's guide to gaining attention by having yourself arrested for issues no

one really cares about." ... "Left Out In the Cold: One Man's Pointless Adventures at the Whitehouse." One commenter suggested that I'm trying to "sucker Truthers into forking over cash," and that I am "looking to make a killing out of scamming innocent people into buying his garbage novel." "Debunkers" disgust me. They are some of the most evil people you'd ever want to meet.

Even a former 9/11 Commissioner staffer named Miles Kara started to get into the act but he is clearly agenda-driven, at least in my opinion. For instance, he [wrote a review](#) of Kevin Fenton's book that said, "Fenton is wrong, his thesis is built on a fragment of information unsupported by the vast body of information collected by the Joint Inquiry and the Commission. Fenton owes an apology to the people he has named as wrong doers." However, for Anthony Summers and Robbyn Swann's book called *The Eleventh Day*, a book which attacks the weakest links of the 9/11 Truth Movement in an effort to discredit it (even though much of the other information in their book has been promoted by the 9/11 Truth Movement over the years, and they cite people who are considered to be in the 9/11 Truth Movement like Paul Thompson, John Judge and Kevin Fenton), Kara [said](#), "*The Eleventh Day*, by *New York Times* bestselling authors Anthony Summers and Robbyn Swan, is a game changer, the new definitive timeline for 9/11, a superb and detailed extension of the work of the 9/11 Commission and the Congressional Joint Inquiry." To me, he's just an apologist for the 9/11 Commission.

As the "Controlled Demolition" argument became more prominent, the number of people with letters after their name writing "debunking" papers increased. I believe one or two papers have been published denouncing the idea of "Controlled Demolition."

Between WingTV, Loose Change, David Ray Griffin, Steven Jones, "debunkers" and the media, it didn't take long for the "Controlled Demolition" argument to become **THE** issue of the 9/11 Truth Movement. It never was for me but it did become that for most of the movement. Eventually, people started creating "litmus tests" for people. So long as you believed in "Controlled Demolition" you were accepted into the group. As I said, John Albanese eventually felt that he had to write an article showing acceptance for the argument, it became so bad.

That's when things became very "cult-like." I wrote an article to address the argument of "Controlled Demolition."

This Is Not The Controlled Demolition Movement

Jon Gold
6/6/2007

Yesterday, the [Associated Press](#) reported on some questions that ex-CIA case officer Robert Baer has about 9/11. Putting aside his attempt at linking Iran to 9/11, the one thing that stood out to me in that article was how AP described the "conspiracy theorists" (the 9/11 Truth Movement) as a group of people that "think the U.S. government destroyed the World Trade Center." Is that what we're known for? Is that what we're all about?

I THINK NOT.

However, with all of the attention Controlled Demolition gets within this movement, I can understand why someone might think that. Not the media. Lord knows they've helped to create that appearance with their hit pieces that focus solely on whether or not a missile hit the Pentagon, and whether or not the WTC was brought down by Controlled Demolition. It's easier for the media to deal with us if we're only about one or two issues.

There are **OTHER** aspects to 9/11 Truth that don't involve "science," and it's time they start getting **AS MUCH** attention, if not more.

Today, most of our signs say, "WTC7," "9/11 Was An Inside Job," "9/11 Was A Black Op," and "USA Did 9/11." Signs in the movement used to say, "Support The 9/11 Families," and "Call For A New Investigation." Those points are just as valid today, as they were 4-5 years ago.

When most people get on the television, the first thing they do is talk about Controlled Demolition. When most people are interviewed on the radio, the first thing they do is talk about Controlled Demolition.

We cannot allow the media or anyone else for that matter help create the image that all we're about is how we "think the U.S. government destroyed the World Trade Center."

In the last year, we've seen [family members](#) declare the 9/11 Commission "derelict in its duties", and question the "entire veracity" of the 9/11 Report. We've seen [family members](#) call for an entirely new investigation into the 9/11 attacks. We've seen a documentary released endorsed by the [family members](#) that calls into question the entire 9/11 Report. We've seen a petition released by the [family members](#) calling for the declassification of pertinent 9/11 documentation. We've seen [family members](#) support the 9/11 Truth Movement by appearing at a recent conference in Arizona. Recently, [family members](#) filed a petition with NIST, and we learned that new [family members](#), John and Bev Titus, spoke out in support of the truth.

When Fahrenheit 9/11 was released, those of us in the movement would stand outside of movie theaters and chant, "There's More To The Story." Some of us even got angry with Michael Moore because his movie only told half-truths.

If this movement continues to make Controlled Demolition its' focal point, then we are no better than Michael Moore.

9/11 Truth is about absolute accountability, and absolute truth regarding the attacks of 9/11. Each question we have, each piece of evidence we find, are all a part of achieving those goals.

End of article

Here are some of my problems with the "Controlled Demolition" argument.

I have learned from being on Facebook that not only is the controlled demolition theory hard for a lot of people in general to believe, it is hard for a lot of 9/11 First Responders to believe. These are people who were there. Countless hit pieces have been dedicated to it, and quite a

few documentaries have been created that are committed to debunking the argument from companies like the BBC and National Geographic. Unfortunately, people believe what the TV tells them, and the TV has told them for years that we are a group of people who think that "explosives were planted in the buildings," that "a missile hit the Pentagon," that we are "anti-semitic holocaust denying murdering psycho terrorist sympathizers who drink kool aid," and it might be in our best interest to act **DIFFERENTLY** than what the TV tells people.



Political Cartoon mocking the idea of a "Controlled Demolition."

Also, I'm **NOT** a scientist, an engineer or a physicist. I am **NOT** qualified to tell **ANYONE** what happened to those buildings. I am **NOT** qualified to tell **ANYONE** whether or not the nano-thermite paper is credible. When I'm not qualified to understand something, all I can do is base my decision on whether or not I'm going to promote something on the credibility and behavior of the one promoting it. With the exception of people like Jim Hoffman, I trust very few people with regards to the "Controlled Demolition" argument. I have listened to people like Richard Gage debate people and sadly, most times he doesn't win convincingly, at least in my opinion.

I do have questions about those buildings. Larry Silverstein said he spoke to the Fire Department Commander and they made the decision to "pull" the building. It has been found that Daniel Nigro is the only person who could have been that Fire Department Commander and Daniel Nigro swears he never spoke to Larry Silverstein. He also says it was not a "Controlled Demolition." I spoke to him on the telephone and he even wrote something [online](#) about it. This seems very odd to me. However, I think simply because he owns the buildings, Larry Silverstein should be made to come forward and testify, publicly and under oath.

When Justin Keogh, a member of ae911truth.org took over 911blogger.com, it became almost like ae911truth.org's sister site. I stopped posting there.

After all is said and done, it comes down to this for me with regards to the "Controlled Demolition" argument. Bob McIlvaine, Lorie Van Auken and quite a few family members question NIST's investigations. If the question is important to them, then it is important to me. It was a crime scene, after all.

Talking about Larry Silverstein brings me to another subject. Bigotry. More times than not, the people who are saying that 9/11 was a "Zionist crime" turn out to be agenda-driven anti-Jewish people. I say anti-Jewish because the term "anti-Semite" makes no sense since everyone in that region of the world is considered to be a Semite. I have been accused too many times to count simply because I am Jewish.

Eventually, a "prominent" member of the 9/11 Truth Movement named Kevin Barrett started pushing the Zionist line. He says that he is a Muslim but I have many Muslim friends who question the authenticity of this claim, at least as far as his belief system goes. Keep in mind that when Kevin Barrett was most "prominent" I was his [biggest supporter](#). I even got Donna Marsh O'Connor to agree to be a guest on his show once. However, Kevin turned out to be a real asshole. Here is an exchange between Kevin and I.

Bigotry In The 9/11 Truth Movement

Jon Gold
11/2/2009

For years, I have had to deal with individuals making up narratives about me using my religion of birth which is Judaism.

Eric Hufschmid made a movie entitled "The French Connection" which had these pictures in it.



From Eric Hufschmid's "French Connection."



From Eric Hufschmid's "French Connection."

These [idiots](#) have depicted me as a Zionist, among many other things, more times than I

can count. This poll was taken from their site.

How likely is it that Jon Gold is being paid by Zionists like Larry Silverstein to infiltrate the 9/11 Truth Movement?

Submitted by gretavo on Thu, 2008-08-28 02:58.

Very likely, Jon Gold seems to be a fake truther whose job is to point the finger at Arabs and Muslims and away from Zionists



100% (2 votes)

Not likely, Jon Gold seems to be an intelligent, well informed, sincere and caring man fighting his guts out to expose the truth

0% (0 votes)

Total votes: 2

Because of them, I addressed their "concerns" in [this updated article](#) about Ray McGovern.

Recently, I found out that there is a [nasty rumor](#) going around that I was "going around to 9/11 truth sub-groups offering financial support under the condition that they did not talk about Israeli involvement in the attacks."

In July of this year, Kevin Barrett appeared on [mainstream AM radio](#). During that interview he said, "starting a war by invading someone else's country, somebody who didn't strike you first, is the supreme crime--worse than genocide, **worse than toasting six million Jews.**"

I took offense to Kevin's callousness, and posted about it [here](#) on 8/31/2009. The next day, Kevin [wrote about](#) how I am a "pugnacious Zionist LIHOPper," and that I was part of "the same clique Webster Tarpley had outed as cointelpro operatives or dupes back in mid-2007."

I tried to ignore what Kevin said, but as I told Kevin in the correspondence you are about to read, people pick up on the lies like Kevin has told, and actually think it is the truth. This is my last attempt at trying to dissuade people of this lie.

Given that Kevin still equates me as being a Zionist even after I showed him all of the evidence to the contrary, it is my opinion that Kevin Barrett is nothing more than a bigot with a bigoted agenda. It is also my opinion that people like Kevin should not be tolerated or promoted within the 9/11 Truth Movement.

Here is our correspondence:

Kevin,

You have referred to me as a "pugnacious Zionist LIHOPper," and even referenced Webster Tarpley's "outing" of me as COINTELPRO in your article.

<http://truthjihad.blogspot.com/2009/09/in-may-2008-i-announced-i-was-running.html>

- 1) *What proof do you have that I am a Zionist?*
- 2) *What proof do you have that I am a "cointelpro operative?"*

I have every intention of posting this correspondence for everyone to see.

Jon Gold

His response...

Jon,

Everybody knows you're pugnacious. Look in a mirror. (Nothing wrong with pugnacity when it's appropriate.)

Since you turned against me (and later started sending busy people spam emails attacking me) shortly after an email exchange in which I explained why I was anti-Zionist, and you reacted angrily, I assume that was the real reason for your sudden enmity. If you are in fact not pro-Zionist, just post something somewhere saying either "I, Jon Gold, oppose a Jewish state in Palestine," or "I, Jon Gold, am neutral on the question of a Jewish state in Palestine." I will then issue a retraction. If you don't want to do that, fine. Nothing wrong with being pro-Zionist. It just means we disagree on one issue.

As for LIHOP, you emailed me a question for David Griffin last January that seemed to be pleading for a place for LIHOPPERS in the 9/11 truth movement. David shot that down, saying that now that controlled demolition has been proven, LIHOP is irrelevant and extinct. (My summary, not the exact words, which can be heard at the archive at <http://web.archive.org/web/20100127094855/http://noliesradio.org/archives/category/archived-shows/fair-balanced>.) If you agree with David, just post a statement saying so, and I'll retract that as well.

I would be happy to re-establish cordial relations with you. I get along fine with lots of people with whom I have bigger political disagreements than I have with you. Let me know if you want to have a private phone conversation, or would like to schedule a slot on the radio.

Kevin

PS If you're going to publish this exchange, please publish it complete and unabridged. I'll do the same.

My response...

To which exchange are you referring to? John Bursill started an exchange because he was concerned about the state of the movement, and I responded to him. Then that exchange suddenly included people like Barrie Zwicker, David Ray Griffin, etc...

Which email exchange did I react angrily to? Was it when your campaign manager Rolf Lindgren was attacking people left and right on your behalf including me? Mocking my

efforts during an "Eleventh Of Every Month Action?"

I'm just curious as to why you would refer to me as a Zionist. That's the real question I want you to answer. What possible reason in the world would you have to believe that I am a Zionist?

Would a Zionist introduce the [topic](#) of Israel's possible involvement in the 9/11 attacks to the most popular 9/11 Truth site in the world?

Would a Zionist post [more about Israel](#) than most people in this movement, including those who consider themselves to be "Anti-Zionist" such as yourself?

Would a Zionist post about people like [Jack Abramoff](#), [Elliott Abrams](#), [Michael Chertoff](#), [Douglas Feith](#), [Richard Perle](#), [Larry Silverstein](#), [Paul Wolfowitz](#), and [Dov Zakheim](#) in my "[Who Is? Archives?](#)"

*Would a Zionist promote [more than anyone on the planet](#) (that is **VERY** outdated) 9/11 Whistleblower Sibel Edmonds who calls out the country of Israel?*

Would a Zionist post about the Larry Franklin scandal [over](#), and [over](#), and [over](#), and [over](#), and [over](#) again?

Would a Zionist adamantly oppose the recent [Lebanon War](#), and [Gaza Wars](#)?

Would a Zionist include Israel in Facts #1, #21, and #50 (the who benefitted fact) in an article entitled, "[The Facts Speak For Themselves](#)?"

Would a Zionist make a [bunch of movies](#) that asks the question of Israeli involvement in the 9/11 attacks?

*Would a Zionist get **REALLY** pissed off after reading [this article](#)?*

Would a Zionist [write an article](#) denouncing attacks against Ray McGovern because he is critical of the U.S.'s favoritism (to put it nicely) towards Israel, and try to save the image of the 9/11 Truth Movement at the same time?

Would a Zionist contact the only person who could have been the "[Fire Department Commander](#)" Larry Silverstein was referring to?

Again, what possible reason in the world would you have to believe that I am a Zionist?

As for LIHOP... Dr. Griffin and I recently had an exchange about this very matter. Here is exactly what I told him...

"As for "letting it happen..." That is an impossibility. Protocols that were in place should have prevented the majority of the attacks. They had to take an active role, whatever that role may have been. I am not ashamed to say that I don't know what happened on 9/11. I don't know. I've been doing this just as long, if not longer than you, and I don't know. I have read everything there is to read on 9/11. In some cases 10x over. I don't know.

9/11 was a crime. What I **DO KNOW** is that elements within our Government and others have **EARNED** the title of suspect for the crime of 9/11."

I also said...

*"It's no different than the false "left/right paradigm." It is a division among the people in the 9/11 Truth Movement. Or... that is how it is used, and has been for years. Most people who use the terms seem to **FORGET** that the United States Government uses people from the Middle East through proxies between the ISI, Saudi Arabia, MI5, Mossad, etc... for terrorist purposes. People who may very well be Muslim. People who may very well be Arab. That doesn't mean you blame the entire religion or race. You blame the individuals. People like Kevin Barrett think LIHOP means you are trying to "keep the focus on the evil Muslims..." or commit a "blood-libel" against an entire race of people. Nothing can be further from the truth. As Donna Marsh O'Connor said at the United Nations on 9/11/2005, "is one Arab the same as all Arabs? How **DARE** that work in this country." I don't know what happened on 9/11, or who was involved. You blame the individuals responsible, not entire religions, races or ideologies. And in my opinion, part of the blame falls on us for allowing the system that brought us the 9/11 in the first place. Through our complacency."*

So Kevin, the terms LIHOP and MIHOP are "irrelevant and extinct" yes, but not because of Controlled Demolition, but because they have outlived their usefulness (if they ever had any), and are divisive.

Again, what possible reason in the world would you have to believe that I am a Zionist?

Jon Gold

His response...

On Nov 1, 2009, at 10:49 AM, Jonathan Gold wrote:

I'm just curious as to why you would refer to me as a Zionist. That's the real question I want you to answer. What possible reason in the world would you have to believe that I am a Zionist?

I already answered that. One more time: I noticed you started attacking me immediately after an email exchange in which I expressed anti-Zionist sentiments and you responded angrily, then went on the warpath against me.

Zionism means the establishment and maintenance of a Jewish state in Palestine. I assume that you, like most US Americans, probably support that. When you seemingly reacted angrily to my anti-Zionist opinions, that suggested to me that you are in fact not only pro-Zionist, but have strong feelings in that direction. Your opinions on Israeli links to 9/11 and the other issues you list do matter, and I agree with most of them, but they have no direct bearing on whether or not you are a (pro-)Zionist.

If you oppose a Jewish state in Palestine, just tell me, and I'll issue a retraction.

Alternatively, I will be happy to re-state my opinion that (pro-)Zionists are not necessarily bad nor are they necessarily wrong on other issues.

And if you want to talk it out, let me know.

Kevin

PS You might want to listen to my interview with Steve Alten, archived at the same NoLiesRadio.org link I sent you, in which Steve and I went over some of the same ground. He's a strong supporter of the Jewish state, yet doesn't want to be called a Zionist. That's like being a strong supporter of the ideas of Marx and not wanting to be called a Marxist. Since he couldn't offer his own definition of Zionism, I'm afraid he lost that particular debate.

If you listen to my recent and upcoming shows, you'll see how this works. Last night's guest Richard Falk is skeptical of Zionism (the Jewish state project) but not a declared anti-Zionist. He's professedly neutral on Zionism, thus neither a pro- nor an anti-Zionist. Philip Weiss, this coming Tuesday's guest, is a declared anti-Zionist (he opposes having a Jewish state in Palestine). Likewise with Gilad Atzmon, the following Tuesday's guest. All of these people would basically agree with the definition listed above in boldface. For what it's worth, virtually all Muslims are anti-Zionist, but might be willing to compromise on the issue in certain circumstances...like right of return and return to '67 borders.

By the way, for the past several years, Iran has been targeted by vicious attacks and even more vicious threats purely due to its VERBAL support of anti-Zionism. Same with Hamas and Hezbollah.

My response...

Which email exchange did I react angrily to? Do you have it? I do not believe I reacted angrily because of "anti-Zionist" sentiments, nor do I believe I went on a "warpath" because of it.

I remember I was angry with you because you had these individuals on your show.

<http://www.911blogger.com/node/16943>

*Even **AFTER** I told you about the hell they have put me through. You had them on so you could talk about "the ridiculous LIHOP "blame Pakistan" and "blame the Saudis" Islamophobic hang-outs" and "evidence implicating Israel and Zionists is off-limits" on 911blogger.com.*

<http://web.archive.org/web/20080802001358/http://www.barrettforcongress.us/lamadrid.htm>

*As I have shown you, 911blogger.com has heavily promoted information pertaining to Israel's possible role in the 9/11 attacks. I have shown you that I have also **HEAVILY** promoted information pertaining to Israel's possible role in the 9/11 attacks, as well as a plethora of other information regarding Israel. And yet, even back then you lied, and said*

that "evidence implicating Israel and Zionists is off-limits." You were promoting disinformation.

Just like you are promoting disinformation suggesting that I am a Zionist. Did you know people pick up on that Kevin? Did you know there are actually people who think I am a Zionist because of people like you, and because of people like the idiots I mentioned above? Do you know that there are now people suggesting that I pay groups not to discuss Israel?

I'm not a Zionist Kevin. As I have said countless times... I do not support America's policies regarding Israel. I do not support AIPAC's influence over American politicians. I do not support Israel's connection to the wiretapping of this country. I do not support using the Holocaust as a "get out of jail free card." I do not support Israel being allowed to have nuclear weapons, and being able to dictate who does, and doesn't have them in the Middle East. I do not support Israel's settlements. I do not support how Israel's soldiers treat Palestinians. I **DO NOT** support the recent U.S. supported wars against Lebanon, and the Gaza Strip. I **DO NOT** support the "anti-semitic" label as it is used by those who wish to support Israel's criminality. I **DO NOT** support how the American media is geared towards making Israel look like the forever good guy.

However, I do not blame the entire ideology of Zionism for 9/11. I blame the individuals responsible.

The way my Aunt explained Zionism to me, someone who has taught Hebrew school for 30 years, Zionism is essentially a belief that Israel must be protected no matter the cost or the detriment to those around it. Christian Zionists believe that Israel needs to be "fruitful and multiply" in order for Jesus to return. Kevin, did you know that Christian Zionists outnumber Jewish Zionists?

Speaking of Dr. Griffin, he doesn't promote Israel's possible involvement in the 9/11 attacks, and never has. And yet, I have for as long as I can remember, or at least information suggesting they may have been involved, and I get labeled a Zionist by people like you. Why doesn't Dr. Griffin face your wrath? Why is there this obvious "double standard?"

Personally Kevin, I think the real reason you referred to me as a Zionist is because I am Jewish. I don't expect you to admit that, but it sure seems that way. Given that there's no reason in the world for you to think of me as a Zionist for the reasons I have already pointed out.

I listened to your talk with Steve Kevin, and he was right about **A LOT**. For instance, you seem to think that the Zionists are responsible for all the world's problems. At least, you come across that way.

The Defense Industry Lobbies, the Pharmaceutical Lobbies, the Alcohol Lobbies, the Gun Rights Lobbies, the Tobacco Lobbies, the Insurance Lobbies, etc... etc... etc... all may have something to say about that.

Jon

His response...

Jon,

Had you not attacked me, I would not have attacked you.

Is that simple enough?

Your transparently bogus excuse for attacking me is that I invite people with widely varying views on my show. Some of them, you and I will vehemently disagree with. (Get ready for next Saturday's show!) But don't attack me personally because you don't like a modest percentage of my over 500 (so far) guests. Attack the guests! Phone in! Post anything anywhere! If on the other hand you have a problem with MOST or ALL of my guests, then maybe you should just turn the dial.

I have never initiated any attacks on you. But I do support DWI (Defending While Islamic). Google those words for more information on that.

I'm sure that you realize that when you attack someone personally, that person is likely to construe your motivation in a negative light...especially when the stated motivation is so completely and obviously bogus.

By the way, I also respond well to peace overtures, which is more than I can say for some people ;)

Kevin

My response...

*When did I attack you Kevin? Was it that time I criticized you for not calling out Webster Tarpley for referring to me, Michael Wolsey, Cosmos, Arabesque and Jenny Sparks as COINTELPRO on a stage in New York City during an anniversary? You claim to have spoken to him after the fact, but what you **SHOULD** have done was called him out then and there as I understand Steve Alten called you out recently in NY. Was it that time I criticized you for supporting Webster Tarpley's [actions](#) concerning Cindy Sheehan?*

There was a time Kevin when I was your biggest supporter. I have probably 100 Kevin Barrett posts on my site. Now, I think you are a detriment to everything I stand for. There is a reason for that. You say that you "invite people with widely varying views" on your show, but don't realize, or maybe you do, that a lot of the people you do have on completely and totally destroy the credibility of the cause of 9/11 Truth. You have no regard for our credibility. That is why you were banned from 911blogger.com. It had nothing to do with the fact that you are a Muslim like you claim. Another lie.

*Why do you lie Kevin? Why do you lie about hard working people like Cosmos who is responsible for the "Eleventh Of Every Month Action." The **ONLY** sustained action within this movement. Why did you feel it necessary to write the people organizing the Australia event to complain about Cosmos participation? Because he has a thread on his site with*

a collection of deplorable things you and people associated with you have done over the years? Hello? Does it register? I doubt it.

*People like you have tacked on years to this cause. **YEARS**. That is unforgivable.*

Jon

P.S. This is the 9/11 Truth Movement. Not the anti-Zionist Movement. Even though people like you, and others try to make it that way.

His response...

Jon,

The problem isn't that you're pugnacious. Nor is that intellectually, you're utterly mediocre, and that's being charitable. Nor is it that you're pro-Zionist. Lots of my friends and colleagues support a Jewish state in Palestine, and that's their business.

The problem is that the combination of your stupidity, Zionism, and pugnaciousness makes you a huge waste of time, and a drain on the resources of the 9/11 truth movement.

I have never once in my life attacked anyone in the 9/11 truth movement if they didn't attack me first. Why not? Because it just leads to a time-wasting flame war.

But you...all you DO, besides posting moronic home movies that even your dog wouldn't want to watch, and idiotically predictable commentary that even your mom wouldn't want to read, is attack people (mostly people who are at least 50 IQ points and oodles of education ahead of you) and start flame wars. The Internet, which puts everyone--morons like you and erudite geniuses like Tarpley--on the same level, has contributed to your developing a wildly inflated opinion of yourself. Like the F student who protests the hardest against not getting an A, you're too dumb to realize how dumb you are.

If you aren't an op, you might as well be. My best guess is that you're just an intellectually-mediocre pugnacious Zionist lihopper who has somehow come into enough money to spend your whole life wasting the 9/11 truth movement's time. You and Brian Good are each other's evil twins. Maybe you two should get together and wank each other while you fantasize about the 9/11 truth leaders you love to hate.

Over and out.

Kevin

My response...

Thanks Kevin. This is pretty much all I needed.

Jon

End of Correspondence

That correspondence mentioned Webster Tarpley, so I may as well tell you a little bit about the incident concerning him. There are a number of articles written about what eventually became known as the "[Kennebunkport Warning](#)" on Arabesque's site, arabesque911.blogspot.com. I suggest that if you're interested, you go read them. Very simply, Webster Tarpley referred to Cindy Sheehan as a "wretched individual" in an email correspondence and I called him out for it. As a result, on a stage in New York City, during the 6th anniversary event, Webster Tarpley accused me of being COINTELPRO. He also accused Michael Wolsey, Cosmos, Arabesque and Jenny Sparks as being COINTELPRO for other reasons. I still have people tell me that I am COINTELPRO because of it, and it's now the year 2011. I must thank Webster, however, because if not for his stupidity, I would never have met Cindy Sheehan. See, after he called her a name, I sent her an email apologizing on behalf of the good people in the 9/11 Truth Movement. We've been friends ever since and today, I can't imagine life without her. So even though you never once tried to apologize for what you did, thank you, Webster, for giving me such a gift.

Jon Gold

Jon Gold is a jew, and an obvious example of the jewish criminal network at work in the 9/11 truth movement.

According to writer and 9/11 researcher [John Kaminski](#), Jon Gold approached several 9/11 truth groups **offering financial support** under the condition that they did not talk about Israeli involvement in the attacks.

Jon Gold works closely with Alex Jones, Jason Bermas, and Jon Elinoff. He sits on the **Advisory Board** of 911Truth.org, and controls another website, [Truthmove.org](#).

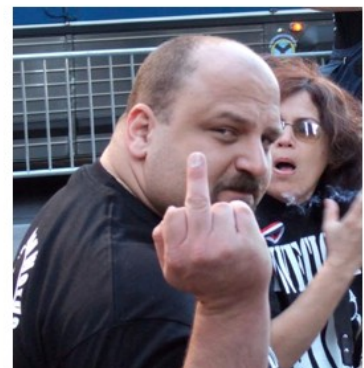
This site contains a "list of associations that are damaging and marginalizing the movement". Among the offending associations are "Holocaust denial/revisionism and Jewish conspiracy theories".

He co-founded 911Blogger, then **quit the site** because too many posts were commenting on controlled demolition.

"This is my last blog post to 911blogger. This isn't the Controlled Demolition Movement, and yet every other post is about exactly that. The "message" of 911Blogger.com no longer matches my own... I am done."

He's obviously not photogenic, and appears to be a bit player in the truth movement. However, at the website for the recent **Treason in America Conference** held March 6th and 7th, he is pictured at the lower left corner. All the major players in the 9/11 truth movement attended, yet Jon Gold is listed as "master of ceremonies".

From the thepopulist.net



Jon Gold, 9/11 Truth Activist, Writer, Researcher
& Master of Ceremonies

A Posting with a bunch of lies about me.

I would like to address "debunkers" a little bit more. Here are some comments that were once posted on ScrewLooseChange. I believe they have since been deleted but one of the individuals involved, Troy Sexton, has been heavily promoted by ScrewLooseChange over the years. He is a despicable human being who has harassed people like [Bob McIlvaine](#) and John Feal. He has also crank-called my house, and other people, on numerous occasions.

Begin Comments

I want Jon Gold to set himself on fire for 911 Truth.

troyfromwv | 11.11.08 - 7:59 am |

Jon Gold: Someone will kill you, you know that right? You think you can get away with all this shit you troofers are doing you anti American pieces of shit!

If all else fails I will visit my local wildlife store, buy a nice knife, stalk you and then one night when your fat ass is bouncing on the sidewalk on its way home I will stab you until you can no longer spout all your America hating shit anymore. I will stand beside you watching you bleed to death and then I'll call 9/11 so they can get you away from sight for ever.

Just know that when you do your next "video".

Todd | 10.13.08 - 4:50 am | #

Wow!

That sounds violent Todd.

How much do you need for the knife?

LOL!

H.C. | 10.13.08 - 5:44 am | #

You go Todd. I sure hope you won't wait too long. Maybe you could record it and upload it to youtube?

Jon Gold is faaaaaaat | 10.13.08 - 5:54 am | #

I too feel that Jon has gone too far with the bullshit. You go do what you feel you have to Todd, don't listen to the silly twoofers trying to tell you otherwise. You are my hero if you do what you say you are going to.

Darth Troofer | Homepage | 10.13.08 - 7:22 am | #

Do it Todd. You've got my support. Gut the fat fuck.

troyfromwv | 10.13.08 - 8:26 am | #

End of Comments

Because of people like Troy harassing John Feal, my relationship with him became strained over the years, and I can't say I blame him. The "debunker" Mark Roberts once tried to befriend John Feal so he could convince him that everyone in the 9/11 Truth Movement was bad.

Some people held fundraisers for the 9/11 First Responders but then never sent the FealGood Foundation any money. This also caused problems between John and I, and made

doing something I loved to do, fundraising for 9/11 First Responders, impossible. Also, people in the 9/11 Truth Movement used to call John to ask him questions about Controlled Demolition and things like that, which annoyed the shit out of him.

Again, I will always deeply respect and admire John Feal. I have no ill will towards him at all, and I do understand where he is coming from.

I have mentioned the "media" several times throughout this book. I have given examples of them ignoring certain stories and I have talked a little bit about their hit pieces. I can't possibly count the amount of hit pieces that have been written over the years against the 9/11 Truth Movement. There are just that many.

The media in this country owes the 9/11 families and the people of the world a huge apology. They also owe the 9/11 families and the people of the world some real news concerning the cover-up of 9/11.

The way the media is now, owned by a few, it will never change, but it must. If the media had done its job covering the questions of 9/11 as they should have, I would never have had to do what I've done over the last 10 years. If the media didn't focus on the fringe of this movement and do its very best to paint the whole as crazy as the fringe, people might take advocates for 9/11 Justice more seriously. Instead, because of the media backlash over the years, people don't want to associate with anyone like me, which was probably the intent all along. I remember a time when people like Howard Zinn, Gore Vidal and many other prominent people were on our side but because of the way the media and debunkers have painted us over the years, it's now very hard to get someone of notoriety to speak out. Basically, if you don't like "truthers" or "9/11 Truthers" or if someone even brings up 9/11 and you wince, it's because you have been watching too much TV.

This might explain the behavior of people like Brian Becker from ANSWER and sites like DailyKos and HuffPo that for years have refused to acknowledge in any significant way the cover-up of 9/11. However, it's still no excuse so shame on them.

Because of America's myths (read Cindy Sheehan's two books on the subject) many Americans simply refuse to believe that elements within our government could have been criminally complicit in the 9/11 attacks. This has been a hurdle many activists have had to face over the years. The information that suggests criminality isn't a figment of my or others' imagination. It truly exists and if you are willing to look you will see it. There are questions that need to be answered in a credible way. I think we would be irresponsible as citizens to ignore it, considering what that day has been used for.

Have you ever been called a "Conspiracy Theorist" fighting for this cause? Of course you have – by friends, by family and mostly, by the media. Dictionary.com defines the word "conspiracy" as "an evil, unlawful, treacherous, or surreptitious plan formulated in secret by two or more persons; plot." By definition, the 9/11 attacks were a "conspiracy." Either you think that 9/11 was a "conspiracy" carried out by 19 hijackers, Osama Bin Laden and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, or... you disagree with that account regarding the "conspiracy" known as the 9/11 attacks. "Conspiracies" happen all of the time. Remember the "conspiracy" that Duke Cunningham took part in, or the one involving Tom DeLay? Not enough? How about the "conspiracy" that Jack Abramoff took part in? Don't let the mainstream media or anyone else

fool you into thinking conspiracies never happen or that questioning them is a bad thing. They do happen. If the media did its job maybe we wouldn't have so many questions about the "conspiracy" known as the 9/11 attacks. What about the 9/11 Family Members seeking justice? Certainly they are not "conspiracy theorists." They just want to know how their loved ones were murdered and why, and bring whomever is responsible to justice.

One of the biggest problems I've had to endure because of my work for 9/11 Justice are health problems. Having to deal with this day in and day out has caused me a great deal of stress. As a result, I now get panic attacks, and I have to take Paxil for them. Years ago, when I was about two years into this, a friend of mine sent me a link. He didn't bother to tell me what the link was so I just clicked on it. It happened to be photographs of the beheaded Nick Berg. Now, I don't normally have a stomach for such things so it freaked me out. The next morning I experienced my very first panic attack. I do **NOT** like panic attacks. I started to get them more frequently. I was **NEVER** willing to take medication throughout my whole life for depression, but to stop the panic attacks? You bet your ass I took medication. They are very scary, as anyone who has experienced them will tell you. Hence, the name.

Also, because I spend a great deal of time sitting on my ass in front of a computer I've put on a few pounds and now have high blood pressure because of it. My plan was to eventually meet a girlfriend and have sex on a regular basis (it helps you lose weight) but that hasn't happened yet.

Do I have any regrets? Not about having to deal with any of this crap. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." The only thing I might have changed was saying at one time that "Bush was responsible for 9/11" or "Cheney was responsible for 9/11." In my opinion, they have certainly earned the title of suspect for the crime of 9/11 but to state it as fact, in a country where you are innocent until proven guilty, is wrong.

The "Post-9/11 World" affects all of us. I have a brother who, if the draft was reinstated, would be a good candidate for it. My cousins have had babies, and I want those babies to grow up in a good and just world.

I have done my very best. I have sacrificed and endured a lot. And I would do it all again.



My greatest experiences in the 9/11 Truth Movement

This is going to be a fun chapter to write. A lot of this book is about so many negative things; it's about time you saw some of the good things that have happened to me as an advocate for 9/11 Justice.

Long ago, someone by the name of "lucheese" posted this on the HSBB.

"Dear Gold9472, amen to you brother. I admire you for fighting in something you believe in with such great passion. At first when I started to read your posts I like many others thought you were just a crazy person ranting on about a conspiracy theory, I was wrong. So I started to educate myself about these topics at hand with the literature/videos that Gold had presented to the community. After hours of reading/watching I came to my final verdict. I was shocked at the cold hard facts slapping me in the face. I want to thank Gold for taking the time to educate me and many others. People of this board who constantly put him down, I laugh at you. You are fighting a lost cause. Do you really think he would go to such extremes just to get a rise out of you? Honestly come on now. This hate needs to stop. All the power to you Gold9472. Hopefully some day this country will wake from its eternal slumber."

In May 2006, an anonymous someone sent me the following message.

"I have listened to your two recent interviews and it was good to hear your opinion and research that you have done about 9/11. So I would just like to say thank you for being an honest person (an American!) and trying to let all the other brainwashed/stubborn? Americans that there is more to 9/11 than what the govt is telling. I know there are many more people like you out there, I visit your website daily and really appreciate it. I think I have told you this before, but I am from Iraq (Assyrian) and I certainly have respect for Americans like you, Thank you."

p.s sorry for my English is not 100%"

That really made my day.

On September 1st 2006, I sent my very first email to Lorie Van Auken. Here is that email, and the response I got.

Begin correspondence

Dear Mrs. Van Auken,

This letter might seem a little odd coming out of the blue like this, but to be honest, this is the first time I've had your contact information. I asked a friend for it, and he sent it along. I am very grateful that he did.

The reason I wanted to contact you is because you, Kristen Breitweiser, Mindy Kleinberg,

and Patty Casazza, are all heroes to me. I have admired the four of you for several years now.

You may or may not know who I am. I don't know how much you follow the "9/11 Truth Movement". My name is Jon Gold. I have been a part of this "thing" since sometime in 2002. I've devoted my whole life to making sure those who are responsible for the atrocities of that day, are held accountable for their actions.

The thing that motivated me to do this was the four of you. I saw how you had to fight, and I wanted more than anything to help you, and to this day, I still do.

I am very sorry for the loss of your husband. As I told Mr. McIlvaine a few months ago, I can't imagine what it feels like to be someone who knows what's going on, and has that to deal with on top of it.

I recently read about an experience you had at a movie theater, and it made me very angry. To know that you were in pain made me cry. I want the pain to end for you, and all of the other family members, even though I know it never will.

Hopefully, when everything is said and done, you will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that those who were responsible, were also held accountable.

I don't know if you've seen the finished version of "9/11: Press For Truth" yet, but in the credits, you might see a name that you recognize. If the name you see happens to be Jonathan Gold, I want you to know this... it was my pleasure Mrs. Van Auken. Your story deserves to be told, and I would do everything within my power to make that happen.

Thank you for participating in this movie. I believe with all of my heart that this movie has the power to reach everyone we've been unsuccessful with.

Thank you for asking for a new investigation as well. I believe the movement will unify behind the families.

Thank you for everything you have done Mrs. Van Auken. Thank you for your time, your perseverance, and your love of this world. You are an inspiration to us all.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Jon Gold

The response

Dear Jon,

Thank you so much for your kind words. And thank you for helping us to tell the story - in 9/11 Press for Truth...

Lorie Van Auken and Mindy Kleinberg

End of Correspondence

After one person received their copy of "9/11: Press For Truth" in the mail they sent me this note.

"I finally got my copy today and I just finished watching it. Even after everything I've learned about 9/11 (including almost all of the facts in the film), I am pretty shaken up right now. I thought that I had gotten a little immune to all the research. I was wrong.

This film is the key to everything right now. It will turn people around like no other film can. Enough of the bickering, this film needs to be on every single congress person's door step.

We might have to wait for the full effects of this film to go into action until after Nov. 7th, but we need to keep pressing hard.

Let's finish this thing."

After I wrote the article for my first fund-raiser for 9/11 First Responders, John Feal sent me this.

"To whom it may concern.....First I like to wish you all the warmest holiday greetings, and can only hope and pray that my fellow 9/11 responders find peace and happiness during this the season. I also wish to thank Jon Gold on his more than accurate story. I know I speak for the dozens and dozens of responders that I have helped, when I say thank you. Mr Gold has set the example and bar high for others to follow, and I implore others to follow this man and his dedication and compassion in telling our story. We at the FealGood Foundation, and all 9/11 responders, need more people like Jon Gold to join us, stand beside us, and fight for us, so no more 9/11 responders, heroes, and the innocent people of Manhattan have to suffer anymore. The lies, corruption, denial, and very bad politics has caused human life to suffer and we must show our government we will not sit down, lay down and shut up anymore. Let Mr Gold and the few others who have been there from the beginning, guide, and support us all while we fight for justice, compensation, treatment, compassion and most of all respect. Any man who has done what this man has done, is a friend, and most of all a hero and someone we can all learn something from. I wish you all Merry Christmas, happy holiday's and god bless.

John Feal

9/11 Responder/advocate/founder - President of the FealGood Foundation"

Here's a letter I once got from Patty Casazza.

"Dear Jon,

You have done so much to carry forward the quest for truth and justice, much more than most -- please, you and so many others are our heroes -- we are grateful to you!

Thank you for being there in our stead ... 9/11 is different from other "attacks" in that, the rest of the world, humanity as we know it is truly at risk...thank you for recognizing that

and acting/doing what you can in response...you capture the true potential of Americans who are ready and willing to step up to the plate and do what is necessary to turn this nightmare around....for the sake of us all.

With love and admiration,

Patty Casazza"

Here's a letter that Lorie Van Auken and Mindy Kleinberg sent Betsy and I after the 9/11 Truth Tuesdays Special Night.

"Hi Jon,

We want to thank you and Betsy for your wonderful hospitality. Wayne, PA is a beautiful town, and the Wayne Hotel is really charming. (And Thanks for the leis and the flowers.)

You have both invested incredible effort, energy and creativity in working toward revealing the facts of September 11, 2001 to the American public. We know how difficult it is and we are really glad that so many people turned out to see the movies last night. We truly hope that the efforts that you have already put in will pay off in the future movie showings and that the word will spread, making your work a little easier.

9/11 and the events that have followed, have precipitated changes in our country that are very scary. The importance of the work that you are both doing cannot be overstated.

Sincerely,

Lorie Van Auken and Mindy Kleinberg"

Here is a random email I got from someone.

"Jon, I have admired your tireless work since taking up this quest myself. Your focus on getting answers for the family members is in my mind a very important and powerful message. Congress won't move on this issue from the stand point of "because it's the right thing to do." They have to have real people in need in order to act. The families forced the first commission. They seem to be the force behind the NY ballot initiative. I believe activism to inform the general public of the hollowness of the official story is critical and should continue, but to move any sort of real resolution, any sort of justice along, the plight of the people who have suffered directly from the actions of those responsible for these events is key to forcing those in power to respond. What a burden for them to bear, but I don't see it happening any other way.

Keep up the excellent work.

In truth,

S. D."

One time at work, I started talking to someone about 9/11, and they thought I was crazy.

Eventually, they sent me this email.

"Hey Jon,

Remember me, your ex-coworker? I'd like to apologize to you for thinking you were a bit crazy for having your opinions about various 9/11 conspiracy theories and things. For the past month or so, I've been watching and reading everything that I can about all that, and well, Ill just say I withdraw my judgment from a few months back.

Thanks,

Ray C."

After I first wrote my facts piece, someone sent me this email.

"Jon,

I just wanted to make sure you knew how useful that compilation you put together was. It basically trumped all the arguments people had been making to me against the truth. Thank You. They basically said... you know it looks like you are right. Some can't go into it any further for reasons personal, but they didn't fight it anymore.

Very cool.

Great resource.

Much appreciated.!!!

On to the court case, and Investigation.

Peace.

Name withheld"

Here is something my good friend Deborah from work (RIP) wrote about me once when she heard people were making accusations about me. It makes me cry to read it now.

"Jon Gold is an amazing person. I have worked with him for almost 3 years now and can speak about his dedication to the 9/11 movement. He knows his facts. He's spent incalculable hours doing research on every aspect you could imagine about that awful day. I was one who believed everything I was told by the media and my government and never questioned anything until Jon and I got into a discussion one day about 9/11. In his way, by asking questions of me and by providing me with indisputable facts he's opened my eyes.

I have seen the 9/11 movement gain strength and support in some part due to Jon's seemingly inexhaustible energy to uncover the truth and find some small piece of justice for the families of 9/11. He's done radio and newspaper interviews, attended rallies and met with some family members of 9/11 victims. Jon had a fund-raiser with all monies

donated to the FealGood Foundation and GearUp Foundation, organizations dedicated to helping first responders; Jon hand-delivered the checks in New York.

*I read everything that Jon writes and sometimes I am moved to tears. And Jon ends everything with his motto: "We will **NEVER** forget."*

A lot of this kept me going over the years. That's why I saved them all. So I could read them every once in a while to remind me that I have made a difference.



The facts speak for themselves

The following article was my answer to the "conspiracy theories" that helped to destroy the legitimacy of this cause. Also, I was tired of relying on the work of "authors" to state my arguments for me. I wanted "my" problems with the official account documented, and this was the result. You may or may not agree with everything in this article, but I will say this - if you can read this article, and not come to the conclusion that something is very wrong with what we were told about that day, and not come to the conclusion that the investigations we got were compromised and corrupt, then this was never the book for you.

Thanks to www.historycommons.org.

Before I begin, I would like to say that theorizing about what happened on 9/11, when you're not being given answers to your questions about that day by the people who **SHOULD** be able to do so, is **PERFECTLY** normal. As is suspecting that the reason these answers aren't being given is "sinister" in nature. As Ray McGovern said, "for people to dismiss these questioners as "conspiratorial advocates", or "conspiratorial theorists"... that's completely out of line because the... The questions remain because the President who should be able to answer them, **WILL NOT**." When you think about everything the previous Administration did in 8 years, the idea that they might not be giving us the answers we seek because of something "sinister" is not crazy. In fact, it's the most logical conclusion one can come to at this point. After years of obfuscation, spin, lies, and cover-ups regarding the 9/11 attacks, it is unavoidable to think that criminal complicity is the reason why.

That being said, we have not proven it beyond the shadow of doubt. We do not have documentation that shows they planned it. We do not have a signed confession from someone. We have pieces of the puzzle, and to most of us that have been doing this a long time, those pieces point to more than just Osama Bin Laden, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and 19 hijackers. If we could somehow download all of our knowledge to every person on the planet, this fight would be over tomorrow. However, we can't do that. I wish we could. I wish the media would **DO THEIR JOB**. But, they're not. Therefore, we have to be smart with how we approach people. This is America, and in America, you are innocent until proven guilty.

As I have often said, we don't need to come up with a narrative (theory) because our facts speak for themselves. I am going to do my very best to prove my point. A lot of these facts are from mainstream news outlets. Yes, they do report the news, but they **DO NOT** put the pieces together, they **DO NOT** ask the tough questions over and over again until they get an answer, they **DO NOT** give these facts the attention they should, reminiscent of the attention that Britney Spears, Michael Jackson, The Swift Boat Veterans and the "Ground Zero Mosque" got, and they **DO NOT** portray us in any other light except as "Conspiracy Theorists."

Fact #1

The core of the Bush Administration was predominantly made up of members of an

organization called "The Project For The New American Century." This group produced a document entitled, "[Rebuilding America's Defenses](#)" that said the "[process of transformation](#)" they wanted our military to undertake would take an excessively long time, unless there was a "catastrophic and catalyzing event – like a new Pearl Harbor." That document was written in September 2000. This document even cited that "advanced forms of biological warfare that can "target" specific genotypes may transform biological warfare from the realm of terror to a **politically useful tool**." A lot of the same people were part of a group that [wrote a report](#) entitled, "A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm" that advocated an aggressive Israeli policy in the Middle East.

Fact #2

The Bush Administration came into office [wanting to go to war with Iraq](#). This is so heavily documented that Veteran White House reporter Helen Thomas [asked](#) the President about it. He denied it of course, and used 9/11 as the justification for what he and his administration have done.

Former Secretary of Treasury Paul O'Neill [said](#) that Saddam was "topic A" ten days after the inauguration at the very first National Security Council meeting, and **eight months before 9/11**. According to O'Neill, "it was all about finding a way to do it. That was the tone of it. The president saying '**Go find me a way to do this.**'"

On November 24th, 2009, the "[Chilcot Inquiry](#)" revealed that "Tony Blair's government knew that prominent members of the Bush administration wanted to topple Saddam Hussein years before the invasion (before 9/11)" [...] "We were aware of these drumbeats from Washington and internally we discussed it. Our policy was to stay away from that part of the spectrum," added Sir William Patey, then head of the Middle East department at the Foreign Office."

In a [2007 interview](#) with former Counterterrorism "tsar" Richard Clarke, he states that between March 2001 and May 2001, **members of the Bush Administration discussed creating a "casus belli" for war with Iraq**.

According to [Merriam-Webster](#), a "casus belli" is "an event or action that justifies or allegedly justifies a war or conflict."

In December 2011, I asked Richard Clarke on Facebook whether or not he thought people in the Bush Administration were actually capable of such an act, and he [replied](#) that "**some of them were.**"

Indeed. On 2/2/2006, it was reported that Bush and Blair [discussed](#) using an "**American Spyplane in UN colours to lure Saddam into war.**" Bush said, "**the US was thinking of flying U2 reconnaissance aircraft with fighter cover over Iraq, painted in UN colours. If Saddam fired on them, he would be in breach.**" On 9/23/2007, it was [reported](#) that Dick Cheney "**had been mulling the idea of pushing for limited Israeli missile strikes against the Iranian nuclear site at Natanz - and perhaps other sites - in order to provoke Tehran into lashing out.**" On 8/1/2008, *ThinkProgress* [reported](#) that "Bush administration officials held a meeting recently **in the Vice President's office to discuss ways to provoke a war with Iran.**" [...] "Hersh explained that, during the meeting **in Cheney's office, an idea was considered to dress up Navy Seals as**

Iranians, put them on fake Iranian speedboats, and shoot at them. This idea, intended to provoke an Iran war, was ultimately rejected."

Fact #3

Dick Cheney was the CEO for a company called Halliburton. During his tenure there, he [gave a speech](#) at the Institute of Petroleum that said, "while many regions of the world offer great oil opportunities, the Middle East with two thirds of the world's oil and the lowest cost, **is still where the prize ultimately lies**, even though companies are anxious for greater access there, **progress continues to be slow**."

On 10/11/2005, it was reported that the shares that Dick Cheney claimed he no longer had with Halliburton, rose [3281% in one year](#). In late 2010, Halliburton was kind enough to [pay \\$250Million](#) "to get the government of the African country (Nigeria) to drop bribery charges against the former corporate CEO and other Halliburton employees and operatives."

Fact #4

In early 2001, Dick Cheney was put in charge of The National Energy Policy Development Group, or "Energy Task Force" for short.

He prepared for this during the [transition](#) between the Clinton and Bush administrations.

The task force met with what appears to be every oil executive in existence, even though they [denied it](#) before Congress.

It was eventually discovered that one of the [topics of discussion](#) during these task force meetings was Iraq's oil fields. **Five months before 9/11**.

The Vice President's office [fought long and hard](#) to make sure the information from those meetings never saw the light of day. They even took the fight to the [Supreme Court](#). Many were suspicious of the [hunting trip](#) that Antonin Scalia, and Dick Cheney went on prior to the Supreme Court hearing the case. Scalia was [proud of the fact](#) that he didn't recuse himself from the hearings. Ultimately, they sent the fight to an appeals court, and it was [decided](#) that Cheney's Task Force documents may remain secret.

Fact #5

In the months leading up to 9/11, there was an [unprecedented amount of warnings](#) that "Al-Qaeda" was about to conduct an attack. So many that CIA Director George Tenet was said to be running around with his "[hair on fire](#)," and so many that a lot were not taken seriously "because of "[warning fatigue](#)" arising from too many terror warnings."

One of those warnings came in the form of a Presidential Daily Briefing entitled, "[Bin Laden Determined to Strike in U.S.](#)" that was initially hidden by the White House.

Another came on July 10th, 2001 that spoke of an "[imminent threat](#)," that was completely omitted from the 9/11 Report, and then [lied about](#) after it became public knowledge. Condi even had the [audacity to ask](#) "does anybody really believe that somebody would have walked into my office and said, oh, by the way, there's a chance of a major attack against the United States and I would have said, well, I'm really not interested in that

information?”

Cheney [said](#) that his “Democratic friends in Congress... need to be very cautious not to seek political advantage by making incendiary suggestions, as were made by some today, that the White House had advance information that would have prevented the tragic attacks of 9/11.”

Fact #6

There are indications that military action in Afghanistan was planned before 9/11.

On 3/7/2001, the *New York Times* [reports](#) that Deputy National Security Advisor Steve Hadley chairs an informal meeting to discuss Al-Qaeda. The approach is “two-pronged and included a crisis warning effort to deal with immediate threats and longer-range planning by senior officials to put into place a comprehensive strategy to eradicate al-Qaeda.”

On 3/15/2001, *Jane's Intelligence Review* [reports](#) that the U.S. is working with India, Iran, and Russia “in a concerted front against Afghanistan’s Taliban regime.”

On 7/23/2002, *Agence France Presse* reports that General William Kernan, commander in chief of the Joint Forces Command [said](#) that “the details of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan which fought the Taliban and al-Qaeda after the September 11 attacks, were largely taken from a scenario examined by Central Command in May 2001.”

On 6/26/2001, it is [reported](#) that “India and Iran will ‘facilitate’ US and Russian plans for ‘limited military action’ against the Taliban if the contemplated tough new economic sanctions don’t bend Afghanistan’s fundamentalist regime.”

In late Summer 2001, the *Guardian* will [report](#) that “reliable western military sources say a US contingency plan exist[s] on paper by the end of the summer to attack Afghanistan from the north.” In early August, a senior Taliban official in the defense ministry will tell journalist Hamid Mir that “[W]e believe Americans are going to invade Afghanistan and they will do this before October 15, 2001, and justification for this would be either one of two options: Taliban got control of Afghanistan or a big major attack against American interests either inside America or elsewhere in the world.”

The President had plans [for the invasion of Afghanistan](#) on his desk on 9/9/2001. They “outlined essentially the same war plan that the White House, the CIA and the Pentagon put into action after the Sept. 11 attacks. The administration most likely was able to respond so quickly to the attacks because it simply had to pull the plans “off the shelf.”

On 7/21/2001, three former American officials, Tom Simons, Karl Inderfurth, and Lee Coldren [met](#) with Pakistani and Russian intelligence officers in a Berlin hotel. At the meeting, Coldren passes on [a message](#) from Bush officials. He later says, “I think there was some discussion of the fact that the United States was so disgusted with the Taliban that they might be considering some military action.” Former Pakistani Foreign Secretary [Niaz Naik](#) later says he is allegedly told by senior American officials at the meeting that military action to overthrow the Taliban in Afghanistan is planned to “**take place before the snows started falling in Afghanistan, by the middle of October at the latest.**” On

8/9/2009, it is [reported](#) that Niaz Naik “was found dead in mysterious circumstances at his residence.”

Fact #7

On the day of 9/11, a number of key personnel were “[scattered](#)” across the country, and the world. With few exceptions, including [Dick Cheney](#).

The President of the United States, at a time when America was “[under attack](#)” from kamikaze hijackers in commercial airliners, in a [highly publicized location](#), 5 miles away from an [international airport](#), in a classroom full of children, was not whisked away by the Secret Service.

His conduct on the morning of 9/11 [changed](#) on the first anniversary. What actually happened was “when Chief of Staff Andrew Card told Bush about the second plane crash into the WTC, Bush continued to sit in a Florida elementary school classroom and hear a story about a pet goat for at least seven more minutes.” [...] “But one year later, Card claims that after he told Bush about the second WTC crash, “it was only a matter of seconds” before Bush “excused himself very politely to the teacher and to the students, and he left the Florida classroom.”

Fact #8

On the morning of 9/11, there were several [military exercises](#) taking place, some of which allegedly [mirrored the events](#) taking place that day.

A lot of different people didn’t know whether or not the hijackings were “[real-world or exercise](#).”

According to [Richard Clarke](#), on the morning of 9/11 at around 9:28am, he says to Gen. Richard Myers during a video teleconference “I assume NORAD has scrambled fighters and AWACS. How many? Where?” Myers, who is at the Pentagon, replies it’s, “**NOT A PRETTY PICTURE, DICK** (emphasis mine). **WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF VIGILANT WARRIOR, A NORAD EXERCISE** (emphasis mine), but Otis has launched two birds toward New York. Langley is trying to get two up now [toward Washington]. The AWACS are at Tinker and not on alert.” The *9/11 Report* **only mentioned one of these exercises, Vigilant Guardian, and in a footnote in the back of the book.**

On 2/25/2005, then Rep. Cynthia McKinney [asked](#) (realplayer required) Donald Rumsfeld about the exercises that were taking place on 9/11, but did not get an answer on that day.

On 3/10/2005, Rep. McKinney [asked](#) Donald Rumsfeld, and Gen. Richard Myers about the exercises again. The first question asked by Rep. McKinney was, “whether or not the activities of the 4 wargames going on on Sept. 11th actually impaired our ability to respond to the attacks.” Gen. Myers responded with, “the answer to the question is, **no, did not impair our response**. In fact, Gen. Eberhart who was in the command of the North American Aerospace Defense Command as he testified in front of the 9/11 Commission... I believe...I believe he told them that it **enhanced our ability to respond**.” Then Rep. McKinney asked, “who was in charge of managing those wargames?” and was cut off by Rep. Duncan Hunter. Gen. Myers **never gave a name**, but he did say, “North American Aerospace Defense Command was responsible.” She

was promised an answer in writing and as far as I know, **never received it.**

Fact #9

From the Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC), Dick Cheney allegedly monitored Flight 77 from 50 miles outside of Washington D.C. This, according to Transportation Secretary [Norman Mineta](#). According to Mineta, “during the time that the airplane was coming in to the Pentagon, there was a young man who would come in and say to the Vice President, “The plane is 50 miles out.” “The plane is 30 miles out.” And when it got down to “the plane is 10 miles out,” the young man also said to the Vice President, **“Do the orders still stand?”** And the Vice President turned and whipped his neck around and said, **“Of course the orders still stand. Have you heard anything to the contrary?”** The 9/11 Report states that Cheney didn’t arrive in the PEOC until 9:58. No video conferences from within the PEOC have been made available. No personnel records for who was in the PEOC have been made available. The “young man” Norman Mineta mentioned has never been publicly named.

On 7/28/2010, James Dorman [finally identified](#) the “young man” as being Douglas Cochrane. According to [9/11 Commission notes](#), he was interviewed on April 16th, 2004, though we can not see what he said. He is not mentioned in the 9/11 Report.

On 3/12/2011, a document was posted to [scribd.com](#) that seems to support Norman Mineta’s testimony.

Fact #10

On the day of 9/11, Donald Rumsfeld started [planning the Iraq War](#).

DoD Staffer [Stephen Cambone](#) took down several notes with regards to what Rumsfeld was saying. “Best info fast... judge whether good enough [to] hit S.H. [Saddam Hussein] at same time – not only UBL [Usama Bin Laden]” [...] “Go massive... Sweep it all up. Things related and not.” [...] “Hard to get a good case.”

Like Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice [started planning for the Iraq War](#) within hours of the 9/11 attacks. Sir Christopher Meyer, “a former British ambassador to the United States says then-National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice talked to him about Iraq and Saddam Hussein hours after the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.”

Also, “George Bush tried to [make a connection](#) between Iraq and al-Qaida in a conversation with Tony Blair three days after the 9/11 attacks, according to Blair’s foreign policy adviser of the time.”

Fact #11

Between 9:30pm and 10:00pm on 9/11/2001, Bush [says](#), “this is a great opportunity. We have to think of this as an opportunity.” He does so again during his State Of The Union [speech](#) on 1/29/2002.

Karl Rove [said](#), “sometimes history sends you things and 9/11 came our way.”

Fact #12

In the days and months following the attacks, several people within the administration and elsewhere tried to tie Iraq to 9/11.

General Wesley Clark [said](#), “there were many people, inside and outside the government, who tried to link Saddam Hussein to Sept. 11.”

According to George Tenet, shortly after 9/11, Richard Perle [said](#), “Iraq has to pay a price for what happened yesterday, they bear responsibility.”

Former CIA Director James Woolsey [said](#), “[I]ntelligence and law enforcement officials investigating the case would do well to at least consider another possibility: that the attacks—whether perpetrated by bin Laden and his associates or by others—were sponsored, supported, and perhaps even ordered by Saddam Hussein,” he writes. “As yet, there is no evidence of explicit state sponsorship of the September 11 attacks. But absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.”

Dick Cheney [claimed](#) the [bogus](#) Atta-Iraqi spy meeting had been, “pretty well confirmed, that he did go to Prague and he did meet with a senior official of the Iraqi intelligence service in Czechoslovakia last April, several months before the attack.”

Since that time, they have done so [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#),
and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#),
and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and even [Hillary](#) did it.

On 5/14/2009, it was [reported](#) that Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi was tortured “**in an effort to produce intelligence tying Iraq to al Qaeda.**” According to Colin Powell’s former Chief of Staff, “**what I have learned is that as the administration authorized harsh interrogation in April and May of 2002 – well before the Justice Department had rendered any legal opinion – its principal priority for intelligence was not aimed at pre-empting another terrorist attack on the U.S. but discovering a smoking gun linking Iraq and al-Qa’ida.**”

Fact #13

The heads of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11, Rep. Porter Goss, and Sen. Bob Graham, along with Sen. John Kyl, **met with an alleged financier of the attacks** on the [day of](#) 9/11. George Tenet [met with the same individual](#) in May 2001 in Pakistan. Others [met with him in Washington D.C.](#) between September 4th-11th, including Marc Grossman, the U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, [Joe Biden](#), and “unspecified officials at the White House and the Pentagon.”

Fact #14

The Joint Congressional Inquiry, which both Bush and Cheney tried to “[limit the scope](#)” of, released a report with [28 redacted pages](#). Apparently, those [28 pages](#) talk about “possible Saudi Arabian financial links.”

In 2004, Sen. Bob Graham says that the Bush White House is [covering up](#) Saudi Arabia's possible connection to the two hijackers that lived in San Diego. He said the information about them, “present[s] a compelling case that there was Saudi assistance.” He also says that the Bush Administration directed the FBI to “to restrain and obfuscate” any

investigations into the connection.

The landlord of the two hijackers was Abdussatar Shaikh, an FBI asset handled by agent [Steven Butler](#). The FBI originally tried to [prevent](#) Butler from testifying before the Congressional Inquiry, but when he finally did, he said that he may have been able to uncover the 9/11 plot if the CIA shared their information on the two hijackers. He said, “it would have made a huge difference.” [...] “We would have immediately opened... investigations. We would have given them the full court press. We would... have done everything-physical surveillance, technical surveillance, and other assets.”

On 1/8/2008, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* [reported](#) that “a huge lawsuit against the government of Saudi Arabia and key members of its royal family was put to a crucial test today as lawyers for victims of the 9/11 attacks urged a federal appeals court to reinstate the government of Saudi Arabia as a defendant.” The Cozen O’Connor law firm in Philadelphia “was the first to file suit against the government of Saudi Arabia in 2003, charging that the desert kingdom bears responsibility for the attacks because it permitted Islamic charities under its control to bankroll Osama bin Laden and his global terror movement.” The lawsuit “suffered a setback in 2005 when New York federal district court judge Richard Conway Casey ruled that the federal foreign sovereign immunity act barred lawsuits against Saudi Arabia and members of the royal family.”

On 11/13/2008, it was [reported](#) that “thousands of victims of the 9/11 attacks appealed to the Supreme Court yesterday, asking it to overturn a lower court decision barring lawsuits against Saudi Arabia for supporting acts of terrorism.”

On 1/6/2009, it is [reported](#) that “lawyers for Saudi Arabia have asserted in court papers that the Supreme Court should reject arguments that the desert kingdom be held accountable for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks because, over a period of many years, it financed al-Qaeda. In papers filed with the Supreme Court, lawyers for the kingdom and several high-ranking Saudi royals say that U.S. law provides blanket immunity to Saudi Arabia from lawsuits over the 9/11 attacks.”

On 2/24/2009, it is [reported](#) that “the Supreme Court yesterday asked the U.S. Solicitor General’s office to weigh in on whether a huge lawsuit against the government of Saudi Arabia charging that it was a source of terrorist financing before the 9/11 attacks should move forward.”

On 5/29/2009, the *New York Times* [reports](#) that “the Justice Department, in a brief filed Friday before the Supreme Court, **said it did not believe the Saudis could be sued in American court over accusations brought by families of the Sept. 11 victims that the royal family had helped finance Al Qaeda.** The department said it saw no need for the court to review lower court rulings that found in the Saudis’ favor in throwing out the lawsuit.” 9/11 Family Member, and “Jersey Girl” Kristen Breitweiser said, **“I find this reprehensible. One would have hoped that the Obama administration would have taken a different stance than the Bush administration, and you wonder what message this sends to victims of terrorism around the world.”**

On 5/30/2009, the victims family members released two press releases. The first one [states](#), “today the Obama Administration filed in the Supreme Court a document that

expressed the Administration's decision **to stand with a group of Saudi princes and against the right of American citizens — 9/11 family members — to have our day in court.** Let there be no doubt: The filing was political in nature **and stands as a betrayal of everyone who lost a loved one or was injured on September 11, 2001.**" The second one [states](#), "on the day that President Obama holds his first summit with Saudi Arabian King Abdullah in Riyadh, the 9/11 Families United to Bankrupt Terrorism charged that recent actions by his administration **would enable five of the king's closest relatives to escape accountability for their role in financing and materially supporting the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.**" The second press release lists "allegations made in 2002 of the Saudi royal family's sponsorship and support of al Qaeda that the families believe have been ignored by the Obama Administration."

On 6/9/2009, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* [reports](#) that this case "is likely to reach a critical juncture this month when the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to decide whether to hear arguments on Saudi Arabia's legal exposure." It goes on to say that "the hurdle for the plaintiffs, both insurers and individual victims, isn't simply facts and law, but also the political dimensions. Saudi Arabia is one of the United States' most important allies in the Middle East. It has been a forward staging area for the U.S. military, deemed an important counterweight to Iran's regional ambitions, seen as a huge source of energy, and a very big purchaser of American goods and services." Tom Burnett who lost his son on Flight 93 asks, "why would the Obama administration give less weight to the principles of justice, transparency, and security **and more to the pleadings of a foreign government?** It strikes a blow against the public's right to know who financed and supported" the 9/11 attacks." "Kagan's May 29 brief, representing the opinion of the Obama administration, was significant because the Supreme Court **in most cases follows the solicitor general's lead.**"

On 6/11/2009, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* [reports](#) that "lawyers representing victims of the 9/11 attacks charge that the government **sought to "appease" Saudi Arabia by urging the Supreme Court not to hear arguments that the kingdom could be sued for its alleged role in funding the attackers.**" A "brief filed by the Center City law firm of Cozen O'Connor and other lawyers representing victims, employed unusually scathing and at times emotional language, **suggesting at one point that the government's brief was timed to coincide with President Obama's visit to Saudi Arabia last week.**" "A spokeswoman for U.S. Solicitor General Elena Kagan said the May 29 filing of the government's brief had been determined by the schedule of the Supreme Court, which is expected to decide whether to hear the case by the end of the month."

On 6/23/2009, the *Washington Times* [reports](#) that a "series of closed-door meetings between the relatives' groups and Justice Department officials, arranged as an update on Mr. Obama's plan to close the detention facility at the U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, turned instead into a sharp clash over the Saudi legal action." Apparently, "the family members demanded to be heard on the White House's stance during a series of closed-door meetings at the State Department and the Justice Department last week."

On 6/24/2009, the *New York Times* [reported](#) that "classified American intelligence documents related to Saudi finances were leaked anonymously to lawyers for the families." It goes on to say that Obama's "**Justice Department had the lawyers' copies destroyed and now wants to prevent a judge from even looking at the material.**"

9/11 Family Member Kristen Breitweiser “[said](#) in an interview that during a White House meeting in February between President Obama and victims’ families, the president told her that he was willing to make the pages (28 redacted pages of the JICI) public. But she said she **had not heard from the White House since then.**”

On 6/29/2009, it is [reported](#) that “the Supreme Court **has refused to allow victims of the Sept. 11 attacks to pursue lawsuits against Saudi Arabia and four of its princes over charitable donations that were allegedly funneled to al-Qaida.**” The “justices [refused](#) to review the ruling by a U.S. appeals court in New York that the Saudi defendants were protected by sovereign immunity in the lawsuit brought by victims of the attacks and their families.” The Supreme Court “**turned down the appeal without comment.**”

Elena Kagan was later [confirmed](#) as a Supreme Court Justice.

On 11/28/2010, the *New York Times* [reports](#) on State Dept. Cables released by Wikileaks. Their report states that “Saudi donors **remain the chief financiers of Sunni militant groups like Al Qaeda,**” and this was further elaborated on by a [report](#) released by the Guardian on 12/5/2010.

On 6/30/2011, Anthony Summers and Robbyn Swan wrote an article for *Vanity Fair* called, “[The Kingdom And The Towers](#)” that spoke of the Saudi Royals connection to the 9/11 attacks. Not long after, the co-chair of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11, Bob Graham, [wrote an article](#) that said, “...the (Saudi) agent secured and paid for an apartment. He arranged flight lessons. He introduced them to a tight circle of Muslims, primarily Saudis, who offered additional support.” [...] “The (Saudi) agent then tapped another source of funds: a welfare account maintained for the benefit of Saudis in need **by the wife of the kingdom’s ambassador to the United States.**” The Saudi Ambassador at the time was long-time Bush family friend, [Prince Bandar](#).

On 7/16/2011, 9/11 Family Member Kristen Breitweiser wrote an article addressing the News Corp. [phone hacking scandal](#). In that article, she said, “...as someone who has tried to pique the interest of both Congress and the Justice Department to investigate various issues over the course of the past 10 years to no avail, I wonder: what exactly does it take to get Congress and the Department of Justice interested in an issue. Because with regard to Murdoch-gate and 9/11 victims, ironically, **it would seem the bar is pretty low.**” [...] “...if all it takes are allegations made in the media to spark a fire in the “seat” of Congress, then I’d like to re-direct their attention along with Director of the FBI, Robert Mueller, Attorney General Eric Holder, and President Obama to this month’s *Vanity Fair* article written by Anthony Summers and Robbyn Swan, “*The Kingdom and the Towers*.”

On 9/8/2011, it was reported that “just two weeks before the 9/11 hijackers slammed into the Pentagon and World Trade Center, members of a Saudi family abruptly vacated their luxury home near Sarasota, leaving a brand new car in the driveway, a refrigerator full of food, fruit on the counter – and an open safe in a master bedroom. In the weeks to follow, law enforcement agents not only discovered the home was visited by vehicles used by the hijackers, but phone calls were linked between the home and those who carried out the death flights – including leader Mohamed Atta – in discoveries never before revealed

to the public.” Bob Graham said, “at the beginning of the investigation, each of the intelligence agencies, including the FBI, was asked to provide all information that agency possessed in relation to 9/11.” [...] “The fact that the FBI did not tell the Inquiry about the Florida discoveries, Graham says, is similar to the agency’s failure to provide information linking members of the 9/11 terrorist team to other Saudis in California until congressional investigators discovered it themselves.” As a result of these revelations, [Bob Graham](#) “called on the U.S. government to reopen its investigation following a news report linking the hijackers to a Saudi Arabian couple who lived in Florida. Former U.S. Senator Bob Graham said he has no reason to doubt the news report, which said the Saudi Arabian couple abruptly abandoned their luxury home in Sarasota two weeks before the attacks, leaving behind a full refrigerator, clothes, furnishings and a new car in the driveway.” The FBI has responded by saying the individuals that left the country [were not a threat](#), and that “all documentation [“pertaining to the 9/11 investigation”](#) was given to the congressional Joint Inquiry that examined the 9/11 tragedy.”

On 9/9/2011, it was [reported](#) that “nearly 10 years to the day after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, a London-based insurance syndicate Thursday filed a new lawsuit against the government of Saudi Arabia in U.S. District Court in Johnstown, Pa., alleging that the Saudis helped finance and provided logistical support to Islamist terror groups.” [...] “The suit, filed on behalf of Lloyd’s Syndicate 3500 by the Center City-based law firm Cozen O’Connor, opens a new front in the long-running litigation over the 9/11 hijackings. An earlier lawsuit, also filed by Cozen O’Connor, has met with mixed success: A federal appeals court in Manhattan found that the Saudi government could not be sued under U.S. law, but a number of charitable agencies affiliated with the Saudi government and financial institutions remain as defendants in that case.” [...] “The suit, filed on behalf of an insurance syndicate that paid out \$215 million in claims to various 9/11 victims on behalf of airline-security companies, aircraft manufacturers, airlines, and others, names as defendants not only the Saudi government, but also the Saudi High Commission for Relief of Bosnia and Herzegovina; the Saudi Joint Committee Relief Committee for Kosovo and Chechnya; National Commercial Bank, which has been linked by American officials to al-Qaeda money-laundering, and others.”

On 9/15/2011, *ABC News* [reported](#) that “the latest legal pursuit is that of an insurance syndicate of British insurer Lloyd’s, which says the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, its banks and various charities should be financially responsible for the \$215 million it paid in insurance settlements to 9/11 victims’ families. William Doyle’s family is one of the families determined to find those who funded the attacks on 9/11. Doyle’s son, Joseph, was killed in the north tower of the World Trade Center. **William Doyle told ABC News there are “concrete facts” showing the majority of the hijackers’ funding originated from Saudi Arabia. He said the government helped “shield” some of that evidence when the joint congressional committee investigating the attacks published a report in December 2002 and redacted about 28 pages.** Doyle and others believe names of Saudi financiers and companies have been removed. “How could they hide under diplomatic immunity?” Doyle said of those he believes have been protected. “People don’t get missiles to strike down helicopters by themselves. Someone is funding them. If someone is funding them, let it be known and cut out their funding.”

On 9/19/2011, it is [reported](#) that “**without explanation**, a group of insurers today dropped its lawsuit against Saudi Arabia and several Saudi organizations claiming they should

cover the \$215 million the group has paid out in claims related to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Stephen Cozen, a Philadelphia lawyer representing Lloyd's Syndicate 3500, filed a notice today that the group is voluntarily dismissing its lawsuit. Cozen, by email, refused to discuss the reasons for dropping the case." Another [report](#) says, "Stephen A. Cozen's motion to voluntarily dismiss his complaint provides no indication of the reason for the move. By dismissing without prejudice, the motion seeks to close the case without precluding its renewal. Typically, when a case is settled, it is dismissed with prejudice."

Fact #15

The Bush Administration was the families' "[biggest adversary](#)" when it came to the creation of a so-called Independent 9/11 Commission.

The families had to fight "[tooth and nail](#)," and [lobby](#) to get an investigation because the Bush Administration clearly [did not](#) want [one](#).

Dick Cheney and George Bush [refused](#) to testify under oath before select individuals of the 9/11 Commission even though the families [wanted](#) them to. They testified together, not in public, and no recordings were allowed. The families requested the transcripts of their meeting, but were denied.

They made it [difficult](#) for the commission to get funding.

They tried to make [Henry Kissinger](#) the Chairman of the commission, but he [resigned](#) after the families started asking too many questions.

Alberto Gonzales "[stonewalled](#)" the 9/11 Commission's access to the White House.

They appointed [Thomas Kean](#) as Chairman, someone "who will be easily controlled by the administration," and Lee Hamilton, [a long time friend](#) of Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld to be the co-chair. Hamilton participated in two inquiries that resulted in cover-ups. The [Iran/Contra Affair inquiry](#), and the [October Surprise](#) inquiry.

Fact #16

Philip Zelikow was the Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission.

Paul Sperry [explained](#), "though he has no vote, (Zelikow) arguably has **more sway than any member, including the chairman**. Zelikow picks the **areas of investigation**, the briefing materials, **the topics for hearings, the witnesses**, and **the lines of questioning for witnesses**... In effect, **he sets the agenda and runs the investigation**."

In 1995, Zelikow wrote a book with Condoleezza Rice [called](#), "Germany Unified and Europe Transformed: A Study in Statecraft."

While at [Harvard](#), "he worked with Ernest May and Richard Neustadt **on the use, and misuse, of history in policymaking**. They observed, as Zelikow noted in his own words that "contemporary" history is "defined functionally by those critical people and events that go into forming the public's presumptions about its immediate past. The idea of 'public presumption'," he explained, "is akin to William McNeill's notion of 'public myth' but

without the negative implication sometimes invoked by the word 'myth.' Such presumptions are beliefs (1) thought to be true (although not necessarily known to be true with certainty), and (2) shared in common within the relevant political community."

Between 1997 and 1998, Zelikow helped to write a report that [said](#) "Long part of the Hollywood and Tom Clancy repertory of nightmarish scenarios, catastrophic terrorism has moved from far-fetched horror to a contingency that could happen next month. Although the United States still takes conventional terrorism seriously... it is not yet prepared for the new threat of catastrophic terrorism. They predict the consequences of such an event: "An act of catastrophic terrorism that killed thousands or tens of thousands of people and/or disrupted the necessities of life for hundreds of thousands, or even millions, would be a watershed event in America's history. It could involve loss of life and property unprecedented for peacetime and undermine Americans' fundamental sense of security within their own borders in a manner akin to the 1949 Soviet atomic bomb test, or perhaps even worse. Constitutional liberties would be challenged as the United States sought to protect itself from further attacks by pressing against allowable limits in surveillance of citizens, detention of suspects, and the use of deadly force. More violence would follow, either as other terrorists seek to imitate this great 'success' or as the United States strikes out at those considered responsible. **Like Pearl Harbor, such an event would divide our past and future into a 'before' and 'after.'**"

In 1997, Zelikow and Ernest May wrote a report about John F. Kennedy that is "[riddled](#)" with errors.

Zelikow wrote the [pre-emptive war strategy](#) for the Bush Administration.

Zelikow said that the "[real threat](#)" with regards to Iraq's WMD was to Israel.

Zelikow tried to [prevent](#) the 9/11 Commission staffers from talking to the Commissioners.

Zelikow [tried to insert a false connection between Iraq and 9/11](#) into the 9/11 Report, but [the families](#), and [the staffers](#) fought against it. Select staffers of the 9/11 Commission [dispute](#) this account, though Zelikow ultimately had to approve Mylroie's testimony before the 9/11 Commission.

It has been alleged that he may have [taken direction](#) from Karl Rove who, according to Philip Shenon, was [concerned](#) about the 9/11 Commission because "in the wrong hands... [it] could cost President Bush a second term." The allegation regarding Rove drove the September Eleventh Advocates (formerly known as "The Jersey Girls") to call for [an entirely new investigation](#). Only Rawstory.com covered that story.

In early 2003, Philip Zelikow and Ernest May [wrote](#) a complete outline of the final 9/11 Report. Zelikow, Kean, and Hamilton decided to keep this outline a secret from the commission staffers. When "it was later disclosed that Zelikow **had prepared a detailed outline of the commission's final report at the very start of the investigation, many of the staff's investigators were alarmed.**"

He rewrote the 9/11 Report to be [more favorable](#) of Condoleezza Rice.

Zelikow refused to approve [half of the interview requests](#) for “Saudi Connection” investigations. He [blocked investigators](#) from accessing the 28 redacted pages of the Joint Congressional Inquiry, and then [fired investigator Dana Leseman](#) after she tried to get the pages through a back channel. In June 2004, Philip Zelikow and Dieter Snell take part in a “[late-night editing session](#)” to delete passages of the 9/11 Report having to do with Saudi support for the hijackers.

During the time of the 9/11 Commission, [the families called for the resignation of Philip Zelikow](#), but were denied that request.

After the 9/11 Commission was finished, Philip Zelikow [was given a job](#) with Condoleezza Rice at the State Department.

On October 9th, 2010, during “Freedom Watch” with Judge Napolitano, 9/11 Whistleblower Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer [alleges](#) that during a lunch in Philadelphia, a 9/11 Commissioner told him that, “everybody on the commission was covering for someone.” The following week, Judge Napolitano asked Philip Zelikow to appear on the show to talk about this. He [REFUSED](#).

On 9/7/2011, it was [reported](#) that “President Obama **appointed Philip Zelikow**, associate dean for graduate academic programs in the University of Virginia’s Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, **to serve on the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board.**”

Fact #17

NORAD gave [three different timelines](#) with regards to their response on the day of 9/11.

Sen. Mark Dayton [questioned](#) 9/11 Commission Chair Thomas Kean and Vice-Chair Lee Hamilton about NORAD’s false statements to the people and their Commission. He also spoke to Philip Zelikow, a panel of “experts,” and Donald Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Myers about NORAD’s response that morning.

On 6/17/2004, 9/11 Commissioner [Jamie Gorelick](#) will question Gen. Myers about NORAD’s mission. “In my experience, the military is very clear about its charters, and who is supposed to do what. So if you go back and you look at the foundational documents for NORAD, **they do not say defend us only against a threat coming in from across the ocean, or across our borders. It has two missions, and one of them is control of the airspace above the domestic United States, and aerospace control is defined as providing surveillance and control of the airspace of Canada and the United States. To me that air sovereignty concept means that you have a role which, if you were postured only externally you defined out of the job.**” [...] “I would like to know, as the second question, is it your job, and if not whose job is it, to make current assessments of a threat, and decide whether you are positioned correctly to carry out a mission, which at least on paper NORAD had.” At the end of this exchange, Gen. Myers asks, “did I answer both questions?” Jamie Gorelick responds, “**yes, and no, and my time has expired.**” According to information collected by [Dean Jackson](#), NORAD’s mission at the time, coincided with Jamie Gorelick’s understanding of it.

On 8/2/2006, the [Washington Post](#) reported that “the Pentagon’s initial story of how it reacted to the 2001 terrorist attacks **may have been part of a deliberate effort to**

mislead the commission and the public” and that “the 10-member commission, in a secret meeting at the end of its tenure in summer 2004, **debated referring the matter to the Justice Department for criminal investigation.**” Later, it was reported that [NORAD’s mistakes](#) were due to “inadequate forensic capabilities” and “poor record-keeping.”

William P. Goehring, a spokesman for the DoD’s Inspector General’s office, said that “the question of whether military commanders intentionally withheld the truth from the commission would be addressed in a separate report that is still in preparation.” To my knowledge, that report has not been released as of this date.

On March 7th, 2009, it is [reported](#) that Frank Rich of the *New York Times* believed “that the Defense Department Inspector General’s office’s investigations over the years may have been cover-ups that were **“carried out in response to “orders from above.”** He said that any report “over the past five or six years during the war in Iraq” may be suspect, and that “there may be a much bigger story here.” His suspicions seem to have been confirmed in a report from *Fox News’ Catherine Herridge* that broke on October 7th, 2010. With regards to what is known as Able Danger, “it is made clear that “at least five witnesses questioned by the Defense Department’s Inspector General told Fox News that their statements **were distorted by investigators in the final IG’s report — or it left out key information**, backing up assertions that lead hijacker Mohammed Atta was identified a year before 9/11.”

Here are some excerpts from Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton’s book, [Without Precedent](#). “There were also discrepancies between things NORAD was telling us about their performance on the morning of September 11-things that the agency had stated publicly after 9/11-and the story told by the limited tapes and documents the commission had received”. These were puzzling and disturbing developments, and they account in part for some of the more bizarre and inaccurate conspiracy theories about 9/11.” [...] “Farmer believed that NORAD was delivering incomplete records with the knowledge that the commission had a fixed end date that could be waited out.” [...] “Throughout the course of our inquiry, the topic that invited the most skepticism-and thus the most conspiracy theorizing-was the performance of the FAA and NORAD on the day of September 11, 2001.” [...] “Fog of war could explain why some people were confused on the day of 9/11, but it could not explain why all of the after-action reports, accident investigations, and public testimony by FAA and NORAD officials advanced an account of 9/11 that was untrue.”

On 9/17/2001, NORAD [gives a briefing](#) to the White House. 9/11 Commissioner Bob Kerrey will say “**it feels like something happened in that briefing that produced almost a necessity to deliver a story that’s different than what actually happened on that day.**”

Fact #18

Different pieces of evidence have been destroyed or is being withheld from the public. Kevin Delaney, the quality assurance manager for the New York Air Route Traffic Control Center, [destroyed](#) a tape recorded by six Air Traffic Controllers on the morning of 9/11 “by breaking up the plastic housing and cutting the tape into small fragments, depositing the remnants in trash cans throughout the Center.”

In April/May 2000, 2.5 terabytes of information regarding Able Danger [was destroyed](#) in April/May 2000.

The CIA [destroyed](#) interrogation tapes.

In 2003, a book was written by Gail Swanson entitled, [Behind-the-Scenes: Ground Zero](#) that is a “collection of personal accounts” from people that were at Ground Zero on that day. In that book, Firefighter Nicholas DeMasi says “at one point I was assigned to take Federal Agents around the site to search for the black boxes from the planes. We were getting ready to go out. My ATV was parked at the top of the stairs at the Brooks Brothers entrance area. We loaded up about a million dollars worth of equipment and strapped it into the ATV. When we got into the ATV to take off, the agent accidentally pushed me forward. The ATV was already in reverse, and my foot went down on the gas pedal. We went down the stairs in reverse. Fortunately, everything was okay. **There were a total of four black boxes. We found three.**” The 9/11 Commission says those black boxes were not found.

Most of the steel from the WTC [was removed](#), cut into smaller sections, and either melted at a recycling plant or shipped out of the U.S. *Fire Engineering* magazine [wrote](#), “We are literally treating the steel removed from the site like garbage, not like crucial fire scene evidence.”

Fact #19

Several Whistleblowers have come forward over the years with information pertinent to the 9/11 attacks.

Most were [ignored or censored](#) by the 9/11 Commission.

Some of these people are [John M. Cole](#) (Senior Counterintelligence Operations Manager-FBI), [Bogdan Dzakovic](#) (Former Red Team Leader-FAA), [Sibel Edmonds](#) (Language Specialist-FBI), [Behrooz Sarshar](#) (Language Specialist-FBI), [Melvin A. Goodman](#) (Former Senior Analyst/ Division Manager-CIA), [Gilbert Graham](#) (Retired Special Agent, Counterintelligence-FBI), [Coleen Rowley](#) (Retired Division Counsel- FBI), [John Vincent](#) (Retired Special Agent, Counterterrorism-FBI), [Robert Wright](#) (Veteran Special Agent, Counterterrorism-FB), [Mark Burton](#) (Senior Analyst- NSA), [Mike German](#) (Special Agent, Counterterrorism-FBI), [Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer](#), and [Scott Philpott](#).

9/11 Family Member Patty Casazza [said](#) “Sibel came to, actually, the four widows, and asked us if she could get a hearing with the Commission because **nobody of the Commission was responding to her requests to testify**. And part of the problem with testifying, um... as someone who’s working for one of the agencies, is that, they have to be careful with state secrets, what they reveal. And, in order to be a whistle-blower, and **not be retaliated against**, most whistle-blowers **need to be subpoenaed**, cause then their co-workers, and those who might retaliate against them, know that under penalty of, ya know, law, they could be... um... ya know, accused of being traitors and what not, and put in jail, or executed. So most whistle-blowers were... **did not come forward on the basis of what happened to Sibel Edmonds**. Um, Sibel brought us many whistle-blowers, and **I submitted them personally to Governor Kean**, who was the Chairman of the Commission. And I said, “these people are not being subpoenaed. They will not

come before the Commission voluntarily unless they are subpoenaed.” And, **he promised me... to my face that “every whistle-blower would be... indeed heard.” And, most were not heard.** Sibel was only heard **because we dragged her in and surprised the Commission on one of the days we were meeting with them...** that we had her with us. Um, we met other whistle-blowers on the side of the road in Maryland, ya know, to hear what they could tell us. None of them revealed state secrets to us by the way (laughs)... um, but, they had information... and basically, **the Government knew... ya know, other than the exact moment... they knew the date, and the method of which the attacks were supposed to come.** (pauses) And none of this made it to mainstream media. **None of it made it into the Commission.** And yet, again, all of your Representatives, on the day that the Commission book came out, were on their pulpits saying, [“What a fabulous job this Commission has done. A real service to this nation.”](#) And it was anything but a service. It was a complete fabrication.”

On October 29th, 2007, Sibel Edmonds [agreed to break](#) the gag order that was placed on her, and tell her entire story to the media. Until [very recently](#), the only paper to [take the challenge](#) was the *Sunday Times*. At the time, the media in this country did not give her the time of day with [one exception](#) that I know of, and it wasn't prominently displayed. Sibel's story mentions the same [alleged financier](#) of the 9/11 attacks that Rep. Porter Goss, Sen. Graham, Sen. Kyl met on the morning of 9/11, and people like George Tenet, and others met in the months prior to 9/11, and during the week of 9/11.

On 1/3/2011, the [“Memorandum For The Record”](#) of Sibel Edmonds' testimony before the 9/11 Commission was released by cryptome.org. Almost the **ENTIRE** document was deemed “9/11 Classified Information.” Sibel [wrote](#), “despite some redactions here and there, and in a few cases fairly extensive redaction, there were no interviews where the entire interview (and the report on the interview) was blacked out in its entirety. Mine was the only one privileged and honored to such degree! Why? I mean, come on, we are talking about interviews with: FBI Special Agent in Charge on Counterterrorism, CIA Officers with Directorate of Intelligence with a Specific Focus on Drugs & Thugs, The Chairman of National Intelligence Council, NSA Chief of Counterintelligence & SIGNIT Support, Senior CIA Analysts. Yet, none of these interviews was redacted in its entirety. None.”

On 9/9/2010, the *New York Times* [reports](#) that, “Defense Department officials are negotiating **to buy and destroy all 10,000 copies of the first printing of an Afghan war memoir they say contains intelligence secrets**, according to two people familiar with the dispute.” The book in question is [Operation Dark Heart](#) by 9/11 Whistleblower Anthony Shaffer. The *New York Times* goes on to say that, “Disputes between the government and former intelligence officials over whether their books reveal too much have become commonplace. But veterans of the publishing industry and intelligence agencies **could not recall another case in which an agency sought to dispose of a book that had already been printed.**”

On 9/9/2010, it is [reported](#) that “specifically, the DIA wanted references to a meeting between Lt. Col. Tony Shaffer, the book's author, and the executive director of the 9/11 Commission, Philip Zelickow, **removed**. In that meeting Shaffer alleges the commission was told about “Able Danger” and the identification of Atta before the attacks. **No mention of this was made in the final 9/11 report.**”

On 9/17/2010, *Agence France Presse* [reports](#) that the “publisher has agreed to remove US intelligence secrets from a memoir by a former army officer in Afghanistan after the Pentagon raised last-minute objections, officials said Friday. The book, *Operation Dark Heart*, had been printed and prepared for release in August but St. Martin’s Press will now issue a revised version of the memoir after negotiations with the Pentagon, US and company officials said. In return, the Defense Department has agreed to reimburse the company for the cost of the first printing, spokesman Colonel Dave Lapan told AFP.” [...] “St. Martin’s press will destroy copies from the first printing **with Pentagon representatives observing** “to ensure it’s done in accordance with our standards,” Lapan said.” [...] “For those portions that will be reflected as redacted **we are considering litigation to challenge the determinations**,” Zaid said.”

On 1/31/2010, the September Eleventh Advocates [released a statement](#) pertaining to 9/11 Whistleblower Behrooz Sarshar. This statement asked, “that the transcript of Mr. Sarshar’s interview be immediately declassified,” and that they respectfully request, “that the former Chairman, Governor Thomas Kean, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lee Hamilton and the Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission, Mr. Philip Zelikow, promptly answer the questions herein.”

Neither Thomas Kean, Lee Hamilton, or Philip Zelikow responded. As a result of their refusal to respond, 9/11 Whistleblower Sibel Edmonds [released a transcript](#) of one of the times Berhrooz Sarshar testified. This transcript speaks of foreknowledge of the 9/11 attacks, and an order from above to disregard any knowledge of it. **Not one news outlet reported on it.**

Fact #20

Apparently, [Lt. General Mahmood Ahmed](#), the head of the Pakistani ISI, someone who met with [U.S. elected and appointed officials](#) in the weeks before 9/11, on the day of 9/11, and in the days after 9/11, ordered [possible](#) MI6 Agent [Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh](#) to wire transfer \$100,000 to [Mohammad Atta](#). The 9/11 Families’ [submitted a question](#) to the 9/11 Commission about this incident.

Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI’s Counterterrorism Division, [John S. Pistole](#) stated that their investigation “has traced the origin of the funding of 9/11 back to financial accounts in Pakistan, where high-ranking and well-known al-Qaeda operatives played a major role in moving the money forward, eventually into the hands of the hijackers located in the US.”

In January 2002, during a visit to India, FBI Director [Robert Mueller](#) was told about Saeed Sheikh’s involvement in the 9/11 attacks by Indian Investigators.

[Apparently](#), “on the eve of the publication of its report, the 9/11 Commission was given a stunning document from Pakistan, claiming that Pakistani intelligence officers knew in advance of the 9/11 attacks.”

On 3/3/2006, the [Friday Times](#) reported that “Pakistan gave tens of thousands of dollars through its lobbyists in the United States to members of the 9/11 inquiry commission to ‘convince’ them to drop some anti-Pakistan findings in the report.” This according to FO

Official Sadiq. According to the Pakistan paper [Daily Times](#), this story about bribery “triggered” U.S. media interest. I don’t remember seeing any mention of this story at all. If you know of an American media outlet that investigated this story, and reported on the results of that investigation, please let me know.

On 4/10/2006, Pakistan [officially denied](#) the allegations of bribery. **“Pakistan has never indulged in the illegal activity of bribing or buying influence anywhere in the world,”** said a statement issued by the FO spokesperson here on Sunday.

It’s interesting to note that after Osama Bin Laden’s reported death on 5/1/2011, and after the United States started to [hypocritically](#) point fingers at Pakistan for either protecting or harboring Osama Bin Laden, it was [reported](#) that “Pakistan’s Washington lobbyists have launched an intense campaign on Capitol Hill to counter accusations that Islamabad was complicit in giving refuge to Osama bin Laden.” Then, a [report](#) on 7/19/2011 comes out that says, “a Virginia man has been arrested for participating in a conspiracy to act as an agent of the Pakistani government. Court documents identify the man as Syed Fai of Fairfax, Virginia, a U.S. resident. The FBI alleges that Fai funneled millions of dollars to elected officials and high-profile conferences in an effort to influence American policy on Kashmir, a disputed territory along the Indian and Pakistani border. In charging documents, Fai was said to have received funding for his lobbying efforts from Pakistan’s ISI, the country’s spy agency.”

On 10/1/2001, Lt. Gen. Ahmed and Saeed Sheikh may have been involved in [another “terrorist attack”](#) together.

Recently, it was reported that Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh has been [running a terrorist network](#) from prison, and was planning to assassinate President Musharraf.

Former ISI Chief Hamid Gul [recently defended](#) Lt. Gen. Ahmed regarding the allegations of the wire transfer.

On 3/15/2002, Condoleezza Rice is asked a question about Lt. Gen. Ahmed. “Dr. Rice, are you aware of the reports at the time that ISI Chief was in Washington on September 11th, and on September 10th, \$100,000 was wired to Pakistan to this group here in this area? While he was here meeting with you or anybody in the administration?” Her response was, “I have not seen that report, and he was certainly not meeting with me.” The [transcript](#) of this has “ISI Chief” replaced with “—.”

On March 31st, 2006, 9/11 Commissioner Thomas Kean was [confronted](#) on this issue. He said he wasn’t aware of it.

It should be noted that a “[Memorandum For The Record](#)” from the 9/11 Commission was discovered that said, “there is absolutely no evidence Atta received a wire a transfer from the Pakistani ISI,” but there are major redactions prior to that statement, and after it. Also, there is no mention of Lt. General Mahmood Ahmed or Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh. I have never seen a statement from any official explain why the allegations of the \$100k wire transfer are wrong or unsubstantiated. Wikileaks [states](#), “U.S. investigators later said that this was a confusion with Mustafa al-Hawsawi, also known as Mustafa Muhammad Ahmad, who is currently held in Guantanamo Bay.” However, when you read the [source article](#) of that statement, it refers to “Shaykh Sai’id [...] **an Egyptian** who helped fund bin

Laden when the terrorist leader was based in Sudan during the 1990s.” Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh **is from Britain**.

The FBI [originally said](#) that Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh was a financier of the attacks.

Fact #21

On the morning of 9/11, a homemaker by the name of Maria will notice a group of people sitting on top of a white van.

She [says](#), “They seemed to be taking a movie” at the time of the first impact.

She calls the police. At 3:31pm on 9/11, the FBI [issues](#) a BOLO (be on the lookout) that says, “White, 2000 Chevrolet van...with ‘Urban Moving Systems’ sign on back seen at Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ, at the time of first impact of jetliner into World Trade Center.... Three individuals with van were seen celebrating after initial impact and subsequent explosion. FBI Newark Field Office requests that, if the van is located, hold for prints and detain individuals.”

At 3:56pm on 9/11, these individuals are [arrested](#).

On 9/14/2001, the owner of Urban Moving Systems [flees](#) to Israel.

Because of [great pressure](#) in late October 2001, the arrested men, allegedly Israeli spies, are [released](#) in November 2001.

One of the men [claims](#) “our purpose was to document the event.”

It is interesting [to note](#) that “four of the five Israelis arrested on 9/11, Paul and Sivan Kurzberg, Omer Marmari, and Yaron Shmuel, file a multimillion dollar lawsuit against the US Justice Department. They claim they were arrested illegally, then held without charge and interrogated and tortured for months.”

Apparently, there were [Israeli Art Students](#), possibly Mossad, spying in the U.S. at the time of 9/11. It is said that these “art students” were the [source of a warning](#) the Mossad passed along to the CIA on 8/23/2001. The Mossad gave the CIA “a list of 19 terrorists living in the US and say that they appear to be planning to carry out an attack in the near future. It is unknown if these are the 19 9/11 hijackers or if the number is a coincidence. However, four names on the list are known, and these four will be 9/11 hijackers: Nawaf Alhazmi, Khalid Almihdhar, Marwan Alshehhi, and Mohamed Atta.”

Fact #22

No one has been held accountable, and instead, people that didn’t deserve it, [were promoted](#).

Fact #23

On 9/11/2006, 9/11 Family members Donna Marsh O’Connor, Michele Little, and Christina Kminek, along with Kyle Hince (Executive Producer of 9/11: Press For Truth), and Paul Thompson (www.historycommons.org, author of “The Terror Timeline”), [called for a new investigation](#) (RealPlayer required) at the National Press Club in Washington

D.C. I believe [this](#) is the only news outlet to cover it.

Over the years, different family members like [Bob McIlvaine](#), [Lorie Van Auken](#), [Daniel Wallace](#) (RIP), and [Barry Zelman](#), as well as many others have spoken out for the truth.

The September Eleventh Advocates have released [letter](#) after [letter](#) after [letter](#) after [letter](#) after [letter](#) after [letter](#) after [letter](#) after [letter](#) after [letter](#) trying to get some truth. The media has been silent.

In late 2009, there was an [effort](#) in New York to get a new investigation onto the ballot. Over 100 9/11 Family Members endorsed this effort. The city [argued](#) that a real/new investigation into 9/11 is “not a proper subject to be placed before the voters.” When Supreme Court Justice Edward Lehner asked city counselor Steve Kitzinger “if the City had done anything to investigate 9/11. Kitzinger flatly responded, “No.” In disbelief, Judge Lerner responded with, “the City never did anything?” 9/11 Whistleblowers [Coleen Rowley](#), and [LTC Anthony Shaffer](#) endorsed this initiative.

Fact #24

The United States Government has not fully cooperated with international investigations into 9/11.

With regards to [Abdelghani Mzoudi](#), the United States “would not allow Mzoudi’s defense to cross-examine bin al-Shibh,” and as a result he was acquitted. During an appeal, “Kay Nehm, Germany’s top federal prosecutor, again appeals to the US State Department to release interrogation records of bin al-Shibh to the court. However, the US still refuses to release the evidence, and a list of questions the court gives to the US for bin al-Shibh to answer are never answered.”

With regards to Mounir El-Motassadeq, his conviction having to do with the 9/11 attacks was [overturned](#) after finding that “German and US authorities withheld evidence.” He was later [convicted](#) for his “Al-Qaeda” membership, but not for 9/11.

Fact #25

As I mentioned in the introduction, the Mainstream Media has not covered the questions concerning the 9/11 attacks as they should, and for the most part, with the exception of [small town news](#), have attacked those that do.

According to [James Goodale](#), the founders of the United States “enacted the First Amendment to distinguish their new government from that of England, which **had long censored the press and prosecuted persons who dared to criticize** the British Crown.” On 10/31/2005, Reporters Without Borders [reported](#) that the United States ranked 44th in the world for Freedom Of The Press “mainly because of the imprisonment of *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller and **legal moves undermining the privacy of journalistic sources.**”

At the 2008 RNC, several journalists, including [Amy Goodman](#) of DemocracyNow were [arrested](#).

Over the years, the Mainstream Media has essentially used George Bush's [policy](#) of

never tolerating “outrageous conspiracy theories concerning the attacks of September 11th – malicious lies that attempt to shift blame away from the terrorists themselves, away from the guilty.”

At first, and still, they have referred to anyone that questions the events of 9/11 as “Conspiracy Theorists.” They have done so [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#).

The Mainstream Media has also repeatedly focused on what is considered the “[fringe](#)” of the 9/11 Truth Movement, and has ignored the more credible researchers.

Several celebrities have spoken out for 9/11 Truth. Each time one has done so, [almost in unison](#), the Mainstream Media has attacked them. They have done so [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#).

They have portrayed those who question the official account as “[unpatriotic](#),” and also as “[terrorist sympathizers](#).” We were even [painted](#) as Holocaust Denying murderers.

As pointed out in Fact #23, the media has also [ignored](#) the 9/11 Family Members who question the official account, but they have also given a lot of attention to people like Ann Coulter that have attacked some of those family members [again](#), and [again](#), and [again](#). The September Eleventh Advocates [responded](#) to Coulter’s remarks.

The media has heavily promoted movies like “[Path To 9/11](#)” which are factually incorrect, and ignored movies like “[9/11: Press For Truth](#),” which calls into question the entire 9/11 Report, and is endorsed by the family members that fought for it.

The MSM have also repeatedly said that if you question the official account of 9/11, you are [dishonoring the family members](#).

Fact #26

The 9/11 Commission was [mandated](#) to give a “**full and complete accounting**” of the attacks of September 11, 2001 and recommendations as to how to prevent such attacks in the future.”

The 9/11 Commission had the power of subpoena, but rarely used it. Instead, they used what were called “[document requests](#)” which could be, and were ignored.

As mentioned in Fact #19, several whistleblowers were brought forward, but were either [censored or ignored](#) by the 9/11 Commission. Early on, the 9/11 Commission didn’t hold people under oath.

At one point, an [advertising campaign](#) was started that asked for people to be held under oath.

On 4/27/2009, a [memo](#) was discovered that talked about “Government Minders” intimidating witnesses. According to Kevin Fenton’s article, they “**answer[ed] questions directed at witnesses**,” they “**acted as “monitors, reporting to their respective agencies on Commission staffs lines of inquiry and witnesses’ verbatim**

responses.” The staff thought this “conveys to witnesses that their superiors will review their statements and may engage in retribution,” and they “positioned themselves physically and have conducted themselves in a manner that we believe intimidates witnesses from giving full and candid responses to our questions.”

The 9/11 Commission said that a [“Failure Of Imagination”](#) was partly to blame for what happened. Eleanor Hill’s [opening statement](#) to the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11, as well as 9/11 Family Kristen Breitweiser’s [opening statement](#) shows this was not the case.

The following are some quotes from 9/11 Commissioners Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton from their book [Without Precedent](#). “The two sides decided to split the difference, allowing eighteen months for the inquiry—a period of time that proved insufficient” [...] “The White House also suggested some candidates for executive director for our staff. The importance of this position cannot be overstated” [...] “we seriously only considered one candidate: Philip Zelikow”. Zelikow was a controversial choice. In the 1990s, as an academic, he had co-authored, with Condoleezza Rice, a book about German unification, and he later assisted Stephen Hadley in running the National Security Council transition for the incoming Bush administration in 2000-2001” [...] “After Philip Zelikow came on board as executive director, he began recruiting and interviewing candidates”. Zelikow was selected with little consultation with the rest of the committee, but several commissioners had concerns about the kind of inquiry he would lead” [...] “We soon encountered problems, both in obtaining information and with the laborious conditions placed on our access to some information” [...] “We decided against an aggressive use of subpoenas for several reasons”. Furthermore, we knew that many of the most important documents we sought were potentially the subject of an executive privilege claim—meaning that the president might not be legally compelled to share that material with another branch of government, even with a subpoena” [...] “We were supposed to be independent, not necessarily confrontational. We were investigating a national catastrophe, not a White House transgression; this was 9/11, not Watergate” [...] “Senior officials from the FAA and NORAD—Jane Garvey and Craig McKinley—made statements about the timeline of 9/11 that were later proven to be inaccurate” [...] “Many interviews were recorded, though we were not permitted to record those conducted with current officials from the Executive Office of the President” [...] “We were set up to fail.”

The [9/11 Family Steering Committee](#) was made up of 12 family members, including the [“Jersey Girls”](#). They monitored the commission, they worked with the staffers of the commission, and they provided 100’s of well researched questions for the commission to answer. According to 9/11 Commission Chair Thomas Kean, “They monitor us, they follow our progress, they’ve supplied us with some of the best questions we’ve asked. I **doubt very much if we would be in existence without them.**”

The 9/11 Commission [only answered 30%](#) of the families questions.

Fact #27

The level of fear that resulted from the attacks of 9/11 was nourished and maintained, and still is to this day.

Reich Marshal Hermann Goering once [said](#) “of course the people don’t want war. But

after all, it's the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it's always a simple matter to drag the people along whether it's a democracy, 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 **tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for [lack of patriotism](#), and exposing the country to [greater danger](#).**"

On 6/23/2007, Glenn Greenwald wrote about how insurgents in Iraq were being referred to as "Al-Qaeda" more frequently. He [states](#), "what makes this practice all the more disturbing is how quickly and obediently the media has adopted the change in terms consciously issued by the Bush administration and their military officials responsible for presenting the Bush view of the war to the press."

Fox News once [suggested](#) "Al-Qaeda" was responsible for starting California Wildfires.

Keith Olbermann ran two stories that I know of [regarding](#) the [political usage](#) of "terror threats."

The *New York Times* recently ran a [massive story](#) on how military analysts with "ties to military contractors" were being used by the Pentagon to "**shape terrorism coverage from inside the major TV and radio networks.**" They "have echoed administration talking points, **sometimes even when they suspected the information was false or inflated.**"

Fact #28

The *9/11 Report* was, and is, [promoted as a triumph](#).

The *Washington Post* [reported](#) that it is "a useful analysis of the changes that have taken place since, as well as the changes that have not taken place," and calling the commission's unanimity and comprehensiveness "impressive." *WaPo* also [reported](#) that "the final report is a document of historic sweep and almost unprecedented detail, offering the sort of examination of a highly classified subject that customarily would not be possible for decades after the fact. From the findings of spy agencies to the tactics of fighter pilots, from the conversations of heads of state to the verbatim texts of secret presidential briefings, this is the government laid bare."

The *New York Times* [reported](#) that it was "uncommonly lucid, even riveting," and is an "improbable literary triumph."

Time magazine [said](#) the report was "meticulous in its reconstruction of the attacks and unflinching in its conclusions about why the government failed to stop them."

The 9/11 Commission's report was [nominated](#) by the National Book Foundation in 2004 for best in non-fiction.

Former Representative Katherine Harris [referred](#) to the *9/11 Report* as "one of the most important publications of our age."

Senator Hillary Clinton [said](#) the 9/11 Commission's report was "a great testimony to the

their willingness to search hard for the truth, to get at the facts.”

Senator Charles Schumer said the 9/11 Commission did an “incredible job.”

In 2004, Bush’s Presidential Campaign said **“the Commission’s report makes the case for the policies that U.S. President Bush has been pursuing in the War on Terror and eliminates any doubt that the best defense against the threat of global terror is a strong offense.”**

Bush said, “I agree with their conclusion that the terrorists were able to exploit deep institutional failings in our nation’s defenses that developed over more than a decade.”

A different kind of praise for the 9/11 Report has come in the form of requests for “9/11-Type Commissions” for other horrible events in America’s history such as [Katrina](#) and the recent [financial crisis](#).”

Fact #29

Osama Bin Laden has not been indicted for the 9/11 attacks.

Some time before [9/26/2001](#), FBI spokesman Rex Tomb says, “there’s going to be a considerable amount of time before anyone associated with the attacks is actually charged.” He continues, “To be charged with a crime, this means we have found evidence to confirm our suspicions, and a prosecutor has said we will pursue this case in court.”

On [9/23/2001](#), then Secretary of State Colin Powell is asked, “will you release publicly a white paper which links [bin Laden] and his organization to this attack to put people at ease?” He responds by saying “we are hard at work bringing all the information together, intelligence information, law enforcement information. And I think in the near future we will be able to put out a paper, a document that will describe quite clearly the evidence that we have linking him to this attack.” The following day, then White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer when asked about Powell’s statement says “I think that there was just a misinterpretation of the exact words the secretary used on the Sunday shows.” I’m not aware of anybody who said white paper, and the secretary didn’t say anything about a white paper yesterday.”

On 10/4/2001, Tony Blair will present a paper that makes the case for Osama Bin Laden’s involvement before Parliament. It says, **“this document does not purport to provide a prosecutable case against Osama bin Laden in a court of law.”** Nevertheless, it continues, “on the basis of all the information available [Her Majesty’s Government] is confident of its conclusions as expressed in this document.”

On 6/6/2006, Rex Tomb will [say](#), “the reason why 9/11 is not mentioned on Osama bin Laden’s Most Wanted page is because **the FBI has no hard evidence connecting bin Laden to 9/11.**” This according to [Ed Haas](#) of the Muckraker Report.

On 8/28/2006, the *Washington Post* will [report](#) about this story. They state “from this point of view, the lack of a Sept. 11 reference suggests that the connection to al-Qaeda is uncertain. Exhaustive government and independent investigations have concluded

otherwise, of course, and bin Laden and other al-Qaeda leaders have proudly taken responsibility for the hijackings.” They speak to Rex Tomb who says “There’s no mystery here” [...] “They could add 9/11 on there, but they have not because they don’t need to at this point. . . . There is a logic to it.” According to David N. Kelley, a former U.S. attorney, “It might seem a little strange from the outside, but it makes sense from a legal point of view,” said Kelley, now in private practice. “If I were in government, I’d be troubled if I were asked to put up a wanted picture where no formal charges had been filed, no matter who it was.”

Contrary to *WaPo*’s claim that “bin Laden and other al-Qaeda leaders have proudly taken responsibility for the hijackings,” Osama denied any involvement in the attacks on three separate occasions.

On 9/16/2001, he [says](#), “I would like to assure the world that **I did not plan the recent attacks**, which seems to have been planned by people for personal reasons.”

On 9/28/2001, he [says](#), “I have already said that **I am not involved in the September 11 attacks** in the United States. As a Muslim, I try my best to avoid telling a lie. I had no knowledge of these attacks, nor do I consider the killing of innocent women, children and other human beings as an appreciable act. Islam strictly forbids causing harm to innocent women, children and other people. Such a practice is forbidden even in the course of battle.” The United States should try to trace the perpetrators of these attacks within itself; the people who are a part of the US system but are dissenting against it. Or those who are working for some other system; persons who want to make the present century as a century of conflict between Islam and Christianity so that their own civilization, nation, country, or ideology can survive. They may be anyone, from Russia to Israel and from India to Serbia. In the US itself, there are dozens of well-organized and well-equipped groups capable of causing large-scale destruction. Then you cannot forget the American Jews, who have been annoyed with President Bush ever since the Florida elections and who want to avenge him.” Then there are intelligence agencies in the US, which require billions of dollars worth of funds from Congress and the government every year.” They needed an enemy.” Is it not that there exists a government within the government in the United States? That secret government must be asked who carried out the attacks.”

On 12/26/2001, Bin Laden releases a tape that [says](#) the U.S.’s invasion of Afghanistan is “a vicious campaign **based on mere suspicion**.”

On 9/10/2008, White House Press Secretary Dana Perino will be [asked a question](#). “But Osama bin Laden is the one that – you keep talking about his lieutenants, and, yes, they are very important, but Osama bin Laden was the mastermind of 9/11 – Her response is to say that **“No, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was the mastermind of 9/11**, and he’s sitting in jail right now.”

It’s interesting to note that after years of referring to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed as the “mastermind” of the 9/11 attacks, instead of Osama Bin Laden, after his supposed death on 5/1/2011, the media again started referring to him as the “[mastermind](#)” of the attacks. There are several [examples](#) of [this](#).

On 5/6/2011, Noam Chomsky [wrote](#), “I stress “suspects.” In April 2002, the head of the

FBI, Robert Mueller, informed the press that after the most intensive investigation in history, the FBI could say no more than that it “believed” that the plot was hatched in Afghanistan, though implemented in the UAE and Germany. What they only believed in April 2002, they obviously didn’t know 8 months earlier, when Washington dismissed tentative offers by the Taliban (how serious, we do not know, because they were instantly dismissed) to extradite bin Laden if they were presented with evidence which, as we soon learned, Washington didn’t have. Thus Obama was simply lying when he said, in his White House statement, that “we quickly learned that the 9/11 attacks were carried out by al Qaeda.”

On 6/17/2011, it was [announced](#) that “U.S. criminal charges against Osama bin Laden were formally dropped Friday, 13 years after he was first indicted and seven weeks after his death.”

Fact #30

The authenticity of video and audio recordings that have been released over the years allegedly from Osama Bin Laden have been disputed.

On 10/29/2007, *MSNBC* [reported](#) about a “running debate among video analysts about whether al-Qaida faked” a video that was [released](#) on 9/7/2007.

The so called “confession video” has been disputed from three different points of view. The [translation](#) of the tape was disputed. Professor Gernot Rotter from the University of Hamburg says, “this tape is of such poor quality that many passages are unintelligible. And those that are intelligible have often been taken out of context, **so that you can’t use that as evidence**. The American translators who listened to the tape and transcribed it **obviously added things that they wanted to hear in many places.**”

The date the video was made is [disputed](#) by analyst Maher Osseiran. Several commentators [questioned](#) whether the person depicted in the video is actually Osama.

According to [CNN](#), Bush was asked about the authenticity of the tape, but “scoffed” at the idea “that the videotape of Osama bin Laden discussing the September 11 terrorist attacks might not be authentic.” He said, “It is preposterous for anybody to think that this tape is doctored” [...] “That’s just a feeble excuse to provide weak support for an incredibly evil man.”

On May 25th, 2010, Jeff Stein of the *Washington Post* [reports](#) that the CIA’s Office of Technical Services “actually did make a video purporting to show Osama bin Laden and his cronies sitting around a campfire swigging bottles of liquor and savoring their conquests with boys, one of the former CIA officers recalled, chuckling at the memory. The actors were drawn from “some of us darker-skinned employees,” he said.”

Fact #31

The majority of the testimony from Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the alleged “mastermind” of the 9/11 attacks, **something the 9/11 Report is heavily based on**, was gotten through [torture](#), and [“third-hand](#) – passed from the detainee, to the interrogator, to the person who writes up the interrogation report, and finally to [its] staff in the form of reports, not even transcripts.”

Because of the latter, the 9/11 Commission [decided](#) to add a disclaimer to the chapters that are heavily based on detainee interrogations. The disclaimer says, “Chapters 5 and 7 rely heavily on information obtained from captured al-Qaeda members. A number of these ‘detainees’ have firsthand knowledge of the 9/11 plot. Assessing the truth of statements by these witnesses-sworn enemies of the United States-**is challenging**. Our access to them has been limited to the review of intelligence reports based on communications received from the locations where the actual interrogations take place. We submitted questions for use in the interrogations, **but had no control over whether, when, or how questions of particular interest would be asked. Nor were we allowed to talk to the interrogators so that we could better judge the credibility of the detainees and clarify ambiguities in the reporting.** We were told that our requests might disrupt the sensitive interrogation process. We have nonetheless decided to include information from captured 9/11 conspirators and al-Qaeda members in our report. We have evaluated their statements carefully and have attempted to corroborate them with documents and statements of others. In this report, we indicate where such statements provide the foundation for our narrative. We have been authorized to identify by name only ten detainees whose custody has been confirmed officially by the US government.”

The 9/11 Commission became [unhappy](#) because the government’s investigators were “not asking the detainees the kinds of questions [it wanted] answered.”

On 8/6/2007, the *New Yorker* [reports](#) that a former CIA official estimates that about “**ninety percent of the information was unreliable.**”

KSM’s interrogations are mentioned as a source in the 9/11 report **211 times**.

On 6/15/2009, the *Associated Press* [reported](#) that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed said he would “**make up stories**” in order to get them to stop torturing him.

On 8/6/2010, it is [reported](#) that “four of the nation’s most highly valued terrorist prisoners were secretly moved to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 2003, years earlier than has been disclosed, **then whisked back into overseas prisons before the Supreme Court could give them access to lawyers**, The Associated Press has learned. The transfer allowed the U.S. to interrogate the detainees in CIA “black sites” for two more years **without allowing them to speak with attorneys or human rights observers or challenge their detention in U.S. courts.**”

Fact #32

The Military Tribunals taking place at Guantanamo Bay are a slap in the face to those seeking [justice](#) for the crimes of 9/11, as well as to the rest of the world.

The [level of secrecy](#) is counterproductive. As the September 11th Advocates [state](#), “prosecuting these men within a system **that is secretive in nature** and lacking in due process, and which uses evidence tainted by questionable interrogation methods and possibly even torture, **is a dangerous endeavor.**” Several other family members have [voiced their concerns](#) about the secrecy.

Unlike [U.S. Federal courts](#), “the Guantanamo tribunal permits hearsay evidence as well

as information gleaned from coercion and makes no guarantee that the accused will be able to confront his accusers or know all the evidence against him.”

As far as the media goes “only a [handful of journalists](#) will be allowed in the courtroom, **confined to a glass enclosed booth where they can be shut off from hearing testimony on the judge’s instructions.**” [...] “Audio recordings and pictures of the proceedings are barred.”

The *ACLU* [charged](#) that “the U.S. government is blocking the American Civil Liberties Union from paying attorneys representing suspected terrorists held here, insisting that the ACLU must first receive a license from the U.S. Treasury Department before making the payments.”

Once the Supreme Court ruled that detainees “have the right to challenge their detention in civilian court,” the Bush Administration [decided](#) **“to rewrite the official evidence against Guantanamo Bay detainees, allowing it to shore up its cases before they come under scrutiny by civilian judges for the first time.”**

A [propaganda](#) film was shown to the court room. “The video is entitled “The Al Qaeda Plan,” an echo of “The Nazi Plan” made by Oscar-winning director George Stevens as evidence in the Nuremberg war crimes trials of German leaders after World War II.” Judge Keith Allred approved the video, but said, “The planes crashing into the towers and the people screaming doesn’t prove anything.”

Army Brig. Gen. Gregory Zanetti [said](#) that Brig. Gen. Thomas Hartmann, the Pentagon official who oversees the Guantanamo war crimes tribunals, was “abusive, bullying, unprofessional.”

Detainee lawyers say that “political interference taints the proceedings.”

On 4/18/2008, it was [reported](#) that the families would be able to watch the trials. According to Army Col. Lawrence Morris, “we’re going to broadcast in real time to several locations that will be available just to victim families.” Later, the military decided [against](#) that. However, they were going to allow Debra Burlingame, a 9/11 Family Member that happens to be pro-Bush to attend. Several family members released a [statement](#) that said, “selectively inviting only 9/11 family members whose views are in alignment with those of the Bush administration is only one example of the repeated attempts to infuse politics into what should be an impartial process that has the goal of achieving justice.” On 10/27/2008, it was [reported](#) that “the Pentagon has made plans to bring victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks — **chosen by lottery** — to watch a hearing of reputed al Qaeda kingpin Khalid Sheik Mohammed’s death penalty trial.” Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England said, “Soon, some of those victim families will have the opportunity to see firsthand the **fair, open and just trials** of those alleged to have perpetrated these horrific acts.” The *Miami Herald* cites, “a long-promised victims witness program, which will enable thousands of family members of the Sept. 11 dead to watch the eventual trial through satellite feeds to four U.S. military bases.”

On 12/10/2008, a group of 31 9/11 family members, along with the *ACLU* released a [statement](#) that said, “many of us do not believe these military commissions to be fair, in

accordance with American values, or capable of achieving the justice that 9/11 family members and all Americans deserve.”

On 11/13/2009, the *NYTimes* [reported](#) that “Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the self-described mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, and four other men accused in the plot will be prosecuted in federal court in New York City, a federal law enforcement official said early on Friday.” After that announcement, there was a [tremendous amount](#) of backlash. Many people in Government [insisted](#) that KSM and others be tried in a military court. On 4/4/2011, *ABCNews* [reported](#) that “Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and four co-conspirators **will be tried in a military commission at Guantanamo Bay**, Department of Justice officials said today.” There are many [problems](#) already [transpiring](#). An extensive archive of the KSM trials is available [here](#).

Fact #33

The resulting dust from the collapse of the buildings on 9/11/2001 was toxic, and people like Condoleezza Rice and Christie Todd Whitman [lied about it](#) so things like Wall Street could reopen. As a result, **several 1000 9/11 First Responders, and residents of New York are sick and dying**. Both local and Federal Governments **have ignored them in their time of need**.

Finally, on 12/22/2010, after **YEARS** of hard work by people like [John Feal](#), [Anne Marie Baumann](#), [Glenn Kline](#), [Sean Riordan](#), [Charlie Giles](#), and [myself](#), and select elected officials such as Rep. Jerrold Nadler and [Rep. Carolyn Maloney](#), the James Zadroga 9/11 Health & Compensation Act passed, and the 9/11 First Responders finally got the help that they needed. No thanks to the [Republicans](#).

Fact #34

Suspicious trading in the world markets took place before 9/11/2001.

On or around 8/6/2001, what appear to be “[suspicious](#)” put option purchases are made. According to one analyst, “from what I’m hearing, it’s more than coincidence.”

In early September 2001, “[suspicious](#)” short selling of reinsurance company stocks take place.

Also in September 2001, [suspicion](#) of insider trading takes place in many other countries, resulting in the creation of several investigations. The countries mentioned are Belgium, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Monte Carlo, Cyprus, U.K., Italy, and Japan.

On 10/3/2001, the *San Francisco Chronicle* will [report](#) that the NYSE sees “unusually heavy trading in airline and related stocks several days before the attacks.” Some of those companies are American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, Southwest, United, and US Airways.

In early September 2001, there is a [sharp increase](#) in short selling of American and United Airlines stocks.

Between 9/6/2001, and 9/10/2001, [suspicious trading](#) of put options on American and United Airlines occur. Ernst Welteke, the President of a German central bank, says that

his bank has done a [study](#). **“There are ever clearer signs that there were activities on international financial markets that must have been carried out with the necessary expert knowledge.”** His researchers have found **“almost irrefutable proof of insider trading.”**

During the time of the 9/11 Commission, the families [pressed for answers](#) about this suspicious trading.

The 9/11 Report states, “highly publicized allegations of insider trading in advance of 9/11 generally rest on reports of unusual pre-9/11 trading activity in companies whose stock plummeted after the attacks. Some unusual trading did in fact occur, but each such trade proved to have an innocuous explanation.” [...] “The SEC and the FBI, aided by other agencies and the securities industry, devoted enormous resources to investigating this issue, including securing the cooperation of many foreign governments. These investigators have found that the apparently suspicious consistently proved innocuous.”

On 4/30/2010, it was [reported](#) that “initial speculation after the 9/11 terrorist attacks that plotters made financial bets against airlines or other companies hurt by the events was unfounded.” [...] “We have not developed any evidence that suggests that those who had advance knowledge of the attacks traded on the basis of that information,” the SEC said. “In every instance where we noticed unusual trading before the attack, we were able to determine, either through speaking directly with those responsible for the trading, or by reviewing trading records, that the trading was consistent with a legitimate trading strategy.”

On 8/17/2011, it was [reported](#) that “the SEC has violated federal law by destroying the records of thousands of enforcement cases in which it decided not to file charges against or conduct full-blown investigations of Wall Street firms and others initially suspected of wrongdoing, a former agency official has alleged.”

When I asked Matt Taibbi, the originator of the [SEC corruption story](#), if we should trust the SEC’s conclusions concerning the “suspicious trading” of 9/11, he said, “the whole notion that US interests would have insider-traded 9/11 **is the dumbest thing you people have ever thought up**, and that’s saying quite a lot. Have you even stopped for a second to think about this rationally? Any person that would be in a position to know about the 9/11 attacks from within the U.S. government would also have access to mountains of other vital economic information — like changes in interest rates, information about military contract awards, or the results of USDA or CBO or Bureau of Labor reports. It is exponentially easier to trade on interest rate shifts or unemployment statistics than it is to short the freaking airline you’re going to use in a terrorist attack, and doing so has the additional benefit of not leaving physical evidence tying you to the crime. If in fact anyone did inside-trade 9/11, that to me would be proof that it had to be Arab terrorists, or somebody similarly unsophisticated, because nobody with the wherewithal to pull off an “inside job” on the scale you folks believe in would bother trying to steal a few nickels in such a crude/silly way. That’s like accusing a man who’s just robbed three Rembrandts from the Met of ripping the head off a parking meter with a wrench on the way home. The fact that you believe this stuff to me indicates that you have no idea at all how the financial services industry works. There are a million easier ways for people in that position to make money.”

I responded by saying, “we thought it up? Obviously you didn’t pay attention to the news regarding the allegations of insider trading. Nor did you pay attention to the fact that when the families asked the FBI about it, [they were essentially ignored](#). Got it... we should trust the SEC.”

It should be noted that Matt Taibbi and I have [corresponded](#) on 9/11 [before](#).

Fact #35

The 9/11 Report says, “to date, the U.S. government has not been able to determine the origin of the money used for the 9/11 attacks. **Ultimately the question is of little practical significance.** Al Qaeda had many avenues of funding. If a particular funding source had dried up, al Qaeda could have easily tapped a different source or diverted funds from another project to fund an operation that cost \$400,000-\$500,000 over nearly two years.” The 9/11 Commission repeats this in a document entitled, “[The Financing of the 9/11 Plot](#).” “To date, the U.S. government has not been able to determine the origin of the money used for the 9/11 attacks. As we have discussed above, the compelling evidence appears to trace the bulk of the funds directly back to KSM and, possibly, Qatari, but no further. Available information on this subject has thus far has not been illuminating. According to KSM, Bin Ladin provided 85-95 percent of the funds for the plot from his personal wealth, with the remainder coming **from general al Qaeda funds**. To the extent KSM intended to refer to wealth Bin Ladin inherited from his family or derived from any business activity, this claim is almost certainly wrong, because Bin Ladin was not personally financing al Qaeda during this time frame. **Ultimately the question of the origin of the funds is of little practical significance.** Al Qaeda had many avenues of funding. If a particular source of funds dried up, it could have easily tapped a different source or diverted money from a different project to fund an attack that cost \$400,000-\$500,000 over nearly two years.”

Fact #36

“Al-Qaeda” and other “terrorist organizations” have curious connections to intelligence agencies all over the world.

Wikipedia defines “[Al-Qaeda](#)” as “an international Sunni Islamist movement founded in 1988. Al-Qaeda have attacked civilian and military targets in various countries, the most notable being the September 11 attacks in 2001. These actions were followed by the US government launching a military and intelligence campaign against al-Qaeda called the War on Terror.”

On 9/28/2006, the *Washington Post* [reported](#) that “a leaked document **accuses Pakistan’s intelligence agency of indirectly supporting terrorist groups including al-Qaida** and calls on Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to disband the agency.” [...] “Indirectly, Pakistan (through the ISI) has been supporting terrorism and extremism _ whether in London on (July 7, 2005) or in Afghanistan or Iraq.”

The *BBC* [reports](#) that “ [The West has] turned a blind eye towards existing instability and the indirect protection of Al Qaeda and promotion of terrorism.”

On 9/30/2006, the *BBC* [reported](#) Mumbai Police Commissioner AN Roy’s statement that,

"We have solved the 11 July bombings case. The whole attack was planned by Pakistan's ISI and carried out by Lashkar-e-Toiba and their operatives in India."

On 10/7/2006, the *Sunday Times* [reports](#) that "captured Taliban fighters and failed suicide bombers have confirmed that they were trained by the Pakistani intelligence service, known as the ISI."

In March 2001, [Selig Harrison](#), a "long-time regional expert" says, "the CIA still has close links with the ISI." Harrison is said to have "extensive contact with the CIA and political leaders in South Asia." In 2000, "Ahmed Rashid, longtime regional correspondent for the *Financial Times* and the *Daily Telegraph*" referred to the U.S. as "Pakistan's closest ally, with deep links to [Pakistan's] military and the ISI."

On 10/19/2007, B. Raman [reported](#) that "Brig Ejaz Shah, a former officer of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence" [...] "used to be the handling officer of Osama bin Laden and Mulla Omar, the amir of the Taliban." When I asked Mr. Raman "What does it mean to be Osama Bin Laden's "Handling Officer" for the Pakistani ISI? What is the responsibility of the person that has this particular job?" his response was, "The handling officer of a source in Indian and Pakistani intelligence agencies **is the person who looks after the welfare of the source, keeps him motivated and uses him as needed.** The source cannot meet anybody else other than his handling officer except the head of the agency. One source—one handling officer is the general rule. This is to prevent the exposure of the operation and maintain its deniability. I understand in the CIA they call him the Running Officer of a source."

On 10/31/2001, *Le Figaro* [reports](#) that while staying in the American hospital in Dubai, he is treated by Dr. Terry Callaway. "He is possibly accompanied by Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri (who is said to be bin Laden's personal physician as well as al-Qaeda's second-in-command), plus several bodyguards. Callaway supposedly treated bin Laden in 1996 and 1998, also in Dubai. Callaway later refuses to answer any questions on this matter." "During his stay, bin Laden is visited by "several members of his family and Saudi personalities," including Prince Turki al-Faisal, **then head of Saudi intelligence.**" "On July 12, bin Laden **reportedly meets with CIA agent Larry Mitchell in the hospital.** Mitchell apparently lives in Dubai as an Arab specialist under the cover of being a consular agent. The CIA, the Dubai hospital, and even bin Laden deny the story. The two news organizations that broke the story, *Le Figaro* and *Radio France International*, **stand by their reporting.**" "The *Guardian* claims that the story originated from French intelligence, "which is keen to reveal the ambiguous role of the CIA, and to restrain Washington from extending the war to Iraq and elsewhere." The *Guardian* adds that during his stay **bin Laden is also visited by a second CIA officer.**" "In 2003, reporter Richard Labeviere will provide additional details of what he claims happened in a book entitled *The Corridors of Terror*. He claims he learned about the meeting from a contact in the Dubai hospital. He claims the event was confirmed in detail by a Gulf prince who presented himself as an adviser to the Emir of Bahrain. This prince claimed the meeting was arranged by Prince Turki al-Faisal. The prince said, "By organizing this meeting" Turki thought he could start direct negotiations between [bin Laden] and the CIA on one fundamental point: that bin Laden and his supporters end their hostilities against American interests." In exchange, the CIA and Saudis would allow bin Laden to return to Saudi Arabia and live freely there. The meeting is said to be a failure." "On July 15, Larry

Mitchell reportedly returns to CIA headquarters to report on his meeting with bin Laden.” “French counterterrorism expert Antoine Sfeir says the story of this meeting has been verified and is not surprising: It “is nothing extraordinary. Bin Laden maintained contacts with the CIA up to 1998. These contacts have not ceased since bin Laden settled in Afghanistan. Up to the last moment, CIA agents hoped that bin Laden would return to the fold of the US, as was the case before 1989.” “A CIA spokesman calls the entire account of bin Laden’s stay at Dubai “sheer fantasy.”

Luai Sakra, [an alleged CIA informant](#) is said to have trained 6 of the 9/11 hijackers.

Ali Mohamed [has connections](#) to both the FBI and the CIA.

On 3/17/2007, Seymour Hersh [reported](#) that, “Iran-Contra veterans working out of Dick Cheney’s office **are using stolen funds from Iraq to arm al Qaeda-tied groups** and foment a larger Sunni-Shia war.”

On 4/3/2007, *ABCNews* [reported](#) that, “a Pakistani tribal militant group responsible for a series of deadly guerrilla raids inside Iran has been secretly encouraged and advised by American officials since 2005.” [”] “Pakistani government sources say the secret campaign against Iran by Jundullah **was on the agenda when Vice President Dick Cheney met with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf** in February.”

On 7/2/2009, a successful “[working relationship](#)” was established “**between the Bush Administration, specifically Cheney, the CIA, and the Pakistani ISI**” [...] “**for the express purpose of funding, manipulating and using a “terrorist” organization in order to carry out terrorist attacks.**”

On 3/1/2010, nearly three years after the initial report, *Newsweek* attempts to “[debunk](#)” the claims about Jundullah. However, even though they say “the United States has never had a relationship with Jundullah” in the following paragraph they admit that “**there appears to be at least some brief history between the U.S. and Jundullah.**” Also, they neglect to mention that Abdolhamid Rigi, Abdolmalek’s brother, [made the same claims](#) July 2009 “**in a court session held in the southeastern city of Zahedan.**”

On 1/13/2012, nearly five years after the initial report, Mark Perry [reports](#) that “buried deep in the archives of America’s intelligence services are a series of memos, written during the last years of President George W. Bush’s administration, that describe how Israeli Mossad officers recruited operatives belonging to the terrorist group Jundallah by passing themselves off as American agents.” However, the memos were not released with this report, and instead, they were “described by the sources.”

On 2/9/2012, *NBC News* [reports](#) that “Deadly attacks on Iranian nuclear scientists are being carried out by an Iranian dissident group that is financed, trained and armed by Israel’s secret service, U.S. officials tell *NBC News*, confirming charges leveled by Iran’s leaders.” [...] “U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Obama administration is aware of the assassination campaign but has no direct involvement. The Iranians have no doubt who is responsible – Israel and the People’s Mujahedin of Iran, known by various acronyms, including **MEK**, **MKO** and **PMI**.” It should be noted that in April 2006, Larisa Alexandrova Horton [reported](#) that “the Pentagon is bypassing official

US intelligence channels and turning to a dangerous and unruly cast of characters in order to create strife in Iran in preparation for any possible attack, former and current intelligence officials say. One of the operational assets being used by the Defense Department is a right-wing terrorist organization known as Mujahedeen-e Khalq (**MEK**), which is being "run" in two southern regional areas of Iran. They are Baluchistan, a Sunni stronghold, and Khuzestan, a Shia region where a series of recent attacks has left many dead and hundreds injured in the last three months." The Bush White House [denied](#) it at the time.

On June 24th, 2009, 9/11 Whistleblower Sibel Edmonds, someone the ACLU refers to as the "[the most gagged person in the history of the United States of America](#)" because of the Bush Administration's usage of the "States Secrets Privilege" to gag her on [two separate occasions](#), said on the Mike Malloy Show that Osama Bin Laden had "[intimate relations](#)" with elements within the U.S. Government [up until the day of 9/11](#).

In Fact #14, I mention that "the co-chair of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11, Bob Graham, [wrote an article](#) that said, "...the (Saudi) agent secured and paid for an apartment. He arranged flight lessons. He introduced them to a tight circle of Muslims, primarily Saudis, who offered additional support." [...] "The (Saudi) agent then tapped another source of funds: a welfare account maintained for the benefit of Saudis in need **by the wife of the kingdom's ambassador to the United States.**" The Saudi Ambassador at the time was long-time Bush family friend, [Prince Bandar](#)."

As I pointed out in Fact #20, "Lt. General Mahmood Ahmed, the head of the Pakistani ISI, someone who met with U.S. elected and appointed officials in the weeks before 9/11, on the day of 9/11, and in the days after 9/11, ordered possible MI6 Agent Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh to wire transfer \$100,000 to Mohammad Atta."

I refer you back to Fact #35.

Fact #37

Former 9/11 Commissioner Max Cleland had a lot of interesting things to say.

Between January and July of 2003, the Bush Administration [delayed](#) the release of the 9/11 Congressional Inquiry Report until after the start of the Iraq War. Max Cleland says, "The administration sold the connection (between Iraq and al-Qaeda) to scare the pants off the American people and justify the war. There's no connection, and that's been confirmed by some of bin Laden's terrorist followers" What you've seen here is the manipulation of intelligence for political ends. The reason this report was delayed for so long-deliberately opposed at first, then slow-walked after it was created-is that the administration wanted to get the war in Iraq in and over" before (it) came out. Had this report come out in January [2003] like it should have done, we would have known these things before the war in Iraq, which would not have suited the administration."

After 1/27/2003, Max Cleland is [disappointed](#) with the start of the 9/11 Commission's investigation. Specifically, he is not happy that the Commission "will not issue subpoenas for the documents it wants and will have a single non-partisan staff headed by executive director Philip Zelikow, who is close to National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice."

In May 2003, Max Cleland wanted the 9/11 Commission to [investigate](#) the false claims tying Iraq to 9/11 made by the Bush Administration. He says, “they were focused on Iraq, they were planning a war on Iraq, they were not paying attention to the business at hand.” Zelikow, Kean, and Hamilton opposed this. Phil Shenon will write, “even some of the Democrats [on the commission] were distancing themselves from him. Cleland knew he was quickly becoming a pariah.” Cleland will say, “it was painfully obvious to me that there was this blanket over the commission” [...] “Anybody who spoke out or dissented, whether against George Bush, the White House, or the war against Iraq, was going to be marginalized.”

In November 2003, the Commission, and the White House were [battling](#) over how much access the Commission would have to Bush daily briefings. Cleland says, “all ten commissioners should have full, unfettered, and unrestricted access to all evidence.”

In December 2003, Max Cleland is [offered](#) a “position on the board of the Export-Import Bank.” He accepts. Before leaving the Commission, he calls the Bush Administration’s stonewalling of the Commission a “national scandal,” and says “I’m not going to be part of looking at information only partially. I’m not going to be part of just coming to quick conclusions. I’m not going to be part of political pressure to do this or not do that. I’m not going to be part of that. This is serious.”

On 10/26/2003, Cleland tells the [New York Times](#) “as each day goes by, we learn that this government knew a whole lot more about these terrorists before Sept. 11 than it has ever admitted.”

Fact #38

Over the years, several polls have been conducted that show a majority of people are concerned about this issue.

In August 2004, 911Truth.org commissioned *Zogby International* for a [poll](#) that concluded **“half (49.3%) of New York City residents and 41% of New York citizens overall say that some of our leaders “knew in advance that attacks were planned on or around September 11, 2001, and that they consciously failed to act.”**

In May 2006, 911Truth.org commissioned *Zogby International* for a [poll](#) that concluded 45% of voting Americans think **“Congress or an International Tribunal should re-investigate the attacks, including whether any US government officials consciously allowed or helped facilitate their success.”**

In September 2007, 911Truth.org commissioned *Zogby International* for a [poll](#) that concluded **“51% of Americans want Congress to probe Bush/Cheney regarding the 9/11 Attacks.”**

In August 2006, *Scripps Howard/Ohio University* conducted a [poll](#) that concluded, **“more than a third of the American public suspects that federal officials assisted in the 9/11 terrorist attacks or took no action to stop them so the United States could go to war in the Middle East.”**

In November 2007, *Scripps Howard/Ohio University* conducted another [poll](#) that

concluded, “**nearly two-thirds of Americans think it is possible that some federal officials had specific warnings of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, but chose to ignore those warnings.**”

Fact #39

Several interesting and thought provoking quotes have been made by people over the years with regards to the 9/11 attacks.

Sen. Patrick Leahy [said](#), “the two questions that the congress will not ask, because republicans wont allow it, is why did 9/11 happen on George Bush’s watch when he had clear warnings that it was going to happen? **Why did they allow it to happen?** And secondly, when they had Osama Bin Laden cornered why didn’t they get him? Had there been an independent congress, one that could ask questions these questions would have been asked years ago.”

Senior Counsel to the 9/11 Commission John Farmer states in his [upcoming book](#), “at some level of the government, at some point in time...there was an agreement not to tell the truth about what happened.”

9/11 Commissioner Bob Kerrey [said](#), “By the way, there’s a credible case that the president’s own negligence prior to 9/11 at least in part contributed to the disaster in the first place. In the summer of 2001, the government ignored repeated warnings by the CIA, ignored, and didn’t do anything to harden our border security, didn’t do anything to harden airport country, didn’t do anything to engage local law enforcement, didn’t do anything to round up INS and consular offices and say we have to shut this down, and didn’t warn the American people. The famous presidential daily briefing on August 6, we say in the report that the briefing officers believed that there was a considerable sense of urgency and it was current. So there was a case to be made that wasn’t made. The president says, if I had only known that 19 Islamic men would come into the United States of America and on the morning of 11 September hijack four American aircraft, fly two into the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon, and one into an unknown Pennsylvania that crashed in Shanksville, I would have moved heaven and earth. That’s what he said. Mr. President, you don’t need to know that. This is an Islamic Jihadist movement that has been organized since the early 1990s, declared war on the United States twice, in ’96 and ’98. **You knew they were in the United States.** You were warned by the CIA. **You knew in July they were inside the United States.** You were told **again by briefing officers in August that it was a dire threat.** And what did you do? Nothing, so far as we could see on the 9/11 Commission.”

9/11 Family Member Kristen Breitweiser said, “it is clear that [Zelikow] should never have been permitted to be a member of the commission, since it is the mandate of the commission to identify the source of failures. We can now see that trail would lead directly to the staff director himself.”

On 7/22/2005, at the 9/11 Congressional Briefing chaired by then Rep. Cynthia McKinney, 9/11 Family Members Monica Gabrielle, and Mindy Kleinberg accompanied 9/11 Family Member Lorie Van Auken who said, “the 9/11 Commission’s report is one year old today. This report was supposed to provide the definitive account of what had transpired on September eleven, 2001. We hoped that our thousands of unanswered

questions would be addressed and answered. Yet incredibly we have found that the Commission's definitive final report has actually yielded more questions than answers."

9/11 Family Member Donna Marsh O'Connor said at the National Press Club on 9/11/2006, "This Government has made me a victim of Conspiracy Theories, because they haven't answered fully, or allowed anyone to ask the true questions of September 11th, and that's what I'm asking from you today. For exposure. We are not crazy. We have questions. We demand answers. [...] We're asking for a new investigation into the events of September 11th, and this time, a truly bipartisan, global, with families invested from the beginning, middle, and throughout the end."

Fact #40

A [document](#) entitled, "Justification for U.S. Military Intervention in Cuba" from 1962 proves **BEYOND THE SHADOW OF DOUBT** that elements within our Government are **MORE THAN CAPABLE** of devising a "9/11 Type" plan.

Fact #41

There are several indications that Osama Bin Laden has been protected, and even allowed to escape after the 9/11 attacks.

On 12/24/1998, at the request of then CIA Director George Tenet, President Clinton [signs an order](#) authorizing the CIA to assassinate Osama Bin Laden. Philip Shenon [will write](#) that Clinton's authorization is "written in stark language" and it makes it very clear "that the president was telling the tribal leaders they could kill bin Laden." However, this order is "**closely held within the CIA**, and the 9/11 Commission will comment, "This intent [to have bin Laden killed] was never well communicated or understood within the agency." "Apparently, **it is never even communicated to Michael Scheuer, head of Alec Station, the CIA's bin Laden unit**. Scheuer will later express his frustration at not being allowed to try to kill bin Laden, "We always talked about how much easier it would have been to kill him."

In February 1999, Clinton [rewrites the order](#) for the CIA and "deletes the wording authorizing an operation to simply kill bin Laden." In December 1999, Clinton issues a wider memo that deals "with "a wider set of contingencies," and they authorize the use of force only within the context of a capture operation, **not an assassination attempt**. The CIA is therefore allowed to try to kill bin Laden only using one specific group of assets-tribal leaders tracking bin Laden in Afghanistan, still based on the earlier instructions. But the CIA does not test "the limits of available legal authority," apparently because the CIA's bin Laden unit **is not told of the kill authorization and due to confusion**."

On 5/23/2011, the *Telegraph* [released a report](#) on Michael Scheuer, the former head of Alec Station. It said that, "during his 22 years in the CIA – three and a half as head of a 18-man Osama bin Laden unit – he told his bosses at Langley on 10 occasions that he had a clear opportunity to kill or capture the terrorist chief. **On all 10 he was told to hold his fire**."

On 9/21/2001, it is [reported](#) that President Putin "had warned the Clinton administration about the dangers posed by Bin Laden. "Washington's reaction at the time really amazed me. They shrugged their shoulders and said matter-of-factly: 'We can't do anything

because the Taliban does not want to turn him over’.”

After 9/11, Bush [says](#) about Bin Laden, “If he thinks he can hide and run from the United States and our allies, he will be sorely mistaken.” Two days after that, he says, “I want justice. And there’s an old poster out West, I recall, that says, ‘Wanted: Dead or Alive.’” In Afghanistan, veteran CIA agent [Gary Berntsen](#) is in charge of the team responsible for capturing or killing Osama Bin Laden called “Jawbreaker.” “He will claim that at the start of December 2001, one of his Arabic-speaking CIA agents finds a radio on a dead al-Qaeda fighter during a battle in the Tora Bora region. This agent hears bin Laden repeatedly attempt to rally his troops. On the same radio, that agent and another CIA agent who speaks Arabic hear bin Laden apologizing to his troops for getting them trapped and killed by US aerial bombing. Based on this information, Berntsen makes a formal request for 800 US troops to be deployed along the Pakistani border to prevent bin Laden’s escape. **The request is not granted.** Berntsen’s lawyer later claims, “Gary coordinated most of the boots on the ground. We knew where bin Laden was within a very circumscribed area. It was full of caves and tunnels but we could have bombed them or searched them one by one. **The Pentagon failed to deploy sufficient troops to seal them off.**” “A Knight Ridder investigative report will later conclude, “While more than 1,200 US Marines [sit] at an abandoned air base in the desert 80 miles away, Franks and other commanders [rely] on three Afghan warlords and a small number of American, British, and Australian special forces to stop al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters from escaping across the mountains into Pakistan.” Military and intelligence officials warn Franks that the two main Afghan commanders cannot be trusted. **This turns out to be correct, as the warlords accept bribes from al-Qaeda leaders to let them escape.**”

On 12/5/2001, [Brig. Gen. James N. Mattis](#) “is convinced his forces can seal the Tora Bora area to trap bin Laden there.” Around this date, Mattis argues strongly to his military superiors at Centcom that his troops should fight at Tora Bora, **but he is turned down.**”

Between December 8th – 14th, British special forces [pursue](#) Osama Bin Laden, and are reportedly “20 minutes behind” him but are “pulled off to allow US troops to go in for the kill.” However, it takes hours for the Americans to arrive, by which time bin Laden has escaped.”

On 10/6/2008, it is [reported](#) that “a team of elite Delta Force commandos was sent into Afghanistan with an assignment to find and kill Osama bin Laden at Tora Bora” but were stopped by U.S. officials. On 60 Minutes, the commando leader is asked by Scott Pelley, “how often does Delta come up with a tactical plan that’s disapproved by higher headquarters?” His answer is “in my experience, in my five years at Delta, **never before.**”

Apparently, Cofer Black is [fired](#) on 5/17/2002. “Six anonymous US intelligence officials will claim that, in fact, Black **is removed by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld** because Black publicly revealed details of the US military’s failure to capture or kill bin Laden in Tora Bora, Afghanistan, in late 2001.”

On 3/13/2001, Bush [says](#), “He’s a person who’s now been marginalized.” I just don’t spend that much time on him.” **I truly am not that concerned about him.**” Instead, Bush is “**deeply concerned about Iraq.**”

Fact #42

Over the years, there have been several reports indicating that Osama Bin Laden is dead.

On 12/26/2001, *Fox News* [reported](#) that “Usama bin Laden has died a peaceful death due to an untreated lung complication.”

On 1/18/2002, President Pervez Musharraf [says](#), “I think now, frankly, he is dead for the reason he is a ... kidney patient.”

On 7/18/2002, the FBI’s counter-terrorism chief Dale Watson [says](#), “I am not really sure of the answer... I personally think he is probably not with us anymore but I have no evidence to support that.”

On 10/7/2002, President Hamid Karzai [says](#) that Bin Laden is probably dead.

On 10/16/2002, Israeli intelligence sources [report](#) that Osama is dead.

On 10/23/2005, a Multan newspaper [reports](#) that Osama Bin Laden, “died four months ago in a village near Kandahar of severe illness.”

On 3/15/2006, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* [reports](#) about a claim by then Rep. Curt Weldon that Osama Bin Laden died in Iran.

On 9/23/2006, it is [reported](#) that “a French regional newspaper quoted a French secret service report on Saturday as saying that Saudi Arabia is convinced that al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden died of typhoid in Pakistan last month.” President Chirac [said](#) this was “in no way whatsoever confirmed.”

Recently, former CIA official Robert Baer [said](#) that he thinks Osama is dead.

On 6/30/2008, *Time* released an [article](#) entitled, “Is Osama bin Laden Dying ... **Again?**”

On 5/1/2011, the United States [announced](#) that Osama Bin Laden “was killed in a firefight with United States forces in Pakistan.” According to the [Associated Press](#), “after bin Laden was killed in a raid by U.S. forces in Pakistan, senior administration officials said the body would be handled according to Islamic practice and tradition. That practice calls for the body to be buried within 24 hours, the official said. Finding a country willing to accept the remains of the world’s most wanted terrorist would have been difficult, the official said. So the U.S. decided to bury him at sea. The official, who spoke Monday on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive national security matters, did not immediately say where that occurred.”

It’s important to note that the “burial at sea was [quickly criticised](#) by Muslim scholars who claimed it had breached sharia law and warned that it may provoke calls for revenge attacks against US targets.”

The White House changed its [initial story](#) “that the Al Qaeda leader wasn’t armed during the assault and didn’t use one of his wives as a shield.” More on that [here](#).

Obama initially said that he “authorized an operation to get Osama bin Laden and bring him to justice” but NPR [reported](#) that “bringing him back alive was apparently never a serious option for Obama’s national-security team. Killing him in an audacious attack was always the more elegant solution to the problem he represented.”

Some have argued about [the legality](#) of the operation even though Attorney General Holder said it was “[lawful](#).”

There was an apparent “[blackout](#)” of video even though “a photograph released by the White House appeared to show President Barack Obama and his aides in the situation room watching the action as it unfolded.”

Apparently, “all of the non-White House [still photographs](#) of the president’s dramatic entrance down the hall into the East Room and the late Sunday evening speech itself were faked.”

Only one man was armed during the “[firefight](#),” and apparently there was [no resistance](#).

Several people question the “[official account](#)” of his death, [including](#) the UN Human Rights Chief Navi Pillay.

The compound that he was supposedly in is being considered to be [demolished](#).

As of 5/6/2011, the Obama Administration has [refused to release the photographs](#) of the deceased Osama Bin Laden. It was [reported](#) on 1/31/2012 that “the conservative group Judicial Watch has sued for release of the materials under Freedom of Information Law, and they apparently have a case.”

Fact #43

Several of the alleged hijackers should not have been given visas.

Between April 3-7, 2001, three hijackers [are given visas](#) to the United States through the US Consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. They are Nawaf Alhazmi, Salem Alhazmi, and Khalid Almidhar. “Almidhar and Nawaf Alhazmi are already “al-Qaeda veterans” and battle-hardened killers.” “All three men **have indicators in their passports marking them as Islamist radicals**. These indicators are used to track them by the Saudi authorities, **but are apparently not noticed by US officials**.”

On 8/1/2002, Shayna Steiger, “a consular officer who issued 12 visas to the 9/11 hijackers” will give [incorrect testimony](#) to the House Committee on Government Reform. She is not mentioned in the 9/11 Report, even though 9/11 Commission staffers [interviewed](#) her.

According to [Michael Springmann](#), someone who was the head US consular official in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from Sept. 87 to March of 89, said that he was “repeatedly ordered” to issue [more than 100] visas to unqualified applicants.” “He later learns that recruits from many countries fighting for bin Laden against Russia in Afghanistan were funneled through the Jeddah office to get visas to come to the US, where the recruits would travel

to train for the Afghan war. According to Springmann, the Jeddah consulate was run by the CIA and staffed almost entirely by intelligence agents. **This visa system may have continued at least through 9/11, and 11 of the 19 9/11 hijackers received their visas through Jeddah.**

Fact #44

Footnote 44 of the 9/11 Report states, "CIA cable,"Activities of Bin Ladin Associate Khalid Revealed," Jan. 4, 2000. His Saudi passport-which contained a visa for travel to the United States-was photocopied and forwarded to CIA headquarters. **This information was not shared with FBI headquarters until August 2001.** An FBI agent detailed to the Bin Ladin unit at CIA attempted to share this information with colleagues at FBI headquarters. A CIA desk officer instructed him **not to send the cable with this information.** Several hours later, this same desk officer drafted a cable distributed solely within CIA **alleging that the visa documents had been shared with the FBI.** She admitted she did not personally share the information **and cannot identify who told her they had been shared.** We were unable to locate anyone who claimed to have shared the information. Contemporaneous documents contradict the claim that they were shared. DOJ Inspector General interview of Doug M., Feb. 12, 2004; DOJ Inspector General interview of Michael, Oct. 31, 2002; CIA cable, Jan. 5, 2000; DOJ Inspector General report," A Review of the FBI's Handling of Intelligence Information Related to the 9/11 Attacks," July 2, 2004, p. 282."

9/11 Family Member [Kristen Breitweiser](#) referred to George Tenet as "Mr. "I failed to tell the FBI for 18 months that two known al Qaeda killers were living in San Diego and planning the 9/11 attacks."

Fact #45

NIST released a report about the collapse of building 7 that is in dispute.

Recently, the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) [published](#) comments critiquing NIST's report on building 7.

The September Eleventh Advocates [released a statement](#) that cleverly mocked their report.

There is an organization known as [Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth](#) that disputes this report.

NIST's questionable report on building 7 caused people that were once [on the fence](#) regarding the collapse of those buildings on 9/11, to think that those advocating something different than NIST's conclusions, responsibly, **might be right.**

Fact #46

After the 9/11 attacks, George Bush's popularity ratings soared to [record numbers](#).

On 9/18/2001, the *Washington Post* [reported](#) that, "the country has rallied to the president's side. Even those who wished for a little more eloquence from him **did not want to hear a word against him.** Ask any journalist who raised questions about his initial handling of the crisis: **They have been inundated with furious calls calling them**

a disgrace to their profession and even traitors. Congress is well aware that George Bush **has become a colossus, surpassing his father's 90 percent approval rating after the Persian Gulf War.** Congress has been more than satisfied **with a supporting role** in the wake of the horror. On Tuesday night members convened and sang "God Bless America" and **pledged allegiance to Bush.** Democratic consternation and misgivings have been expressed behind the scenes. When Bush requested blanket authority for retaliation, some remembered the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, which they unwarily gave to Lyndon Johnson during Vietnam and came to regret. They said the president's current powers give him all the authority he needed to punish the authors of the obscene attacks. But, as one Democrat said disconsolately, **"No one wants to say no to Bush now."**

Fact #47

The "Moussaoui Trial" had a lot of problems, and revealed a lot of information. It's important to [note](#) that Moussaoui had only the sentencing phase of a trial – because they said he had confessed, he didn't have a full trial. "The jury had two choices — death by injection or life in prison. The jury's rejection of the death penalty was viewed as a setback for the government."

On 3/7/2006, the *Associated Press* [reported](#) that "a defense lawyer got FBI agent Michael Anticev to admit that **the FBI was aware years before Nine-Eleven that al Qaida planned to slam planes into prominent buildings.**"

On 3/13/2006, *AP* [reports](#) that "an angry federal judge unexpectedly recessed the death penalty trial of al Qaeda conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui to consider whether government violations of her rules against **coaching** witnesses should remove the death penalty as an option." Another AP [report](#) cites that a, "government lawyer who has jeopardized the prosecution of al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui used a transcript of the first day of the trial to try to shape future testimony to meet or deflect possible defense attacks, court documents indicate." [...] "Arguing that Martin's e-mails **tainted three government and four defense witnesses beyond repair**, the defense has asked the judge to dismiss the government's bid to execute Moussaoui, the only person charged in this country in connection with al-Qaida's Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon." This ["outraged"](#) the families. **"I was really horrified and very outraged to hear that this type of mistake was made,"** Regenhard said. **"This is probably one of the most important trials in the history of this country – how someone could put that at risk. She betrayed the families of the victims who certainly have been waiting nearly five long years to get some kind of scintilla of justice."**

On 3/15/2006, the *Washington Post* [reports](#) that "U.S. District Judge Leonie M. Brinkema decided yesterday **to exclude all aviation security evidence after Martin violated a court order by e-mailing trial transcripts to seven witnesses and coaching them about their upcoming testimony.**" [...] **"I am furious,"** said Rosemary Dillard, whose husband, Eddie, was killed on the plane that was hijacked and crashed into the Pentagon. **"Aviation is a big part of this case. Aviation is what killed our loved ones. It was planes. You take aviation out . . . where do they go from here?"** [...] **"How are we supposed to get any new information now?"** said Fiona Havlish, formerly of Buck County, Pa., whose husband was killed at the World Trade Center. **"I think what all of us**

are looking for is the truth, and the truth has not been forthcoming out of Washington. I mean, I can only speak for myself, but I do not feel that the truth has come out no matter how hard we as family members have tried. And this was just one more avenue to find a particle of truth, and that is being thwarted.” [...] “Some wondered whether she was being used as a scapegoat for other government officials who did not want the aviation security evidence to be made public.” [...] “I don’t think she is alone,” Dillard said in a telephone interview last night. “I just don’t think she could have gotten away with that. Somebody helped her or prompted her. It just makes me wonder whether this is one more thing where no one is going to be held accountable. . . . It’s almost too clean. I wonder if there is more to the story than we know.” [...] **“I felt the government wasn’t telling us all that it knew, and I do know that feeling is shared in the Massachusetts circle of families within which I travel,” said Blake Allison, of Hanover, N.H., whose wife, Anna Allison, was killed on American Airlines Flight 11. “We talked about this the first day of the trial, the hope that the trial would bring some clarity to some of the circumstances leading up to 9/11.”**

On 3/15/2006, the *Sunday Times* [reports](#) more about 9/11 Family Member Rosemary Dillard’s anger about what happened. **“I felt like my heart had been ripped out,”** said Rosemary Dillard, whose husband Eddie was killed aboard the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. **“I felt like my husband had been killed again. I felt like the Government had let me down again.”** [...] **“I don’t think in the annals of criminal law there has ever been a case with this many significant problems,”** said Judge Brinkema, who considered abandoning the trial altogether but eventually decided to adjourn it until Monday.” [...] **“The missing testimony was expected to deal with how much the Federal Aviation Administration already knew about possible terror threats to airlines prior to 9/11, and what security measures were in place.”**

On 3/16/2006, *MSNBC* [reports](#) that “the lawyer whose coaching of witnesses in the death penalty case of Zacarias Moussaoui caused his trial to be halted was placed on administrative leave from her job, the Transportation Security Administration said Thursday.”

On 3/17/2006, *AP* [reports](#) that “the judge has issued a written order that says prosecutors can present exhibits and a witness or witnesses **if they are untainted by contact with Transportation Security Administration lawyer Carla Martin.**”

On 3/20/2006, *Reuters* [reports](#) that “an FBI agent testified in the sentencing trial of September 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui on Monday **that agency superiors repeatedly blocked his efforts to warn of a possible terror attack.** Harry Samit, the FBI agent who arrested Moussaoui three weeks before the deadly airliner hijackings that killed 3,000 people, said **he tried to tell his superiors that he thought a hijacking plan might be in the works.** “You tried to move heaven and earth to get a search warrant to search this man’s belongings. **You were obstructed,**” defense attorney Edward MacMahon said as the trial resumed after a week’s delay over improper witness coaching. **“From a particular individual in the (FBI’s) Radical Fundamentalist Unit, yes sir, I was obstructed,”** Samit said.” *Forbes* [reports](#) that “MacMahon (Moussaoui defense attorney) introduced an Aug. 31 letter Samit drafted **“to advise the FAA of a potential threat to security of commercial aircraft”** from whomever Moussaoui was conspiring with. But Maltbie barred him from sending it to FAA headquarters, saying he

would handle that, Samit testified. The agent added that he did tell FAA officials in Minneapolis of his suspicions.”

On 3/25/2006, the *Washington Post* [reports](#) that the families hope for answers at the Moussaoui Trial is “**unfulfilled.**”

Fact #48

On 9/25/2006, former 9/11 Commission Richard Ben Veniste [makes public knowledge](#) a deal within the 9/11 Commission to keep Bush, Cheney and Clinton’s testimony classified until 2009. “**BLITZER:** Now, I read this report, the *9/11 Commission Report*. This is a big, thick book. I don’t see anything and I don’t remember seeing anything about this exchange that you had with the president in this report. **BEN-VENISTE:** Well, I had hoped that we had — we would have made both the Clinton interview and the Bush interview a part of our report, but that was not to be. I was outvoted on that question. **BLITZER:** Why? **BEN-VENISTE:** I didn’t have the votes. **BLITZER:** Well, was — were the Republican members trying to protect the president and the vice president? Is that what your suspicion is? **BEN-VENISTE:** I think the question was that there was a degree of confidentiality associated with that and that we would take from that the output that is reflected in the report, but go no further. And that until some five years’ time after our work, we would keep that confidential. I thought we would be better to make all of the information that we had available to the public and make our report as transparent as possible so that the American public could have that.”

On 9/8/2011, it was [reported](#) that “ten years after al Qaeda’s attack on the United States, the vast majority of the 9/11 Commission’s investigative records remain sealed at the National Archives in Washington, even though the commission had directed the archives to make most of the material public in 2009.” [...] “The still-sealed documents contain source material on subjects ranging from actions by President Bush on the day of the attacks to the Clinton White House’s earlier response to growing threats from al Qaeda — information that in some instances was omitted from the 2004 report because of partisan battles among the commissioners. The sealed material also includes vast amounts of information on al Qaeda and U.S. intelligence efforts in the years preceding the attacks.”

Like the documents pertaining to Sibel Edmonds, many of the documents that have been released **are greatly redacted.**

Fact #49

In the fall of 2003, former National Security Advisor to President Clinton, [Sandy Berger](#), “**removed classified documents from the National Archives, hid them under a construction trailer and later tried to find the trash collector to retrieve them**, the agency’s internal watchdog said Wednesday.” [...] “Berger took the documents in the fall of 2003 while working to prepare himself and Clinton administration witnesses for testimony to the Sept. 11 commission. Berger was authorized as the Clinton administration’s representative to make sure the commission got the correct classified materials.”

On 4/1/2005, it was [reported](#) that Berger “**pleaded guilty yesterday to pilfering classified documents from the National Archives**, saying he showed “very poor judgment” and that his actions were “wrong.”

On 1/9/2007, *Fox News* [reports](#) that “some classified documents that were unlawfully removed from the National Archives three years ago **may never have reached their intended destination – the Sept. 11 commission**, a House Republican report concluded Tuesday.” [...] “Released by Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., the report said Berger could have taken White House staff working papers that never were inventoried by the archives. In that case, nobody would know they were gone, the report said.”

Fact #50

Several companies friendly to the Bush Administration as well as others, and several partners in the “War On Terror” have [benefitted](#) from the 9/11 attacks.

A long time ago at the [2004 9/11 People's Commission](#), I asked ex-CIA Analyst Ray McGovern what he thought could be the [possible motives](#) (Quicktime required) for doing something as horrible as 9/11. He mentioned an acronym for “O.I.L.” that he created. “O for oil, I for Israel, and L for the logistical bases necessary to exert (inaudible) military capability in that part of the world.” Before he answered my question, he spoke of the PNAC’s dream of invading Iraq. He spoke of eliminating any possible threat to the state of Israel. He spoke of what were considered then to be 14 permanent military bases in Iraq, and so on.

Since 9/11, oil companies like [Exxon](#), [Shell](#), and [Chevron](#) have made massive fortunes.

On 6/20/2008, the *Guardian* [reported](#) that “Iraq is preparing to allow four of the biggest western oil companies to renew exploitation of the country’s vast reserves **for the first time in almost four decades**. Iraq’s oil ministry stepped up talks with BP, Exxon Mobil, Shell and Total **after the US vice-president, Dick Cheney, visited Iraq in March**, where he also pressed the government to revive efforts to pass the hydrocarbon law that nationalist MPs were blocking. The first contracts are expected to be signed this month. Some 90% of Iraq’s budget comes from oil revenues.”

Companies like [Bechtel](#) and [Halliburton](#) have made fortunes because of the “War On Terror.” Granted, like most companies, they have lost some of those fortunes since the start of the recession. On 8/31/2010, it was [reported](#) that Halliburton “had won a contract from Italian oil company Eni (ENI.MI) to help develop 20 oil wells in the Zubair field in southern Iraq.”

Since 9/11, the Bush Administration made repeated claims that they would protect Israel. On 1/26/2006, the *Mail & Guardian* [reports](#) that Bush has committed to the “defence of Israel.” On 2/1/2006, *Reuters* [reports](#) that Bush says the U.S. would defend Israel against Iran. On 5/23/2006, *CNN* [reports](#) that Bush promises to protect Israel if attacked by Iran. On 1/7/2008, *AFP* [reports](#) that Bush promises again to protect Israel if attacked by Iran. *Haaretz* reported about a [possible pipeline of oil](#) going from Iraq to Israel.

On 5/24/2007, the *Daily India* [reports](#) that “a new study released by the Centre for Public Integrity, a non-profit organisation based in Washington, has said that **Pakistan has been the largest recipient of anti-terror funds in the four years after 9/11**.” On 5/30/2007, *publicintegrity.org* reported that most of the money Pakistan received “came through a Defense Department program subject to **virtually no congressional**

oversight.” According to [Spencer Ackerman](#), a lot of the money came in the form of “untraceable cash transfers.” On 6/20/2011, it is [reported](#) that “Pakistan’s economy has suffered losses amounting to \$67.93 billion due its operations against terrorists since 2001, said the Pakistan Economic Survey 2010-11.” However, it doesn’t mention that the “[charge-sheet](#)” prepared by the Pakistani Government after Musharraf was forced out included, “**corruption in the funds received from the US for supporting the war against terror.**” Indeed, on 12/24/2007, it was [reported](#) that “civilian opponents of President Pervez Musharraf say **he used the reimbursements to prop up his government.** One European diplomat in Islamabad said the United States should have been more cautious with its aid.” It should be noted that in [May 2011](#), “a Rawalpindi court declared former military ruler Pervez Musharraf **a Proclaimed Offender in the Benazir Bhutto assassination case.**” An extensive archive of the Bhutto assassination is available [here](#).

Both Pakistan and Israel are considered partners in the “War On Terror.”

If we’re not staying in Iraq, we sure have a [massive U.S. embassy](#), “the largest of its kind in the world, the size of Vatican City, with the population of a small town, its own defense force, self-contained power and water, and a precarious perch at the heart of Iraq’s turbulent future.”

According to [Wiki](#), Ray McGovern, “was a mid-level officer in the CIA in the 1960s where his focus was analysis of Soviet policy toward Vietnam. McGovern was one of President Ronald Reagan’s intelligence briefers from 1981-85; he was in charge of preparing daily security briefs for Reagan, Vice President George H.W. Bush, the National Security Advisor, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Cabinet. Later, McGovern was one of several senior CIA analysts who prepared the President’s Daily Brief (PDB) during the first Bush administration.” It seems to me that he knows what he’s talking about.

There are so many facts concerning the 9/11 attacks, that it is impossible to know them all. People like to laugh at, and mock our theories (that we all have) concerning the events of 9/11. However, they have a difficult time with the facts. I hope that I have proven my point.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am convinced some elements within our Government, and others were complicit in the attacks of 9/11. As you can see above, the information that exists today clearly points in that direction. We have pieces to the puzzle, and we **KNOW** who refuses to give up the other pieces. However, as I said, this is America, and in America, you are innocent until proven guilty. Let’s have a real investigation, be it a domestic or international one, and do what can only be described as the right thing. Holding those responsible for the 9/11 attacks, whoever they may be, accountable. It is long overdue. Justice has never been more needed. The perverse usage of that day can no longer continue. It is time to take away the “9/11 Card,” and let those poor 2,973 souls finally rest in peace.



Random articles from over the years

The following are some of my favorite articles that I've either written or appeared in. These have not been edited in any way for this book. They are as they appear on the web. As I said, I was never a writer. 9/11 changed that.

This first article was written because I wanted to, in a creative way, teach people how to look for information.

A Lesson In 9/11 Research

By Jon Gold
6/4/2005

Good morning class... today we're going to discuss the events of 9/11. Please take out your copies of "The Terror Timeline", and turn to page 560.

You'll see at the bottom half of the page, an entry entitled, "May 2004: Previously Public Information About FBI Whistleblower Is Now Classified."

I'm going to read it out loud for everyone to hear...

"The Justice Department retroactively classifies information it gave to Congress in 2002 regarding FBI translator Sibel Edmonds. Senator Charles Grassley (R) says, "What the FBI is up to here is ludicrous. To classify something that's already been out in the public domain, what do you accomplish? ... This is about as close to a gag order as you can get." The *New York Times* reports that some of the information discussed is "so potentially damaging if released publicly" that it has to be classified. Topics like what languages Edmonds translated, what types of cases she handled, and where she worked is now classified, even though much of this has been widely reported on shows like CBS's "60 Minutes." [*New York Times*, 5/20/04] In late 2002, the Justice Department invoked the rarely used "state secrets privilege" to limit what she could say. [Salon, 3/26/04]"

Ok... just to clarify what took place here, someone who worked for the FBI, found out some information pertaining to 9/11 that was "damaging" in nature. She then tried to make that information public by what's known as "Whistleblowing". For those of you who don't know, "Whistleblowing" is what it's called when someone officially "tattle-tales" on someone else. They get what's called, "Whistleblower Status", and they are supposedly "protected" by the Government. That, as we can see, is not the case, but I thought I'd explain it anyway.

Does anyone have any questions so far?

Herbert: "Uh, yes sir, I do... doesn't the Freedom Of Speech give us the ability to speak our minds?"

That's a good question Herbert. The Freedom Of Speech guarantees us the right to essentially, speak. However, because of national security, it is sometimes necessary to keep certain information out of the hands of the public. For instance, we're currently engaged in the Iraq War. Sometimes, the military will plan an "operation" that requires absolute secrecy. If that information got out, a lot of people may suffer the consequences. Men and women could be killed. We don't want that to happen, do we? Of course not, however, there are individuals who sometimes can't keep their mouths shut. Because of that, certain "safeguards" have been put into place to make sure that doesn't happen. If you are privy to "classified" information, and you leak it, you can possibly lose your job, pay an inordinate amount in fines, and even in some cases, go to jail.

Ok, back to the article... we see that the Department of Justice classified what Sibel Edmonds, the FBI translator, had to say. We also see that Senator Chuck Grassley, a Republican, doesn't agree with the "Retroactive" classification. A "retroactive" classification is the classification of information after it's already been made public. For instance, let's say today you go out and buy *The Da Vinci Code*. You read it, enjoy it, share it with your friends, and put it on the shelf to collect dust. Two years later, because of the Christian Right's so called, "Activism", the Government decides that *The Da Vinci Code* is a dangerous book, and should be taken off the shelves, and all copies of the book should be destroyed. However, for the millions of people who already read the book, and know what the story is about, how do you extract the information from their brains? You can't. Therefore, a "retroactive" classification makes no sense.

Alice: "Oooh Oooh... Mr. Gold, I have a question..."

Yes Alice, what is it?

Alice: "It sounds to me like certain people in the Government don't want certain information to get out..."

And...

Alice: "Well, if the Government classifies information for the protection of someone in Government, doesn't that mean that individual will "get off"? Doesn't that mean that they are above the law?"

AH-HAH!!!... Therein lies the essential question to this lesson, and I will answer it in time. Very good Alice, you get an apple...

Ok, back to the article... we see that the *New York Times* stated that if this information were to get out it would be "so potentially damaging" that it **HAS** to be classified.

Billy: "Oooh Oooh Mr. Gold..."

I'm glad that everyone is so interested in this topic. Yes Billy, what's your question?

Billy: "Damaging towards who?"

Wow, you kids really want to get to the bottom of this don't you...

Ok, here's what I want you to do. Turn on your computers, and open up your browsers... Go to www.google.com (<http://www.google.com>).

In the interest of saving time, I'm going to give you some hints on what to search for.

Because the main focus of this article was about "Sibel Edmonds", what do you think we should type in the "search field"?

Eric: "**I KNOW.... OOOH OOOH MR. GOLD.... I KNOW!!!**"

sigh Eric... that was sarcasm. Here's your apple anyway...

You'll see that the first link listed on your search is:

<http://baltimorechronicle.com/050704SibelEdmonds.shtml>

Huh, that's interesting. The "Baltimore Chronicle" has been around since 1973. That's a fairly long amount of time. Anyway...

This article has a transcript of an interview Sibel Edmonds did on WGDR radio, April 30th of last year. The interview was hosted by Jim Hogue.

"Jim Hogue: Ms. Edmonds, what I'll do is invite you to tell us whatever you would like-- your stint with the FBI--and what the brouhaha with Ashcroft and company is all about.

Sibel Edmonds: I started working for the Bureau immediately after 9/11 and I was performing translations for several languages: Farsi, Turkish, and Azerbaijani. And I do have top-secret clearance. And after I started working for the Bureau, most of my translation duties included translations of documents and investigations that actually started way before 9/11."

From these first two statements alone we already answer the question Alice alluded to, and Billy asked...

From Jim's question, we can see that John Ashcroft personally had something to do with the "retroactive" classification of what Sibel had to say. The fact that Sibel didn't deny that in her answer, shows that to be the case.

Now as we all know from the papers, John Ashcroft is **NOT** a respected politician. He lost his run for the U.S. Senate in Missouri against a dead man, Mel Carnahan, in the year 2000.

We also know that the Bush Administration is the one who appointed him as Attorney General of the United States of America.

Billy: "Aahahahahah, he lost to a dead man... ahahahahah"

Billy, it's not nice to make fun of ex-Attorney General Ashcroft, no matter **HOW MUCH** fun

it can be...

Anyway, please return to "Google", and type in the following searchwords:

"Tom Flocco, Sibel Edmonds"

The link that is returned is:

<http://www.tomflocco.com/fs/DOJAskedFBI.htm>

The article is entitled, "DOJ Asked FBI Translator To Change Pre 9-11 Intercepts".

The first paragraph states:

"FBI translator Sibel Edmonds was offered a substantial raise and a full time job to encourage her not to go public that she had been asked by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to retranslate and adjust the translations of [terrorist] subject intercepts that had been received before September 11, 2001 by the FBI and CIA."

Alice: "Mr. Gold, how do we know that Tom Flocco is "trustworthy"?"

That's a good question Alice. For you students here who have never heard of Tom Flocco, the answer to that question is you probably won't find him "trustworthy".

There are things you can do when coming across an article like this... the first thing I always do is contact the author of the article which in this case, happens to be Tom Flocco. His email address is readily available on the site...

Just so you know, I have already spoken to Tom, and also have a relationship with the topic of another story he broke named Mary Schneider, but that's a story for a different time.

He apparently is a very busy individual, but he did take the time to answer some of my questions, and was very cordial. The sign of a nice individual.

Another thing you can look for is to see if Sibel Edmonds asks for a retraction to this article anywhere. I have already looked for it, and it doesn't exist.

Billy: "This is really wierd...I don't know what to say..."

Yep, it gets even scarier.

You'll see at the bottom of the article it states the following:

"Kristen Breitweiser, 9-11 family member and also one of the nick-named Jersey girls, arranged to have Ms. Edmonds address the gathered media right after Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet testified."

Wow, a 9/11 family member thought enough of Ms. Edmonds to push for the media to

hear her comments.

Just so you know, Kristen Breitweiser was one of the family members who also pushed for the creation of the "9/11 Commission".

Billy: "Why did she need to "push" for the creation of the "9/11 Commission?"

That's a great question Billy... in other tragic events throughout our history, the JFK Assassination, Pearl Harbor, the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, commissions were created to investigate those events almost immediately.

However, in regards to 9/11, that was not to be the case. Apparently the Bush Administration didn't want 9/11 to be investigated. They did what seemed to be everything in their power to stop the commission from being created. If not for the family members, and citizens of these United States, that commission would have never been created.

Ok, please click on the following link:

<http://www.tomflocco.com/fs/FBILinguist.htm>

"In an exclusive interview on Saturday, we asked Edmonds if she would deny that laundered drug money linked to the 911 attacks found its way into recent House, Senate and Presidential campaign war-chests, according to what she heard in intelligence intercepts she was asked to translate.

"I will not deny that statement; but I cannot comment further on it," she told TomFlocco.com, in a non-denial denial."

Wow. Here are some more excerpts from that article...

"once this issue gets to be...investigated, you will be seeing certain [American] people that we know from this country standing trial; and they will be prosecuted criminally"

"There is direct evidence involving no more than ten American names that I recognized"

Alice: "Oh my goodness... this is just wrong! They can't be allowed to get away with this!"

Calm down Alice... although I agree with you, and think you are right to get emotional, there are other avenues from which to direct your frustration.

As it turns out, there is a wonderful organization of people who are already fighting for this cause. They are referred to as the "9/11 Truth Movement". They are comprised of several different organizations, but if you're interested, I recommend the following sites:

www.911truth.org (<http://www.911truth.org>)

www.911CitizensWatch.org (<http://www.911CitizensWatch.org>)

www.911Visibility.org (<http://www.911Visibility.org>)

www.justicefor911.org (<http://www.justicefor911.org>)

Also, you can see what Sibel Edmonds is up to today by going to her website:

www.justacitizen.org/ (<http://www.justacitizen.org/>)

Eric: "Mr. Gold, this is a lot to take in."

You're right Eric, it is. I have a few words of motivation for you, and hopefully you'll listen to what it is I have to say.

We are an amazing group of people. When I say we, I'm referring to us as Americans. When 9/11 took place, everyone was terrified. They didn't know what was going to come next. However, everyone stood together, and wanted to do **EVERYTHING** in our power to help those who needed it. We, as a people, contributed \$5Billion out of our pockets to help the family members.

Unfortunately, because of manipulation on the part of the media, and the Administration, that energy was directed towards shopping.

If you think this cause important, go to the sites that focus on absolute truth, and absolute accountability. Tell them that you want to sign up, and help with the cause. We need to take that energy that existed after 9/11, and bring it back. Only this time, we need to put it towards what's best for this country, and our futures.

Alice: "Mr. Gold, I'm going to take a look at those sites tonight, and show it to my mom and dad."

That's a great idea Alice... here's an apple.

To answer your original question Alice... Whether or not people in Government are "above the law", the answer to that question is a **RESOUNDING** no.

RING RING... RING RING...

Well, it looks like we've run out of time for today. Tonight's assignment, tell someone about Sibel Edmonds.

Hey, where did all my apples go?

End

(Gold9472: Recently, I took it upon myself to verify these quotes from Sibel herself... here is what she had to say...

Dear Mr. Gold:

Thank you for your support; kind words.

I usually don't respond to inquiries via e-mail; I don't grant interviews in writing either.

However,

Quote #1- Accurate: "once this issue gets to be...investigated, you will be seeing certain [American] people that we know from this country standing trial; and they will be prosecuted criminally"

Quote#2- Accurate: "There is direct evidence involving no more than ten American names that I recognized"

Have a nice holiday.

*Best,
Sibel)*

End of article

This article was an attempt at showing people how powerful the "wand of 9/11" can be, and how important it is to take it away.

Living In The "Post 9/11 World", We Have A Choice

By Jon Gold
1/3/2007

Today, our beloved President decided to "write" an Op-Ed for the [Wall Street Journal](#).

The one thing that stood out to me, aside from the "warning" to Congress saying, "If the Congress chooses to pass bills that are simply political statements, they will have chosen stalemate. If a different approach is taken, the next two years can be fruitful ones for our nation.", was the following paragraph:

"Our priorities begin with defeating the terrorists who killed thousands of innocent Americans on September 11, 2001--and who are working hard to attack us again. These terrorists are part of a broader extremist movement that is now doing everything it can to defeat us in Iraq."

First of all, Iraq and the people fighting against Americans in Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11. Bush himself, admitted that the country of Iraq [had nothing](#) to do with 9/11. As for the groups of people fighting our brave soldiers... If America was invaded by Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, North Korea, Russia, or China, like America invaded Iraq, would Americans that actively opposed said invasion be an "extremist movement" or would they be patriots defending their country? I guess that depends on whether or not you are the invader or the invadees.

People that say 9/11 happened 5+ years ago, and we need to move on as a nation, need to understand that the attacks of 9/11, dictate America's policies.

That one single day has created the "[Post-9/11 World](#)" where [policies](#) the people do not

agree with, become the "priority", and are passed with little to **NO** oversight, or opposition.

I'm sure you're familiar with previous passages of bills opposed by the people like the Patriot Act, the Military Commissions Act, and so on.

The "surge" of 20,000 troops hasn't been approved yet, but how much do you want to bet it will be? With the wand of 9/11, the sky is the limit. As has been proven time and time again.

It doesn't have to be this way. We have a choice. We have the ability to restore sanity to the United States of America.

As I said during my speech at the [Philadelphia 9/11 Truth Tea Party](#):

Our Civil Liberties are disappearing. Wars are being fought in our name, and 1000's upon 1000's of people are dying. This country has been bankrupted while the rich have become richer. Elements of our Government have used the events of 9/11 to make all of this happen, and if 9/11 wasn't what we were led to believe, then we need to know about it, and we need to know about it now.

There are **SEVERAL** legitimate reasons to think the attacks of 9/11 were not what we were led to believe.

Legitimate reasons that drove 9/11 family members Donna Marsh O'Connor, Cristina Kminek, and Michelle Little to call for a new investigation at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. Legitimate reasons that drove 9/11 family members Lorie Van Auken, Mindy Kleinberg, Patty Casazza, and Monica Gabrielle to start a petition calling for the declassification of pertinent documentation related to the attacks of 9/11. Legitimate reasons that drove family members Mindy Kleinberg, Lorie Van Auken, Patty Casazza, Monica Gabrielle, Sally Regenhard, and Bob McIlvaine to endorse a documentary entitled, "9/11: Press For Truth."

We can take away their "wand of 9/11". We have a choice.

You just have to make it.

End of article

After the actions of Webster Tarpley during the 2007 anniversary, and the resulting backlash, I wrote this article.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I Belong To...

By Jon Gold
9/26/2007

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to doesn't invite individuals with a known history of disruption, and promotion of questionable, crazy sounding theories to speak at 9/11 Truth

conferences.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to doesn't promote information provided by individuals with a known history of disruption, and promotion of questionable, crazy sounding theories.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to does not consist of people that spend more time attacking other people than actually contributing to the cause.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to doesn't promote theory as fact. "A missile hit the Pentagon", "Flight 93 was shot down", "Controlled Demolition brought down the towers and building 7."

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to does not put all of its' eggs into one basket.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to cares more about truth, accountability, and justice than proving any one theory right.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to consists of people willing to work together, in spite of our differences regarding any particular theory.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to always promotes the best information possible, and understands the value of pointing out inconsistencies in what we were told.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to understands that the information we promote should be well researched, well sourced, and stands up to scrutiny.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to doesn't promote debunked theories, or debunked information after said theory or information has been debunked.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to does not consist of people who force you to believe any particular theory.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to does not consist of people who obtain all of their information from a movie, and instead, consists of people that have taken the time to read and do their own research.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to consists of people that understand if you get a media opportunity, you do not waste it promoting "pet theories", and instead focus on the obvious reasons we are here.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to consists of people that understand incorporating controversial causes (Holocaust Revisionism, Anti-Zionism, UFO Study, Moon Landing Research) into our already controversial cause does not help our efforts.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to doesn't single out any particular religion as the culprits behind the 9/11 attacks.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to consists of people that make every effort to contact

their local media (either by phone, or by protesting), and their local representatives (either by mail, phone, or protesting).

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to is non-violent.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to makes a conscious effort to reach out to 9/11 families, and supports them when they make an effort towards truth, justice, and accountability.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to does everything within its' power to help the sick and dying 9/11 First Responders, and New Yorkers because local and federal officials continue to ignore them.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to is made up of nothing but heroes, and doesn't put any one particular person on a pedestal.

The 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to consists of people that will be successful in changing this world for the better by holding those responsible for the attacks, accountable, and by restoring this country to the fundamentals our forefathers envisioned it to have.

That is the 9/11 Truth Movement I belong to.

End of article

The first time I decided to call out Patrick Leahy. A good example of “using their words against them.”

A Simple Question For Senator Patrick Leahy

By Jon Gold
11/18/2007

"The two questions that the congress will not ask, because republicans wont allow it, is why did 9/11 happen on George Bush's watch when he had clear warnings that it was going to happen? Why did they allow it to happen? And secondly, when they had Osama Bin Laden cornered why didn't they get him? Had there been an independent congress, one that could ask questions these questions would have been asked years ago."

That was said on 9/29/2006 by Senator Patrick Leahy on the [Amy Goodman show](#).

The 2006 Elections came and went, and the Democrats won the majority in both the [House](#) and [Senate](#).

In January of 2007, [vt911.org](#) "working through the fall and early winter gathered more than 1,350 signatures -- 5 percent of the city's registered voters -- to put an advisory question about 9/11 on the city's Town Meeting Day ballot." The question on the ballot would have asked for "a new, thorough, and truly independent forensic investigation that fully addresses the many questions surrounding the tragic events of September 11,

2001."

Before the vote was even decided on, Senator Patrick Leahy decided that he wouldn't support it regardless of the outcome saying that he "respects the work and the findings of the 9/11 Commission. Their report was highly critical of the failures and miscues they discovered, and they recommended a wide range of reforms. Since then, some have come up with their own theories, and that's always the case after major events like this. The 9/11 Commission's report remains the most credible, the most thorough and the most constructive investigation that has been undertaken about those attacks."

I'm sorry to say that the vote was [lost](#). Nice effort though.

On November 3, 2007, at the "9/11: Families, First Responders, & Experts Speak Out Symposium", [Patty Casazza](#) revealed that "whistle-blowers" approached the "Jersey Girls" during the 9/11 Commission Hearings in the hopes that they would get the 9/11 Commission to subpoena them. Reason being, they saw what was happening to Sibel Edmonds, and were afraid to come forward. She claims that the information these people possess show that this Government knew the day, the type of attack, and the targets. She also claims the 9/11 Commission promised that each "whistle-blower" would be mentioned in the 9/11 Report. They were not. So much for "the most thorough and the most constructive investigation that has been undertaken about those attacks."

As was mentioned, the Democrats won the majority in both the House and the Senate. On 9/29/2006, Senator Patrick Leahy's excuse as to why no questions about 9/11 would be tolerated was "because republicans wont allow it."

My question to Senator Patrick Leahy is...

Who won't allow it now?

End of article

This article was written to try and show how the media has essentially ignored the Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh/Lt. General Mahmood Ahmed story. Since it was first reported on. There seemingly has been no attempt at confirming or refuting the story. It just went away.

The Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence Agency News Bias

By Jon Gold
12/27/2007

Today, sadly, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto was assassinated. The list of suspects is a long one, but for the purposes of this article, I'm going to focus on one. The Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence agency or, more commonly known within the 9/11 Truth Movement as, the ISI.

There have been all kinds of reports that say they may have had a hand in it.

Guardian [reported](#):

"After the October assassination attempt, Bhutto's husband, Asif Ali Zardari, who is in Dubai where the couple had been living in exile, accused members of the Pakistani security services, the ISI. "I blame government for these blasts," he said. "It is the work of the intelligence agencies."

Elements of the ISI sympathise with the Taliban and it was a possibility that "rogue elements" in the intelligence services were involved in the two attacks. The ISI became one of Pakistan's most powerful institutions under General Zia-ul-Haq, the man who launched an Islamisation campaign and who overthrew Bhutto's father and had him hung. After Gen Zia's death in a mysterious plane crash in 1988, the ISI actively campaigned against Bhutto when she entered politics."

The London Times [reported](#):

"But fingers will also be pointed at Inter-Services Intelligence, the agency that has had close ties to the Islamists since the 1970s and has been used by successive Pakistani leaders to suppress political opposition. [...] She accused Pakistani authorities of not providing her with sufficient security and hinted that they may have been complicit in the bomb attack. Asif Ali Zardari, her husband, directly accused the ISI of being involved in that attempt on her life. [...]"

Analysts say that President Musharraf himself is unlikely to have ordered her assassination, but that elements of the army and intelligence service would have stood to lose money and power if she had become Prime Minister."

The Washington Post [reported](#):

"Even before the official search got underway in Pakistan, U.S. intelligence agencies yesterday were drawing up their own list of possible suspects in the assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto -- a list that includes al-Qaeda as well as elements of Pakistan's own intelligence service. [...] But several officials said it is equally plausible that the assassination was carried out with the support -- or at least the tacit approval -- of Pakistani government employees. [...] Although Zinni is skeptical of the notion that Pakistani intelligence backed the assassination, other experts saw the hand of Pakistan's military intelligence arm, the Inter-Services Intelligence agency, which supported the Taliban inside Afghanistan until the U.S. invasion in 2001, and is believed to maintain links to Islamic extremist groups. [...] "I know what many people in Pakistan and Afghanistan believe: They think that the Pakistani military killed her," he said. "I am not endorsing this belief -- or denying it -- but it is a political reality."

Honestly, I don't know if the ISI was involved. The *Washington Post* reported, "At the same time, the official said, the rioting and unrest triggered by the slaying threaten the country's stability in a way that directly undermines the government of Musharraf, who had been her chief political rival."

However, Benazir Bhutto has not been a friend to the ISI. Just in the last week, she accused "[Pakistan's Military Intelligence](#)" (which I assume is the ISI) of spying on candidates for the election. I'd say they are definitely suspects for the assassination of

Benazir Bhutto.

It is curious though that the ISI's possible involvement in this assassination is getting so much news coverage, and the ISI's possible involvement in the 9/11 attacks got so very little. At least in the United States.

When it was [reported](#) that Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh wire transferred \$100,000 to Mohammad Atta under the direction of the ISI Chief Lt. General Mahmood Ahmed, the media barely covered it.

When it was [reported](#) that Lt. General Mahmood Ahmed "lost his job because of the "evidence" India produced to show his links to one of the suicide bombers that wrecked the World Trade Centre", the media barely covered it.

When it was [reported](#) that "a juicy direct connection was also established between Mahmoud and Republican Congressman Porter Gross and Democratic Senator Bob Graham" the media barely covered it.

When it was [reported](#) that during the week of 9/11, Lt. General Mahmood Ahmed "held long parleys with unspecified officials at the White House and the Pentagon. But the most important meeting was with Marc Grossman, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs" the media barely covered it.

When Dep. FBI Dir. John S. Pistole [testified](#) before the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs that "a continuing investigation, in coordination with the PENTTBOMB Team, has traced the origin of the funding of 9/11 back to financial accounts in Pakistan, where high-ranking and well-known Al Qa'ida operatives played a major role in moving the money forward, eventually into the hands of the hijackers located in the U.S." the media barely covered it.

When an FO official, Sadiq, [reported](#) that "Pakistan gave tens of thousands of dollars through its lobbyists in the United States to members of the 9/11 inquiry commission to 'convince' them to drop some anti-Pakistan findings in the report" the media barely covered it.

When President Musharraf [wrote in his book](#) that Omar Sheikh may have been an MI6 asset, the media barely covered it.

When the *Washington Times* [reported](#) that 9/11 Family Member Lorie Van Auken was "irate" that the June 16 commission narrative of the 9/11 attacks did not even mention the allegation about Ahmed's role in the \$100,000 transfer to Mohammed Atta", the media barely covered it.

When 9/11 Family Member Bill Doyle [reported](#) to Alex Jones that a source told him part of the 28 pages of the Joint Congressional Inquiry talked about the U.S. funneling money into Pakistan, the media barely covered it.

When Mariane Pearl, wife of slain Wall Street Journal Reporter Daniel Pearl, [wrote in her book](#), *A Mighty Heart* that "I read that the U.S. embassy in Islamabad asked the Pakistani

government to hand over Omar on January 21—two days before Danny was kidnapped. The reason given for the U.S. request was that the 1994 kidnapping included an American citizen. But it seems clear to me that the U.S. authorities wanted to follow up on a much more disturbing trail. I read a news report from October that claimed the FBI had found “credible links” between Omar Saeed Sheikh and then director of the ISI Lieutenant General Mahmood Ahmed. It was alleged that it was Ahmed who instructed Omar to wire the \$100,000 to Mohammad Atta" the media barely covered it.

When it was [reported](#) that Osama Bin Laden had a Pakistani ISI "Handling Officer", a person who looks after the welfare of the source, keeps him motivated and uses him as needed" the media barely covered it.

When it was [reported](#) that “A Pakistani tribal militant group responsible for a series of deadly guerrilla raids inside Iran has been secretly encouraged and advised by American officials since 2005.” [...] “Pakistani government sources say the secret campaign against Iran by Jundullah was on the agenda when Vice President Dick Cheney met with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf in February”, [and that](#) "Pakistan policy is essentially being run from Cheney's office" the media barely covered it.

I understand that the assassination of Benazir Bhutto is devastating news, and that it will probably create a lot of problems for Pakistan, however, I also understand that the murder of 2,973+ people on 9/11 was **ALSO** devastating news, and created **A LOT** of problems for America and the rest of the world.

What I don't understand is why the media has a bias against reporting on the Pakistani ISI's alleged role in the 9/11 attacks. Media, maybe you can explain this to us.

End of article

This article was written to show that essentially, we're not wrong.

We Might Be Wrong About 9/11

Jon Gold
12/4/2008

During my recent [debate](#) with 9/11 “debunker” Pat Curley, in his closing statement – after listing a plethora of different theories from a whole spectrum of individuals, including many I do not endorse – he asked, “would anybody in the 9/11 Truth Movement say, “well, OK, we were wrong?” if, in fact, a new investigation found that we were. He then answered his own question by saying, “and the answer is “of course not,” so stop pretending that all you want is another investigation – you want another investigation that comes to the conclusions that you believe.”

Just to show him that we're not the close-minded people he thinks we are, here's a list of some things we might be wrong about.

We might be wrong to think that people like Dick Cheney and George Bush should have wanted to investigate anything and everything that led to the horrible attacks of 9/11,

instead of trying to “limit the scope” of those investigations, and fight against the families who wanted them, and rightfully so.

We might be wrong to think that our intelligence agencies should have known something was up because of the suspicious trading that took place prior to 9/11. Trading that they monitor.

We might be wrong to think that **ALL** of the suspicious trading should have been thoroughly investigated by the 9/11 Commission, and that their conclusion that the trading was “innocuous” is wrong.

We might be wrong to think that the multitude of warnings our Government received prior to 9/11 should have caused people within the Bush Administration to warn the American public, and take precautions to make sure the attacks didn’t succeed.

We might be wrong to think that former Atty Gen. of New York, Eliot Spitzer, should have responded to the Justice for 9/11 Citizens’ Complaint and Petition delivered to his office in 2004.

We might be wrong to think that a good friend of Dick Cheney’s, Lee Hamilton, someone known for covering up other things like the October Surprise, and the Iran/Contra Affair, should not have been made the co-chairman of the 9/11 Commission.

We might be wrong to think that people like Robert Mueller should have answered all of the families’ questions when they were asking him to his face.

We might be wrong to think that someone with so many conflicts of interest with the Bush Administration, Philip Zelikow, should not have been put in charge of the 9/11 Commission.

We might be wrong to be concerned about a statement by former 9/11 Commissioner Max Cleland that says, “as each day goes by, we learn that this government knew a whole lot more about these terrorists before Sept. 11 than it has ever admitted.”

We might be wrong to think that the multiple wargames taking place on the morning of 9/11 caused confusion on the ground, and that ALL of them should have been thoroughly investigated.

We might be wrong to think that Donald Rumsfeld should have responded in writing to former Rep. Cynthia McKinney about her question regarding the wargames taking place that morning.

We might be wrong to think that the most defended airspace in the world should not have been left completely undefended 34 minutes after the second tower was hit, when everyone in the world knew America was under attack.

We might be wrong to think that either Dick Cheney, Richard Myers, Ralph Eberhart or Donald Rumsfeld somehow impeded the air response that morning.

We might be wrong to think that members of our Government should not meet with an alleged financier of the attacks without being brought forward publicly to testify about those meetings.

We might be wrong to think that elements within our Government and others collaborate with the Pakistani ISI to initiate terrorist attacks around the world in order to create a "strategy of tension."

We might be wrong to think that someone like Shyam Sunder should have met with people like Dr. Steven Jones to at least look at the information he has collected.

We might be wrong to think that the Bush Administration should not have done everything in their power to cover up possible Saudi Arabian involvement.

We might be wrong to think that Israeli spies in this country prior to 9/11 should have been investigated thoroughly.

We might be wrong to think that someone like Khalil Bin Laden, Osama Bin Laden's brother, a person with alleged ties to terrorism, should not have been allowed to leave the country so soon after 9/11 without having been thoroughly investigated.

We might be wrong to think that the 28 redacted pages of the Joint Congressional Inquiry should be de-classified.

We might be wrong to think that whistleblowers should not be retaliated against, or gagged because they were trying to do the right thing.

We might be wrong to think that the Secret Service should have immediately moved the President out of Emma E. Booker Elementary that morning in order to protect him, the children, and the school faculty present.

We might be wrong to think that the President should have immediately wanted to deal with the occurring crisis instead of continuing with a photo-op.

We might be wrong to think that 9/11 should not have been used to take away our civil liberties, and start pre-emptive wars against countries that had nothing to do with the attacks.

We might be wrong to think that the murder of 2,973 people should be treated as a crime instead of as an "act of war."

We might be wrong to think that the media in this country should cover things like family members calling for an entirely new investigation on two separate occasions.

We might be wrong to think that everyone that was in the PEOC should have been brought forward to testify publicly and under oath about what happened that morning.

We might be wrong to think that Dick Cheney and George Bush should have been made to testify publicly and under oath.

We might be wrong to think that there shouldn't be a single family member with doubts about how their loved one was murdered, and who was responsible for it.

We might be wrong to think that the heroes of 9/11 should be given the health care that they need, and that those who lied about the air quality should be held accountable.

We might be wrong to think that if people acted either incompetently or criminally within our Government, then they should be held accountable, as opposed to being promoted or rewarded.

We might be wrong to think that the event that created the "Post-9/11 World" should be **THOROUGHLY** investigated to make sure all of the actions taken in the name of that day are justified, responsible, and in we, the people's best interests.

In conclusion, I'd like to say that yes, we may very well be wrong. On the other hand, we may very well be right. If we are right, and I'm certain that we are, at least about **SOME of it**, would you Pat Curley, would you Mark Roberts, would you Ron Wieck, would you James Bennett, would you Troy Sexton, would you Jim Miegs, would you Michael Shermer, would you Chip Berlet, would you members of JREF... would you... would you... hmmm... are there any more debunkers than that?

Would you admit you were wrong? Would you apologize to all of the families you have disrespected? Would you apologize to all of the first responders you have disrespected? Would you apologize to all of the sincere members of the 9/11 Truth Movement you have slandered, harassed, and/or threatened? Either by directly taking part in these acts, or by promoting them? Would you apologize to the 9/11 Truth Movement for trying to paint us all as crazies by focusing on the fringiest of the fringe?

Would you? Of course not so stop pretending like you know anything about 9/11 because you certainly do not.

End of article

This is the second time I decided to call out Patrick Leahy.

A Suggestion For Senator Patrick Leahy

Jon Gold
3/1/2009

I don't know whether or not I agree with a "Truth & Reconciliation Commission." I don't like Nancy Pelosi, but I agree with her when she says that if there are "[criminal ramifications](#)," people should be charged, and should not be given immunity. Jonathan Turley said that it is a "[shameful](#)" way to avoid prosecuting war crimes.

Senator Leahy's "Truth Commission" seems to focus primarily on [torture](#), but there is a [possibility](#) that more may be looked into. The basic premise seems to be though, that if it is a crime to be investigated, it will be a crime that took place Post-9/11.

Senator Leahy is against re-investigating 9/11. The enabling event for all of the crimes that took place afterwards. Even though he has questions like "why did 9/11 happen on George Bush's watch when he had clear warnings that it was going to happen? Why did they allow it to happen?" he has made it [quite clear](#) that he is not willing to re-investigate it. If Jonathan Turley wants to talk about things that are "shameful," I think I could give him a run for his money.

That being said, I wonder if Patrick Leahy would at least be willing to investigate 9/11 whistleblower [Sibel Edmonds](#). He did, after all, [support her](#) along with [Chuck Grassley](#) in the past. Maybe he would be willing to do so again. After all, her issue has **NOT** been resolved.

It's the **LEAST** he could do (a look at the [anthrax attacks](#) couldn't hurt either).

End of article

After Obama took office, there was a great desire in the activist community to hold the Bush Administration accountable for torture. To me, it seemed as though people forgot their other crimes. So, I wrote this article.

Torture Was The Only Crime? I Think Not

Jon Gold
4/22/2009

Has anyone else noticed that the media, and Congress is acting as though torture is the only crime committed by the Bush White House (with the possible exception of illegal wiretapping)?

Why has everyone forgotten the other crimes perpetrated by the Bush White House? Crimes like stealing the [2000](#), and [2004](#) elections. Provable crimes concerning the [9/11 attacks](#) like obstruction of justice, and criminal negligence. Crimes like [lying](#) this country into war. Crimes like [violating](#) the Constitution. The list of crimes committed by the Bush Administration just goes on and on.

Today, it was reported that torture architect John Yoo was blasted with cries of "[war criminal](#)" at a recent debate held at Chapman University in California. During the debate, he made the following argument:

*"Three thousand of our fellow citizens had been killed in a deliberate attack by a foreign enemy," he told a crowd at Chapman University. "That forced us in the government to have to consider measures to gain information using presidential constitutional provisions **to protect the country from further attack.**"*

That doesn't sound so bad does it? They were just trying to protect the people of America "from further attack." In the eyes of America, and the world, with the use of spin media, this argument will make the Bush White House and America appear "less evil" than if they were to acknowledge the previously mentioned crimes. If they were to acknowledge the

previously mentioned crimes, and tried to hold people accountable for them, then there would be a massive series of arrests in Washington D.C. Not only would Bush Administration officials be held accountable, but everyone that enabled them to commit their crimes would be as well. Making torture the sole crime of the Bush White House, in my opinion, will allow the "powers that be" in Washington D.C. to maintain the "status quo." It will allow them to maintain the system that brought us to where we are today.

We must hold them accountable for **EVERY** crime they committed. If we don't, then we deserve whatever happens to us in the future.

End of article

This was my second attempt at reminding the "Torture Accountability Crowd" about the Bush Administration's other crimes.

The 9/11 Trials: A Message To The Torture Accountability Crowd

By Jon Gold
6/25/2009

A thought I had years ago, more like a "dream," was that eventually, the American people would have the equivalent of the Nuremberg Trials to try those responsible for the atrocities taking place today in our name. In my mind, those trials would be called "The 9/11 Trials."

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting a hero of mine by the name of Cindy Sheehan. I have followed Cindy since the day she testified in the basement of the House during what were called, "The Downing Street Memo Hearings."

During the Q&A, I [asked](#) her why the "peace movement" won't jump on the bandwagon to expose the 9/11 Cover-Up, because in my opinion, if you expose the [9/11 Cover-Up](#), you end the 9/11 Wars. I know Cindy endorses the 9/11 Truth cause. She is a very brave individual. In a nutshell, her response is something I hear a lot. Essentially, Bush & Cheney both admitted to authorizing the [torture](#) that took place. As if to say "we got them dead to rights on that one issue," therefore, let's prosecute them for that.

Believe me when I say that I would like nothing more than to see Bush & Cheney on trial, under oath, for **ANY** of their crimes.

However, as I wrote in my article entitled, "[Torture Was The Only Crime? I Think Not](#)," "making torture the sole crime of the Bush White House, in my opinion, will allow the "powers that be" in Washington D.C. to maintain the "status quo." It will allow them to maintain the system that brought us to where we are today."

In other words, the "[Robber Class](#)" wouldn't be affected by holding Cheney and Bush accountable solely for torture. It would not destroy the "myths" that helped to get us to where we are today.

Imagine, under the umbrella of what would hopefully be called "The 9/11 Trials," every

crime they took part in, in the name of that day, would be exposed. The lies that led us to war, the illegal wiretapping, the torture (which incidentally is [related](#) to the lies we were told about 9/11), the manipulation of the media, our loss of civil liberties, and on and on and on.

If this country were to do as I said, and "hold them accountable for **EVERY** crime they committed," the system that is destroying this country, would crumble. It would give us the chance to reverse everything that has been done since 9/11, and in the name of 9/11. Remember, we are living in the "[Post-9/11 World](#)." As I said in that article, "We can take away their "wand of 9/11". We have a choice. You just have to make it."

On the day of 9/11, and in the days, and months after, this country stood together. We would have done anything and everything to help protect this country from the "evil-doers." Then, using that day, this country was not only destroyed morally, fiscally, constitutionally, etc... but it was also divided. I believe this issue can bring us together again. I believe we can come together as Americans, and do the right thing.

Please consider all of this, and thank you for your time.

End of article

This is an article that took years in the making. I spent a lot of time studying, and learning about this story. To me, it is one of many stories that completely discredits the "War On Terror."

A "Working Relationship" To Fund, Train, And Use Terrorists For Terrorist Activities?

Jon Gold
7/2/2009

Yesterday, something very interesting was reported on. However, before I tell you about it, I have a few things to say. Over the years, I have promoted information regarding the Pakistani ISI's connection to "Al-Qaeda" and "terrorism." I get a lot of flack for this, and am portrayed as someone who wants to see Pakistan and all Muslims killed. I am also portrayed as someone that doesn't want to expose Israel's alleged role in the 9/11 attacks. This is simply not true. Here's an [article](#) I wrote about Ray McGovern and Israel on 5/7/2006. I added an introduction to address this issue. Another [article](#) I wrote addressed the "I want all Muslims killed" argument. In that I said, "you may have seen me say on occasion that 9/11 was not a Zionist crime, not a Muslim crime, not an American crime, etc... but a crime, and should be treated as such. A horrible crime took place on 9/11. 2,973 people were brutally murdered. When it first happened, our "leaders" told us it was an "act of war." It wasn't. It was a crime. Carried out by men. Those men may have been American. They may have been Saudi Arabian. They may have been Pakistani. They may have been Israeli. They may have been Muslim. They may have been Jewish. They may have been Episcopalian. It doesn't matter. No nationality or religion committed the crimes of 9/11. Men did. Men who should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. If any of the men involved in the 9/11 attacks were a part of any nationality or religion, does that mean you should blame every single person that belongs to that nationality or

religion? **OF COURSE NOT!**" I also think the U.S. should stop immediately with their illegal bombing of Pakistan. Ok, now that I have gotten that out of the way, yesterday's news..."

A senior member of the [Jundullah terrorist group](#) says that the group has been trained and financed by "the US and Zionists".

Abdolhamid Rigi, the brother of Jundullah leader Abdolmalek Rigi made the remarks in a court session held in the southeastern city of Zahedan on Wednesday.

Abdolhamid Rigi was among the thirteen members of the Jundullah who were accused of terrorist activities, Fars news agency reported.

The *Tehran Times* [reports](#) that "Abdolhamid Rigi told Press TV that since 2005, his brother had repeatedly met with U.S. agents in Islamabad and Karachi and communicated with them through a common link."

Now, I realize that "debunkers" will probably say "the *Tehran Times*? **HA!** You put your trust in an Iranian news outlet? **TRAITOR!!!**"

However, now comes the interesting part.

On 4/3/2007, Brian Ross and Christopher Isham of ABCNews [report](#):

*"A Pakistani tribal militant group responsible for a series of deadly guerrilla raids inside Iran **has been secretly encouraged and advised by American officials since 2005**, U.S. and Pakistani intelligence sources tell ABC News.*

The group, called Jundullah, is made up of members of the Baluchi tribe and operates out of the Baluchistan province in Pakistan, just across the border from Iran."

[...]

*Pakistani government sources say the secret campaign against Iran by Jundullah **was on the agenda when Vice President Dick Cheney met with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf in February.***

Nightline ran a segment about this story. I don't have a video of it, but I did shell out \$14.95 for the [transcript](#). :)

Notice my original comment in that thread? "Interesting how they specifically say no funding is being provided to them."

On 5/22/2007, ABC [reports](#) that "U.S. officials deny any "direct funding" of Jundullah groups but say the leader of Jundullah was in regular contact with U.S. officials. American intelligence sources say Jundullah has received money and weapons through the Afghanistan and Pakistan military and **Pakistan's intelligence service**. Pakistan has officially denied any connection."

On 5/27/2007, the Telegraph [reported](#) that, "the CIA is giving arms-length support, **supplying money and weapons**, to an Iranian militant group, Jundullah, which has conducted raids into Iran from bases in Pakistan."

So what is probably happening is that the CIA is giving money to Jundallah "through the Afghanistan and Pakistan military and **Pakistan's intelligence service**." Or, the Pakistani ISI.

If what Abdolhamid Rigi says is true, that would prove a working relationship between the Bush Administration, specifically Cheney, the CIA, and the Pakistani ISI, existed. A working relationship for the express purpose of funding, manipulating and using a "terrorist" organization in order to carry out terrorist attacks.

I have tried speaking to [Dennis Lormel](#) about the \$100,000 wire transfer to Mohammed Atta, and have not been successful. Since that article was written, I have tried contacting him again, and have gotten no reply.

If there was a "working relationship" as I described, then suddenly the ISI's alleged involvement with 9/11, and all of those meetings that took place between Lt. General Mahmood Ahmed and our elected officials, become a really important issue in my mind. More so than they already were.

That is, of course, my opinion.

On 12/8/2008, on a whim, I did a search for the word "Jundullah" on google news. I took a snapshot of what I found.



[Saudis 'behind Jundullah hostage taking'](#)

PRESS TV, Iran - 10 hours ago

A report reveals Saudi Arabian intelligence agencies were behind the abduction of a group of Iranian police officers by **Jundullah**. ...



[Iran to crush rebels behind police murders](#)

AFP - Dec 6, 2008

The **Jundullah** (Soldiers of God) group had said they captured 16 Iranian border policemen on June 12 at a checkpoint in the southeastern town of Saravan, ...

[Iran to retaliate against Jundallah](#) PRESS TV

[Iran vows to retaliate after rebels kill 16 police](#) Reuters

[16 Iranian police terrorism victims](#) PRESS TV

[all 36 news articles »](#)



[Jundullah 'kills all Iranian hostages'](#)

PRESS TV, Iran - Dec 3, 2008

The **Jundullah** terrorist cell has reportedly killed the whole group of Iranian police officers, who were taken hostage earlier in June. ...



[Iran says rebel group killed 16 policemen](#)

AFP - Dec 4, 2008

The **Jundullah** (Soldiers of God) group said they captured 16 Iranian border policemen on June 12 at a checkpoint in Saravan, before taking them across the ...

[Militants kill seized Iran police](#) BBC News

[Iran Says Rebels Killed 16 Soldiers](#) New York Times

[all 17 news articles »](#)

[Sunni Religious Cleric Murdered in Iran](#)

The Media Line, NY - Nov 12, 2008

The People's Resistance Movement of Iran, also known as **Jundullah**, has conducted multiple attacks against Iranian civil and military officials. ...

I don't think Cheney is incompetent.

End of article

This was/is an area of interest for a lot of people, including myself.

Remember Those Saudi Flights After 9/11?

by Jon Gold

7/11/2009

A long time ago, I spent some time looking into the [flights](#) that took members of the [Saudi Royals](#), as well as members of the Bin Laden family out of the country in the days, and weeks after 9/11. Here is what I found.

According to Richard Clarke [during his testimony](#) (yea, yea, call me lazy for linking to Michael Moore's site) at both the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the 9/11 Commission Hearings, he stated the following:

"Now, what I recall is that I asked for flight manifests of everyone on board and all of those names need to be directly and individually vetted by the FBI before they were allowed to leave the country. And I also wanted the FBI to sign off even on the concept of Saudis being allowed to leave the country. And as I recall, all of that was done. It is true that members of the Bin Laden family were among those who left. We knew that

*at the time. I can't say much more in open session, but it was a conscious decision with complete review **at the highest levels of the State Department and the FBI and the White House.**" Testimony of Richard Clarke, Former Counterterrorism Chief, National Security Council, before The Senate Judiciary Committee, September 3, 2003.*

*"I was making or coordinating a lot of decisions on 9/11 and the days immediately after. And I would love to be able to tell you who did it, who brought this proposal to me, but I don't know. Since you pressed me, the two possibilities that are most likely **are either the Department of State, or the White House Chief of Staff's Office.** But I don't know." Testimony of Richard A. Clarke before the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, March 24, 2004.*

One of the individuals on those flights was Osama Bin Laden's brother, Khalil Bin Laden. On July 21st 2004, [Senator Frank Lautenberg](#) of New Jersey posted a [flight manifest](#) showing the name of Khalil Bin Laden.

In October 2003, Vanity Fair released an article written by Craig Unger entitled, "[Saving the Saudis](#)" that said, "Khalil bin Laden, who boarded a plane in Orlando that eventually took him back to Saudi Arabia, **won the attention of Brazilian investigators for possible terrorist connections.** According to a Brazilian paper, he had business connections in the Brazilian province of Minas Gerais, not far from the tri-border region, an alleged center for training terrorists."

On August 22nd 2004, CNN [reports](#) that an addendum released by the 9/11 Commission, "states that all the Saudi nationals were screened by the FBI to make certain they were not a threat to national security, **and that no terrorists escaped from the United States on any of the Saudi flights.**"

If the allegations regarding Khalil's connection to terrorism are true, then in my opinion, either the State Department, or the Bush White house aided and abetted a "terrorist" in the days after 9/11, and the 9/11 Commission, for whatever reason, decided not to tell us about it.

End of article

This article was an attempt by me to try and dissuade people like David Ray Griffin and others from promoting, as fact, the idea that Flight 77 didn't hit the Pentagon.

A Good Theory

Jon Gold
9/3/2009

"A good theory explains most of the relevant facts and is not contradicted." - [Dr. David Ray Griffin](#)

There are many theories concerning what happened at the Pentagon on 9/11/2001. The reason these theories exist is because those who should be able to answer our

questions, **REFUSE TO DO SO**. That being said, some of the theories promoted are contradicted by information, and a common practice in the movement is to proclaim those contradictions as "fake" or "planted." In my opinion, it is irresponsible to proclaim something "fake" or "planted" simply because it doesn't coincide with what you **THINK** happened. Especially if there is no information to suggest that something is "fake" or "planted."

The most common theory is that Flight 77 did not hit the Pentagon. There **IS** information that exists that contradicts this theory. To my knowledge, here are those contradictions:

1. Two or three documents belonging to the alleged Flight 77 hijackers [were found in the rubble](#) at the Pentagon. Some of the alleged hijackers [obtained fake IDs](#), so the IDs are questionable. However, they were nevertheless found.
2. The passengers and crew of Flight 77 were [supposedly identified](#) through the use of their DNA. A [recent report](#) indicates that DNA can be faked, however that does not prove that the DNA used to identify people on 9/11 was fake. Just that the possibility exists.
3. There were [pieces of debris](#) found at the Pentagon, and specifically, pieces with the American Airlines logo on them. [Picture One](#), [Picture Two](#), [Picture Three](#), [Picture Four](#), and [Picture Five](#).
4. A book entitled, [Firefight: Inside the Battle to Save the Pentagon on 9/11](#) was released that mentions that they "found several airplane seats, piled among the usual mounds of upturned office furniture and random wreckage. A couple of the seats still had bodies belted into them, which had already been found and marked for the FBI." According to a [review](#) of the book by John Maclean, "the bodies of the five hijackers were found about 100 feet from the point of impact."
5. A [multitude of witnesses](#) saw a plane hit the Pentagon.

Are there questions about what happened at the Pentagon? **YOU HAD BETTER BELIEVE IT!** However, as I said in my [facts piece](#), "we have to be smart with how we approach people." There have been so many "hit pieces" over the years that have used the theory that Flight 77 didn't hit the Pentagon against us. So very many... The "theory" has not helped us, and in my opinion, there are many other better arguments to make that do help this cause.

I am not trying to start a fight. I am just trying to help.

End of article

This is the article I wrote after spending 53 hours in jail, in Washington D.C.

A Dog For Three Days

Jon Gold
3/24/2010

On Saturday March 20th, a huge anti-war rally and march was held at Lafayette Park in Washington D.C. It was sponsored by A.N.S.W.E.R. Speakers included Cindy Sheehan, Ann Wright, Ralph Nader, Mathis Chiroux, Mike Ferner, and many others.

The march ended in front of the White House. Some of the protesters placed faux coffins representing different countries we have harmed during these illegal wars against the fence in front of the White House. The Park Police set up a perimeter around these coffins using the "POLICE DO NOT CROSS" tape. My guess would be it was around 50ft x 50ft on the front sidewalk of the White House. People like Mathis Chiroux laid down in front of the coffins to protest. If you entered this zone, you were arrested. I refer to it as an arbitrary "arrest zone."

Cindy Sheehan, myself, and others walked through the crowd until we reached the barrier closest to those laying down on the sidewalk. As you can see in [this video](#), the barrier failed, and Cindy Sheehan walked across. As soon as she entered the "arrest zone," the Park Police immediately grabbed her, and handcuffed her. They were literally manhandling her.

This made me angry, and I yelled at the Park Police to "let her go!" Before I knew it, the barrier was back up. I tried to push through the barrier, but the Park Police pushed back. I managed to push two Park Policemen back until one of them grabbed for something on their side to use against me. It was probably mace, but it could have been anything. I stopped pushing. I walked around to the side where the police tape was, that failed, and I found myself within the "arrest zone." I decided that I was going to allow myself to be arrested in order to keep an eye on Cindy. One of the Park Police grabbed me by my arm, and placed me next to Mathis and the others.

When I sat down next to Mathis, he said to me, "you're on the right side of the line," and I said, "I know." One of the Park Police walked over to me, and said to another officer, "he crossed the line, arrest him." That Park Policeman lifted me up, and put me in regular metal cuffs. As I stood up, I screamed as loud as I could, "**THIS ARREST IS DEDICATED TO 9/11 VICTIM FAMILY MEMBER ROBERT MCILVAINE JR.!!!**" and part of the crowd cheered. As they walked me away I could see Ann Wright waving her fist at me with a big smile on her face as if to say, "**RIGHT ON!**"

Before I was placed in the van, they changed the metal cuffs to the plasticuffs. They put them on WAY too tight. I told them I have a bad shoulder, but it didn't matter. They were not too concerned with our comfort. As a result of the plasticuffs, my left thumb is numb. Joshua Smith took this video of me being taken to the van.

This arrest was completely unplanned. The action Camp OUT NOW did plan was to take place about 45min – 1hr later (around 4pm) when the Democratic Caucus arrived to discuss the new health bill. The plan was to sit in front of the entrance ways to the White House to block them from getting in. We never had the opportunity.

Personally, I think it's a shame that more people didn't cross the line. That is a public sidewalk paid for by the people of this country, and we have a right to peaceably assemble. This arbitrary "arrest zone," is [unconstitutional](#) as far as I'm concerned.

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or **the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.** – The First Amendment to the United States Constitution"*

A song had been going through my head all week. [Power To The People](#) by John Lennon. I started singing it in the van, and everyone else joined in. It was really quite amazing to see.

When we arrived at the Park Police station, they took us out of the van, and brought us in to get our information, and to strip of us of everything we were carrying. Including our shoelaces. I told the officers that my shoulder was hurting, and that the plasticuffs were on too tight. They clipped them off, and Mathis described the way my arms shot forward like a "spring board." My wrists had these huge purple gashes in them where the plasticuffs were. They took my information, and placed me in a cell by myself with a window, a small metal bench, and a metal sink with a toilet. The air conditioning was on, so that was good for me, but a lot of the other arrestees were freezing.

We spent several hours in those cells only to come out to get fingerprinted, and photographed. Two of the people that were arrested with us eventually were allowed to leave, but six of us were not. Other people found out that we would most likely not be getting out until Monday, but I didn't hear anything from within my cell.

Cindy writes:

"The two that were released were from DC and those of us held were out-of-towners. Immediately, we knew this explanation was total b.s. because I have been arrested in DC about 13 times now and I have always been from "out-of-town," and have never even been held overnight, let alone two nights.

Was it a coincidence that Camp OUT NOW had two major actions over the weekend to try and hold our campsite that I missed due to being jailed? I don't think so."

I asked officer Walker if we would be getting out that night, and he said he had to talk to his supervisor. Eventually officer Walker opened my cell door, and placed a tag on my wrist with my info and mugshot, and said "put your hands behind your back." This time they didn't put the plasticuffs on me so tightly. One of the officers **TIGHTENED** Cindy's plasticuffs after another officer put them on less tighter than before. Elaine had cuts on her wrists.

From there, we were placed into a truck that had a **VERY** cramped sitting area. I am somewhat claustrophobic so it was hard for me to get in. I did. On the way to the jail, we were talking about how we should have been let go, among other things.

After we arrived at the jail, they took off our plasticuffs, and they frisked us. Then we were placed into what can only be described as a human kennel. The cells were **SMALL**, and comprised of steel walls, steel beds, steel sinks, and steel toilets. The bars were made up of big bars, and a steel mesh that kind of looked like [this](#) from Star Trek TNG. It was easily 85-90 degrees in there, with one big fan blowing. There was very little air

circulation. My shirt became my pillow, and I put my socks in the water, and wrapped them around my head Rambo style in order to cool off.

As I said, I'm somewhat claustrophobic, and I started to get a panic attack. I asked to be taken to the hospital in order to get something to calm me down. They did, and as I was there, I was watched by two different shifts of officers from the Metropolitan Police Department. Most of them were nice. We talked about politics, and other things. Every single one of them laughed at me when I told them why I was in jail. They told me I should have gotten a \$25-\$100 fine, and been released after a few hours.

When I was returned to the kennel, they put me in a bigger cell by myself. In there, I sat for 30 some odd hours. Oddly enough, the fact that I didn't have cigarettes really didn't bother me. The cockroaches kept all of us company. They were **ALL OVER** the place. One of them crawled into bed with me.

The one commodity in jail is the time of day. There were no clocks on the wall so you had no idea what time it was. The only way you could get the time was to ask a guard as they passed by. Some of them gave us the correct time, and others lied to us about it. They fed us bologna and cheese sandwiches every 12 hours, along with bug juice and lemonade.

It is very hard to sleep in jail. Someone told me the guilty sleep well, and the innocent do not. I could only sleep an hour here, and an hour there. It didn't help that some of my cellmates were talking, or that my neighbor sang and banged on the wall for all hours of the day.

This was my very first arrest, and the charge is "crossing a police line." I expected a phone call, and to have my rights read to me, but the big joke of the weekend was, "that's only on TV."

On Monday morning, we were eventually taken out of our cells to be taken to the court house. They plasticuffed us together. Three or four people per grouping, and placed us into the vans with the **VERY** cramped sitting area. We arrived at the court house, and they walked us into an area to put leg shackles on us. We saw Cindy and Elaine for the first time in this area. Obviously men and women are separate in jail. From there, they took us to a holding cell for traffic court offenders. It was run by the U.S. Marshal service.

Attorney Ann Wilcox came walking through one of the doors, and we finally got to hear a little bit about what was happening with Camp OUT NOW, and with our arrests. A **BIG** thank you to Ann for doing everything you did for us.

When it was time to go to court, they put handcuffs on our wrists that attached to a chain around our bellies. Then we were taken to a cell that is meant to hold four people, but they managed to shove 14 in. Cindy, Elaine, and other ladies were in the neighboring cell.

Never before have I wished for my name to be called. We waited for at least 2 hours in that cell before we finally were able to see the judge. We all plead not guilty, and have a trial sometime in June, but one of the more interesting things to happen was a request from the White House to create a "stay away" area around the White House that if we

were to enter, we would get an automatic sixth months in prison.

When I finally entered the court room, I was **THRILLED** to see some of our friends from Camp OUT NOW waiting there for us. It made me feel really good inside.

Finally, the shackles and everything were taken off, and I was able to have a cigarette outside (thanks Josh). PressTV was there to interview us, and they took pictures of the purple abrasions on my ankles from the leg shackles.

The one thought that I had all weekend was that anything that I and the others experienced **PALED** in comparison to what those people in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Pakistan have had to endure. Cindy said they couldn't do anything worse to her than taking the life of her child.

I was often asked if I would do it again. My answer is without hesitation.

PEACE OF THE ACTION!!!

End of article

This is the article I wrote after being acquitted for my first "crime" in Washington D.C.

FREE AT LAST!!!

Jon Gold
7/12/2010

They tried and tried to put the glove on, but it just didn't fit. I kid, I kid.

On March 20th 2010, I was [arrested](#) for crossing a police line. Today, I was acquitted for the crime, along with Cindy Sheehan, and Jim Veeder. Sadly, Mathis Chiroux, Elaine Brower, and Lafloria Walsh were found guilty of failing to obey.

This was my first arrest and trial so all of this was new to me. Before the trial began, our lawyers and the prosecutor tried to work things out so there wouldn't be a trial. The prosecutor offered a "pay and forfeit" without any conviction, and all of us declined. We stood our ground, and wanted the chance to clear our names. We felt strongly that our arrests were unjust, and wanted our day in court.

Cindy told me a couple of times before the trial that it was going to be boring, and it was. The only "excitement" came when Elaine, Lafloria, and Cindy were allowed to testify. Everyone did great. When Casey was brought up, Cindy started to cry. I leaned over to Ann Wilcox (one of our attorneys, Mark Goldstone was the other), and said I want to testify. I wanted to come to the aid of Cindy because I was angry that she was made to cry, and the thought, "WTF?!? Hasn't she been through enough already?" went through my mind. I was told that my testifying wouldn't do any good, so I declined. I'm glad I didn't testify, because if I did, I most assuredly would have been found guilty. I wanted to say, "yes, I crossed the police line, but that's because the police were manhandling Cindy, and I wanted to keep an eye on her." I think the only reason I got off was because there was

no video of me going under the police line. If I did testify, I would have probably ruined it for everyone else.

The first to be acquitted was Jim Veeder. They clearly had no evidence that he ever crossed a police line, so he was let go. That was early in the day.

After the prosecutor and defense were finished, and the time came for the judge to make his decisions, I thought for sure we were all going to be convicted. The first words the judge said had to do with the prosecution proving things “beyond a reasonable doubt,” so I thought for sure we were done. I pulled out my prepared statement to read in the event I was convicted, and had it ready to go. Much to my surprise, I never got to read it, which was kind of a disappointment, but I did get to read it during the press conference we had this morning, so all is good.

I was the second to be let go, and Cindy was the third. The case against Cindy seemed strong enough that she was going to be convicted, but the judge seemed to be on her side. She was completely surprised when she was acquitted. I’m glad the judge was at least able to do that for her. A late [birthday](#) present.

A handful of people came to support us today, and I want to say thank you all. I told Cindy today that “we know some really special people,” and we do. My sincerest thanks for your support.

I want to especially thank Mark Goldstone and Ann Wilcox for working extremely hard over the past couple of months, building our cases, and making sure we knew which end was up. You should both be proud of yourselves for what you accomplished today.

Whether you were convicted, or acquitted today, you all shared in a victory for the first amendment, and that is something that can be celebrated by all.

End of article

In case you hadn't noticed, hatred and bigotry towards Muslims, since 9/11, has skyrocketed in this country. This is unacceptable. Especially in a country that supposedly champions the “freedom” to practice any religion.

9/11 Was Not A Muslim Crime

Jon Gold
10/25/2010

“Muslims did kill us on 9/11, and there is a Muslim problem in the world. If you want to walk away from that truth, I can’t stop you. But a better strategy would be for all of us to acknowledge the danger coming out of the Muslim world and work together to mitigate it.”
– [Bill O'Reilly](#)

I have written on this topic a [couple](#) of [times](#).

My basic belief is that 9/11 was [not an act of war](#), and instead, a crime. Not a Muslim,

Zionist, American, Israeli, Saudi Arabian, Pakistani, Episcopalian crime. A crime.

If people who happened to be Muslim participated in the crime of 9/11, that doesn't mean you blame everyone who is a Muslim. Just as you don't blame everyone who is a Christian after a Christian [decides to blow up an abortion clinic](#). You blame the individuals responsible, and not everyone from their religion, nationality, or ideology.

9/11 is being treated as a "Muslim crime" by some, and as a result, Thousands of Muslims that had nothing to do with the attacks have been slaughtered. Treating 9/11 as a crime, without the religious, national, and ideological undertones, prevents more people from being blamed and slaughtered for a crime they didn't commit. It's as simple as that.

We have been told repeatedly by people like Bill O'Reilly that "Muslims killed us on 9/11." The 9/11 Report dedicates many pages to Muslims and Islam. The hijackers' religious beliefs are mentioned as well. Hani Hanjour is described as a "rigorously observant Muslim." Mohammad Atta as "religious, but not fanatically so. This would change..." Ramzi Binalshibh thought, "the highest duty of every Muslim was to pursue jihad, and that the highest honor was to die during the jihad." Marwan al Shehhi had an "evolution toward Islamic fundamentalism." Ziad Jarrah, "started living more strictly according to the Koran. He read brochures in Arabic about jihad, held forth to friends on the subject of holy war, and professed disaffection with his previous life and a desire not to leave the world "in a natural way."

As it turns out, there is reason to believe that the individuals we are told were the hijackers, were not strict Muslims at all.

The following are some entries from www.historycommons.org that suggest this:

(1998): Two Saudi 9/11 Hijackers Nonreligious and Drink Alcohol

According to the 9/11 Commission, two of the alleged Saudi 9/11 hijackers, Satam Al Suqami and Salem Alhazmi, appear "unconcerned with religion and, contrary to Islamic law, [are] known to drink alcohol." In addition, they both have minor criminal offence records. However, Salem Alhazmi's father will later remember that Salem "stopped drinking and started attending mosque regularly three months before he disappeared." [9/11 Commission, 7/24/2004, pp. 232-3, 524]

July-December 2000: Some at Flight School Find Ziad Jarrah an Unlikely Terrorist, Though Accounts Conflict

According to some accounts, while he is taking lessons at Florida Flight Training Center (FFTC) in Venice, alleged 9/11 hijacker Ziad Jarrah appears an unlikely terrorist. Arne Kruithof, the school's owner, later says Jarrah is "not just nice, but he had qualities you look for in a dear friend, someone you trust." [Longman, 2002, pp. 92] He will tell the 9/11 Commission that Jarrah is "polite and easy to deal with," and does not show "any hostility to the United States or to the West." [9/11 Commission, 4/12/2004] Kruithof says Jarrah "would even offer to put out the trash cans at night, which no one else did," and later remembers him "bringing me a six-pack of beer at home when I hurt my knee one time and sitting for hours on my sofa chatting." Unlike other Middle Eastern students, Jarrah never seems uncomfortable or disapproving of the school's receptionists, who wear skimpy skirts and tiny t-shirts. [Corbin, 2003, pp. 155] Furthermore, Jarrah drinks alcohol,

having one or two beers, “but not three.” According to Kruithof, who later insists Jarrah’s demeanor was “not faked,” the school’s “entire staff does not believe that he had bad intentions,” and Jarrah “was a friend to all of us.” However, fellow flight student Thorsten Biermann, who rooms with Jarrah for six weeks, describes him as “introverted, a loner, he kept his distance.” Biermann will describe one occasion flying with Jarrah on a round-trip to Fort Lauderdale where, on the return, Jarrah insisted on both flying and manning the radio, and twice ignored Biermann’s pleas to refuel when the weather worsened. Biermann says: “I decided I did not want to fly with him anymore, and everyone I knew who flew with him felt the same way. It was as if he needed control.” Biermann will also say that Jarrah avoids pork and, contrary to what Kruithof claims, does not drink alcohol, even when they go to bars together. [*New York Times*, 9/23/2001; *Los Angeles Times*, 10/23/2001; Longman, 2002, pp. 91-92]

(Mid-July – December 2000): Atta and Alshehhi Frequent Venice Bars and Drink Alcohol

While attending flight school in Venice, Florida (see July 6-December 19, 2000), Mohamed Atta and Marwan Alshehhi regularly visit a couple of local bars. Most nights, after flying classes, they drink beer at the Outlook. They are observed there as being well dressed and well spoken. Atta comes across as cold and unfriendly, and is disapproving of the presence of women servers behind the bar. Bartender Lizsa Lehman will later say that, after the 9/11 attacks, “I remember thinking that [Atta] was capable of everything they had said was done.” In contrast, Alshehhi is “friendly and jovial and... always eager to interact with bartenders and patrons.” Lehman later says, “I, to this day, have trouble seeing [Alshehhi] doing it [i.e., participating in 9/11].” [*Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, 9/10/2006; *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, 9/10/2006] Atta and several friends are also regulars at the 44th Aero Squadron bar. The group drinks Bud Light, talks quietly, and stays sober. The bar’s owner, Ken Schortzmann, says Atta has “a fanny pack with a big roll of cash in it,” and comments, “I never had any problems with them.... They... didn’t drink heavily or flirt with the waitresses, like some of the other flight students.” While he regularly goes to these bars during this period, Atta never visits any of the three mosques in Southwest Florida, and avoids contact with local Muslims. [*Newsweek*, 9/24/2001; *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, 9/28/2001] Interestingly, other witnesses later describe Atta as possibly doing drugs as well. The owner of a unit of apartments where Atta reportedly lived with some other Middle Eastern men in late 2000 (see (Mid-July 2000 – Early January 2001)) says these men smoked a strange tobacco, which smelled like marijuana. [*Charlotte Sun*, 9/14/2001] Atta may also be a heavy smoker, as he is reported to spend his time “chain smoking,” when later living in Coral Springs. [*Sunday Times* (London), 2/3/2002]

February 22-25, 2001: Atta Spends Weekend in Key West on a ‘Continuous Party,’ then Bails Girlfriend out of Jail?

Some reports later suggest that around this time Mohamed Atta has an American girlfriend called Amanda Keller (see (February-April 2001)). According to Tony and Vonnie LaConca, a couple that meet Keller and her boyfriend (who they know only as “Mohamed”), the pair and another woman go on a short trip to Key West, Florida. Tony LaConca later recalls, “They were gone for three days. They didn’t sleep, it was a continuous party.” The three indulge in drugs and alcohol, all paid for by “Mohamed,” even though he does not have a job. After returning from the trip, on February 25 “Mohamed” has to bail Keller out of South County Jail, after police take her in because of

an outstanding warrant over a “worthless check charge.” [*Charlotte Sun*, 9/14/2001; *Charlotte Sun*, 9/11/2003] The *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* claims that Keller’s companion is not Mohamed Atta, but another man of Middle Eastern descent named Mohammed. [*Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, 9/23/2001] In 2002, Keller will say that her boyfriend was indeed Mohamed Atta, but in 2006 she retracts this claim. [*Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, 9/10/2006] Interestingly, other witnesses later describe Atta as frequently drinking alcohol, smoking, and possibly doing drugs (see (Mid-July – December 2000)).

May 24-August 14, 2001: 9/11 Hijackers Make Several Unexplained Trips to Vegas

Several of the 9/11 hijackers make trips to Las Vegas and the west coast over the summer:

- May 24-27: Marwan Alshehhi flies to Vegas (see May 24-27, 2001);
- June 7-10: Ziad Jarrah takes a trip to Vegas (see June 7-10, 2001);
- June 28-July 1: Mohamed Atta takes his first trip to Vegas, flying from Fort Lauderdale to Boston and then, the next day, to Las Vegas via San Francisco with United Airlines. He stays there three nights, then returns to Boston via Denver, and flies to New York the next day;
- July 31-August 1: Waleed Alshehri flies from Fort Lauderdale to Boston and then takes American Airlines flight 195 to San Francisco the next day. After spending a night at the La Quinta Inn, he returns to Miami via Las Vegas; [US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, 7/31/2006, pp. 1-2, 16, 18 pdf file; US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, 7/31/2006, pp. 55-7 pdf file]
- August 1: Actor James Woods sees four people he will later suspect are hijackers, including individuals he believes to be Khalid Almihdhar and Hamza Alghamdi, on a transcontinental flight (see August 1, 2001). Abdulaziz Alomari is reported to try to get into the cockpit on a different flight from Vegas on the same day (see August 1, 2001);
- August 13-14: Atta, Hani Hanjour, and Nawaf Alhazmi all fly to Vegas, possibly meeting some other hijackers there (see August 13-14, 2001).

Nawaf Alhazmi and Khalid Almihdhar also made frequent car trips to Las Vegas from San Diego, where they lived in 2000. [*Los Angeles Times*, 9/1/2002; McDermott, 2005, pp. 192] The reason for these trips is never definitively determined, although there will be speculation the hijackers are casing aircraft similar to those they will hijack on 9/11. The 9/11 Commission will comment, “Beyond Las Vegas’s reputation for welcoming tourists, we have seen no credible evidence explaining why... the operatives flew to or met in Law Vegas.” [9/11 Commission, 7/24/2004, pp. 242, 248] After 9/11, it will be reported that the hijackers may use these cross-country flights to take pictures of airline cockpits and check out security at boarding gates. During the flights, the hijackers apparently take notes, watch the crews, and even videotape them. There are some reports that two, or perhaps more, of the hijackers sit in “jumpseats” in the pilot’s cabin, a courtesy extended by airlines to other pilots, during the surveillance flights (see Summer 2001) and on the day of 9/11 itself (see November 23, 2001). [*Boston Globe*, 11/23/2001; Associated Press, 5/29/2002] There are reports that the hijackers drink alcohol, gamble, and frequent strip clubs while they are in Las Vegas. For example, according to a dancer named “Samantha,” Marwan Alshehhi stares up at her blankly while she “undulate[s] her hips inches from his face” and only gives her \$20, although he is a “light drinker.” [*San Francisco Chronicle*, 10/4/2001; *Newsweek*, 10/15/2001]

September 7, 2001: Story of Hijackers Drinking Alcohol Changes Over Time

One of the first and most frequently told stories about the hijackers is their visit to Shuckums, a sports bar in Hollywood, Florida, on this day. What is particularly interesting about this story is how it has changed over time. In the original story, first reported on September 12 [Associated Press, 9/12/2001], Mohamed Atta, Marwan Alshehhi, and an unidentified man come into the restaurant already drunk. "They were wasted," says bartender Patricia Idrissi, who directs them to a nearby Chinese restaurant. [St. Petersburg Times, 9/13/2001] Later they return and drink, Atta orders five vodka and orange juices, while Alshehhi orders five rum and Cokes. [Time, 9/24/2001] According to manager Tony Amos, "The guy Mohamed was drunk, his voice was slurred and he had a thick accent." Idrissi says they argue about the bill, and when she asks if there was a problem, "Mohamed said he worked for American Airlines and he could pay his bill." [Associated Press, 9/12/2001] This story was widely reported through much of September. [New York Times, 9/13/2001; South Florida Sun-Sentinel, 9/15/2001; Sunday Herald (Glasgow), 9/16/2001; Miami Herald, 9/22/2001; Newsweek, 9/24/2001; Time, 9/24/2001] However, beginning on September 15, a second story appears. [Toronto Star, 9/15/2001] This story is similar to the first, except that here, Atta is playing video games and drinking cranberry juice instead of vodka, and Alshehhi is the one who argues over the bill and pays. After some coexistence, the second story seems to have become predominant in later September. [Washington Post, 9/16/2001; Washington Post, 9/22/2001; Los Angeles Times, 9/27/2001; St. Petersburg Times, 9/27/2001; Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 11/12/2001; Sunday Times (London), 2/3/2002]

Before September 11, 2001: Hijackers Drink Alcohol and Watch Strip Shows, Especially towards Eve of Attacks

A number of the hijackers apparently drink alcohol heavily in bars, sleep with prostitutes, and watch strip shows in the US in the months and especially the days leading up to 9/11.

- In late February 2001, hijacker Ziad Jarrah frequents a strip club in Jacksonville, Florida (see February 25-March 4, 2001).
- In July 2001, hijackers Hamza Alghamdi and Marwan Alshehhi make two purchases of "pornographic video and sex toys" from a Florida store (see July 4-27, 2001).
- Some hijackers, including possibly Satam Al Suqami and Waleed and Wail Alshehri, sleep with prostitutes in the days before 9/11 (see September 7-11, 2001).
- On September 10, three hijacker associates spend \$200 to \$300 apiece on lap dances and drinks in the Pink Pony, a Daytona Beach, Florida strip club. While the hijackers had left Florida by this time, Mohamed Atta is reported to have visited the same strip club, and these men appear to have had foreknowledge of the 9/11 attacks (see September 10, 2001). [Boston Herald, 10/10/2001]
- Marwan Alshehhi and Mohamed Atta are seen entering the Hollywood, Florida, sports bar Shuckums already drunk. They proceed to drink even more hard alcohol there (see September 7, 2001).
- Atta and Alshehhi are seen at Sunrise 251, a bar in Palm Beach, Florida. They spend \$1,000 in 45 minutes on Krug and Perrier-Jouet champagne. Atta is with a tall busty brunette in her late twenties; Alshehhi is with a shortish blonde. Both women are known locally as regular companions of high-rollers. [Daily Mail, 9/16/2001]
- A stripper at the Olympic Garden Topless Cabaret in Las Vegas, Nevada, later recalls Marwan Alshehhi being "cheap," paying only \$20 for a lap dance. [Cox News Service, 10/16/2001]

- Several hijackers reportedly patronize the Nardone's Go-Go Bar in Elizabeth, New Jersey. They are even seen there on the weekend before 9/11. [*Boston Herald*, 10/10/2001; *Wall Street Journal*, 10/16/2001]
- Majed Moqed visits a porn shop on three occasions and rents a porn video. The mayor of Paterson, New Jersey, later says of the six hijackers who stayed there, "Nobody ever saw them at mosques, but they liked the go-go clubs." [*Newsday*, 9/23/2001; *Newsweek*, 10/15/2001]
- Nawaf Alhazmi and Khalid Almihdhar often frequent Cheetah's, a nude bar in San Diego. [*Los Angeles Times*, 9/1/2002]
- Marwan Alshehhi is possibly seen in the Cheetah nightclub in Pompano Beach, Florida, on July 1, 2001. Six dancers who work there later claim to have seen him. [Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10/2001, pp. 173 pdf file]
- Hamza Alghamdi watches a porn video on September 10. [*Wall Street Journal*, 10/16/2001]
- Temple University in Philadelphia professor Mahmoud Mustafa Ayoub will later comment: "It is incomprehensible that a person could drink and go to a strip bar one night, then kill themselves the next day in the name of Islam.... People who would kill themselves for their faith would come from very strict Islamic ideology. Something here does not add up." [*South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, 9/16/2001]

So it seems that the hijackers who may have been Muslim, weren't [as Muslim](#) as we have been [led to believe](#). It doesn't matter though, because 9/11 wasn't a Muslim crime. It was a crime.

End of article

This was an attempt at showing people how important it is to expose the truth about that day.

The "Post-9/11 World" is a detriment to humanity.

Jon Gold
11/10/2010

* We are fighting illegal preemptive wars against three countries. Afghanistan, Iraq, and Pakistan. The resulting wars have caused well over 1,000,000 casualties. Preemptive war is illegal according to the Nuremberg Charter, and the United Nations charter. These wars are destabilizing the entire Middle East, and causing anti-American sentiment throughout the world.

* In America, the Constitution is being forgotten with the passage of bills like the Patriot Act, the Military Commissions Act, and the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act. Americans are forced to wonder if their conversations are being monitored through the use of illegal wiretapping. The freedom of the press, and the right to peacefully assemble is being discarded.

* Hatred towards Muslims and Jews is being fueled.

* Executive Power within the United States is being expanded to the point of near-dictatorship, and accountability for the actions of the Executive, and other members of

Government is non-existent.

- * A constant state of fear is the norm.

- * Billions upon billions are being spent on the previously mentioned wars, and things that are needed for the people are being forgotten about.

- * Soldiers are dying, are being subjected to multiple tours of duty, are being exposed to depleted uranium and chemical weapons, are suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, are committing suicide at an astounding rate, are being fed propaganda in order to murder innocents, and are having their families destroyed.

The event that created the “Post-9/11 World” were the attacks of September 11th, 2001.

Every effort has been made by the American Government to conceal the truth about what happened that day. The “Joint Congressional Inquiry” was “limited in scope” thanks to the efforts of George W. Bush, and Dick Cheney. The “PENTTBOM” investigation failed to address a number of the families’ questions. The “9/11 Commission” was compromised from beginning to end, and was headed by Philip Zelikow, someone the families called for the resignation of during the 9/11 Commission, someone who re-wrote the 9/11 Report to be more favorable of his good friend Condoleezza Rice, someone that tried to insert a false link into the 9/11 Report between Iraq and 9/11, someone that shied people away from the NSA, someone that shied people away from Saudi Arabia’s possible involvement in the attacks, someone that is alleged to have taken the direction of Karl Rove, someone who wrote the preemptive war strategy mentioned above, someone who should never have been anywhere near the 9/11 Commission.

If the event that created the “Post-9/11 World” wasn’t what we were led to believe, and based on available information at sites like www.historycommons.org or www.911truthnews.com, it was **NOT** what we were led to believe, then we need to expose that truth to hopefully end the “Post-9/11 World,” and restore this country, and this world to a more peaceful, and productive society.

As Dr. Martin Luther King said, a time comes when silence is betrayal.

Now is that time. For the 2,973 people brutally murdered that day, for their families, for the 9/11 First Responders that are sick and dying, for the millions displaced or killed in the Middle East, we **MUST** expose the 9/11 Cover-Up, and end the insanity of the “Post-9/11 World.”

It is very simply the right thing to do.

End of article

A simple article showing how dishonest 9/11 debunker Pat Curley is.

Don’t Expect an Honest Answer

Jon Gold
1/7/2011

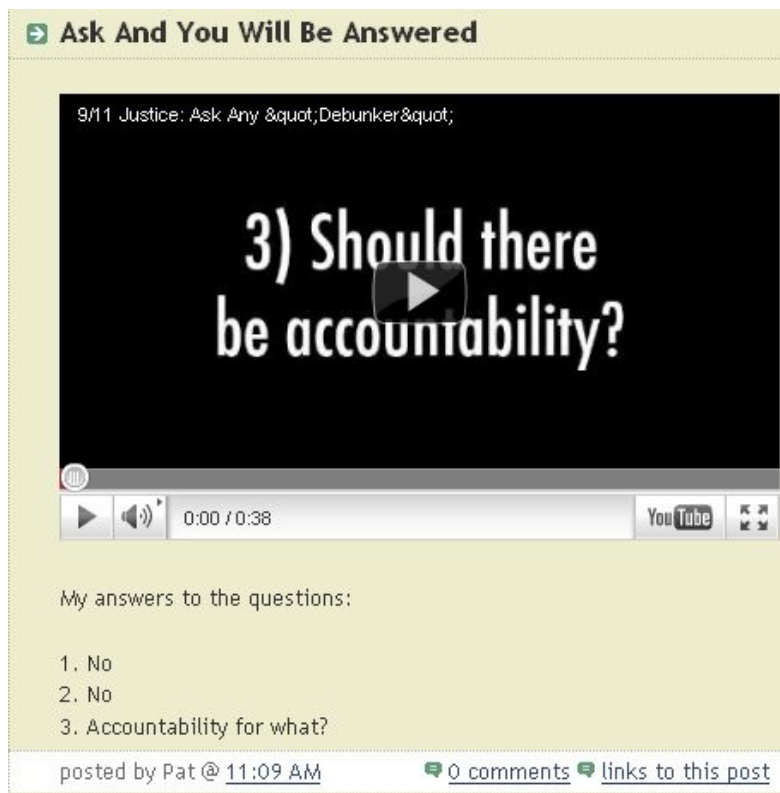
In November 2008, I made a short video called "Ask Any Debunker." In it, I asked three simple questions.

1. Are there, or are there not a multitude of cover-ups concerning the 9/11 attacks?
2. Was the 9/11 Commission, headed by Philip Zelikow, a whitewash?
3. Should there be accountability?

I figured these questions were no-brainers for anyone paying attention.

Over two years later, so-called "debunker" Pat Curley has attempted to answer these questions. (I debated Pat on this very topic. I thought I won the debate.)

Here are his answers (see screenshot):



At the end of the movie, I ask that you decide whether or not they sound like honest answers.

Well, do they?

End of article

Too many times over the years, the "mainstream media" has attacked anyone that raises questions about 9/11, or expresses doubts about what we were told. When Richard Falk was

attacked, I decided to write an article about it.

Methinks thou dost protest too much

Jon Gold
1/26/2011

According to [Wikipedia](#), the phrase “third rail” is defined as “a metaphor in politics to denote an idea or topic that is so “charged” and “untouchable” that any politician or public official who dares to broach the subject would invariably suffer politically.”

This most certainly applies to 9/11.

Recently, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Palestinian human rights, Richard Falk, [wrote in a blog](#) that he thought there was an “apparent cover-up” being perpetrated by the U.S. Government with regards to the 9/11 attacks.

He said that the mainstream media has been “unwilling to acknowledge the well-evidenced doubts about the official version of the events: an al Qaeda operation with no foreknowledge by government officials.” This is 100% accurate as I show in Fact #25 of my article, “[The Facts Speak For Themselves](#).”

Over the years, anyone that had any kind of “name” that questioned what happened on 9/11 has been viciously attacked.

Former special advisor to the White House on green jobs, [Van Jones](#), had to leave his position because he signed a statement in 2004 in support of a new investigation into 9/11.

Kevin Bracken, the president of the Victorian Trades Hall and secretary of the Maritime Union of Australia, said on a radio show that “I believe the official story is a conspiracy theory that doesn’t stand up to scientific scrutiny.” The Australian Prime Minister, Julia Gillard responded by saying Kevin’s comments were “stupid and wrong.”

Because of Richard Falk’s statements, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon [condemned](#) his remarks in a statement, and now the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice is [calling for him to be removed](#).

It’s important to note that a [campaign](#) took place in 2004 to get the United Nations to have its own investigation into 9/11. That campaign was ignored. It’s also important to note that a [rally](#) was held in front of the United Nations on September 11th, 2005 that was also ignored.

Richard Falk is not the only one that questions the official account of 9/11. Many [polls](#) over the years show this. A poll from Germany recently stated that 89% of Germans do not believe the official account of 9/11.

So why is 9/11 a “third rail?” Could it be because you are not allowed to question the myth that the United States Government created about that day that enables them, or

“justifies” every criminal thing they have done since that day?

Maybe.

In any case, methinks thou dost protest too much, and there needs to be real justice and accountability for what happened. There most certainly is a cover-up of 9/11, and Richard Falk should not be condemned for saying so.

End of article

This was simply an attempt at showing Bill Moyers that he is wrong.

Response to Bill Moyers on 9/11 Truth

Jon Gold
February 16, 2011

I'd first like to say that I respect both Bill Moyers and Robert Parry, even though I thoroughly disagree with them about their stance on the cover-up of 9/11. Bill Moyers documentary entitled "[The Secret Government: The Constitution In Crisis](#)," and Robert Parry's work on the [Iran Contra Affair](#) are excellent.

I have little doubt that over the years, Bill Moyers and Robert Parry have received a multitude of emails from people demanding they give attention to the cover-up of 9/11. I have little doubt that a large majority of those emails talked about “crazy” theories, or made accusations of them for not covering certain issues. Unfortunately, there are people in the 9/11 Truth Movement who do these things. I, myself, have been known to write a nastygram on occasion.

However, it is well known and said by many that after the 9/11 attacks, the media in this country did not do it's job. Dan Rather said on [May 17, 2002](#), “there was a time in South Africa that people would put flaming tires around people's necks if they dissented. And in some ways the fear is that you will be necklaced here, you will have a flaming tire of lack of patriotism put around your neck. Now it is that fear that keeps journalists from asking the toughest of the tough questions.” On [April 25, 2007](#), Dan Rather told Bill Moyers that “there's no question that we didn't do a good job. We weren't smart enough, we weren't alert enough, we didn't dig enough, and, we shouldn't have been fooled in this way.” Helen Thomas was adamant about the [media's failure](#) after 9/11. “They (the media) rolled over and played dead.”

Here is just one example of too many to mention of the media not doing it's job.

On January 31st, two acts of civil disobedience for 9/11 Justice were committed in front of the [White House](#) and [10 Downing Street](#) respectively. **Not one news outlet reported on it.** Even a news outlet that promised me they would report on it, did not. The excuse given to me was that Egypt's revolution was more important.

On that same day, the September Eleventh Advocates [released a statement](#) pertaining to 9/11 Whistleblower Berhrooz Sarshar. This statement asked, “that the transcript of Mr.

Sarshar's interview be immediately declassified," and that they respectfully request, "that the former Chairman, Governor Thomas Kean, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lee Hamilton and the Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission, Mr. Philip Zelikow, promptly answer the questions herein."

Neither Thomas Kean, Lee Hamilton, or Philip Zelikow responded. As a result of their refusal to respond, 9/11 Whistleblower Sibel Edmonds [released a transcript](#) of one of the times Berhrooz Sarshar testified. This transcript speaks of foreknowledge of the 9/11 attacks, and an order from above to disregard any knowledge of it. **Not one news outlet reported on it.**

9/11 was the event that created the "Post-9/11 World." If any information comes out that says we were lied to about that day, then that is essential, newsworthy information. Period. For some reason, our media doesn't agree with me.

It is the media's job to make sure citizens' are aware of what's going on in their country, and in the world. It is absolutely essential that we are an informed citizenry because if we aren't, then we pay a huge price.

With that in mind, can you blame advocates for 9/11 Justice for getting angry with the media for not covering the obvious problems with the "official account" of 9/11? Bill Moyers says the facts still matter. I agree, and that's why I wrote an article entitled [The Facts Speak For Themselves](#). You may agree or disagree with some of the content in that article. However, I challenge you to tell me after reading it that it isn't absolutely imperative to have a real investigation into the 9/11 attacks, the event that created the "[Post-9/11 World](#)."

[Click Here To Read Bill Moyers Attack Against Advocates For 9/11 Justice.](#)

End of article

For years in America after the 9/11 attacks, it was "taboo" to talk about the Pakistani ISI's connection to "terrorism." However, eventually it started to become more acceptable. Maybe it was because President Zardari [openly said](#) that "Militancy and extremism emerged on the national scene and challenged the state not because the civil bureaucracy was weakened and demoralized, but because they were deliberately created and nurtured as a policy to achieve some short-term tactical objectives." Whatever the reason for it, the blatant hypocrisy in calling out Pakistan for something the U.S. and other countries like Saudi Arabia supported, is absurd to me.

Scapegoating The Pakistani ISI

Jon Gold
May 9, 2011

After [Osama Bin Laden's death](#) on May 1, many people in government and in the media have questioned whether or not the Pakistani ISI was involved in harboring or protecting Osama Bin Laden.

Matt Taibbi [writes](#), “he lived half a mile from a military academy, in a giant walled compound eight times the size of adjacent properties. He burned his trash, instead of putting it out like everyone else. When local kids kicked their ball over his wall, a guy would come out to give them money for a new one, rather than let them in. What more of a tip-off did Pakistani intelligence need?!”

Macleans [reports](#) that John Kerry “complained that not only did Pakistani intelligence fail to look for bin Laden, but for years fed the U.S. what he called “misdirects”—false information—such as “the notion that he’s out in the western part of the country and they can’t control that and so forth.” Democratic Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Senate armed services committee, called on Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari to “follow through and ask some very tough questions of his own military and his own intelligence. They’ve got a lot of explaining to do.” For his part, the Pakistani president issued a personal defence: “Some in the U.S. press have suggested that Pakistan lacked vitality in its pursuit of terrorism, or worse yet that we were disingenuous and actually protected the terrorists we claimed to be pursuing. Such baseless speculation may make exciting cable news, but it doesn’t reflect fact,” Zardari wrote in the *Washington Post*.”

CIA Director Leon Panetta [said](#) that the Pakistani ISI was “involved or incompetent. Neither place is a good place to be.”

The *Associated Press* [reported](#) that “Congress may consider cutting the almost \$1.3 billion in annual aid to Pakistan if it turns out the Islamabad government knew where Osama bin Laden was hiding, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee said Tuesday.”

After 9/11, [many allegations](#) of the Pakistani ISI’s involvement in the attacks surfaced. After a decade of [barely receiving any funds](#) from the United States, Pakistan was [declared our ally](#) in the “War On Terror,” given billions of dollars, and the Pakistani ISI’s involvement in the 9/11 attacks was covered up. It seems [the media has helped](#) with that cover up.

Since around 2009, the United States government has [slowly started to acknowledge](#) the Pakistani ISI’s role with terrorism. Many are acting as though this is a new revelation.

Here is an [article](#) from the *Times of India* in 2001 that says, “despite continuing revelations about islamabad’s complicity in terrorist activity, the United States continues to shield Pakistan from terrorism charges in the hope it will turn a new leaf, with the Western media readily toeing the official line. The latest disclosures came at a Congressional hearing on Wednesday at which US intelligence analysts not only spoke about Pakistan’s official role in fomenting and bankrolling terrorism but also addressed the connections between the Taliban and terrorism in Kashmir.”

There is nothing new about it. I think the hypocrisy of calling out the Pakistani ISI now, after rewarding them and covering up their involvement in the 9/11 attacks, should be recognized by everyone. Should the ISI’s role with terrorism be looked at and dealt with? Of course. But so should the U.S.’s support and usage of that “terror nexus.”

Speaking of hypocrisy, one of the most dangerous men in the world, Dick Cheney, is

living within a mile of CIA Headquarters. Are they harboring or protecting him?

End of article

It's not often the "mainstream media" runs a story about an aspect of the 9/11 Cover-Up, but when they do, it's important to point out discrepancies or "weaknesses" in their report.

Thoughts on FOX News Special "The Secrets of 9/11"

Jon Gold
5/21/2011

Last night, Fox News ran a special called "[The Secrets Of 9/11](#)." To those of us that have been following the story of 9/11, much of what was in this report was nothing new. I will try to focus on the areas mentioned in the report.

The idea that the alleged hijackers had support from within the United States is [well known](#). The story of [Anwar al-Awlaki](#), for the most part, was also known to us, as was "Al-Qaeda's" [base in Arizona](#), and the story of [Omar Al-Bayoumi](#).

Although the report did talk about the [28 redacted pages](#) of the Joint Congressional Inquiry, and [Saudi Arabia's possible involvement](#) in the attacks, it failed to mention [Prince Bandar's wife's alleged role](#) in financing the two alleged hijackers in San Diego.

Even though I was surprised to see mention of [Abdussattar Shaikh](#), the report neglected to mention people like [Wally Hilliard](#), [Rudy Dekkers](#), and [Steven Butler](#).

The report did talk a little bit about Alec Station, but failed to really delve into that whole story. I very much recommend the writings of Kevin Fenton with regard to that issue. What the [CIA knew](#) about the 2 alleged hijackers in San Diego was also barely touched on.

After I read [this report](#) from Fox News that said, "the network was never disrupted — so there is every reason to believe it remains in place," I instantly thought that this was going to be a fear mongering report from Fox. It did have those aspects to it, but it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be. The report talked about Anwar al-Awlaki as being the next Osama Bin Laden, but that role has already been given to [Saif al Adel](#).

The first questions that popped into my mind were, "if it was "never disrupted," then why should we take the "War Of Terror" seriously if you're not even going to take care of it in our own backyard? Why was it "never disrupted?" Who should be held accountable for not disrupting it? Why did the Pentagon lawyers redact the guest list from the lunch?"

Again, people need to be [held accountable](#) for 9/11. That is also a story that has been known to us.

At the end of the report, the Fox News reporter said, "there are strong reasons to look back, and continue the investigation into the secrets of 9/11." I couldn't agree more.

End of article

This was an attempt by me to address those individuals in the 9/11 Truth Movement who attack reporters that actually do report on different aspects of the 9/11 cover-up. Reporters that could possibly be our allies in this fight.

We're In a Lot of Trouble

Jon Gold
6/16/2011

"This government has made me a victim of Conspiracy Theories, because they haven't answered fully, or allowed anyone to ask the true questions of September 11th, and that's what I'm asking from you today. For exposure. We are not crazy. We have questions. We demand answers." [...] "We're asking for a new investigation into the events of September 11th, and this time, a truly bipartisan, global, with families invested from the beginning, middle, and throughout the end." – 9/11 Family Member Donna Marsh O'Connor at the National Press Club on September 11, 2006.

On June 13, 2011, reporter Jason Leopold, along with Jeffrey Kaye, broke a story about 9/11 that was [released on truthout.org](#). The story appears "to cast further doubt on the official narrative and suggests high-level military and intelligence officials withheld key evidence from Congressional lawmakers probing the attacks."

According to the report, "DoD officials held discussions about DO5's intelligence activities between the summer of 2000 and June 2001 revolving around al-Qaeda's interest in striking the Pentagon, the World Trade Center (WTC), and other targets. In other words, the Bush administration was fully aware the terrorist organization had set its sights on those structures prior to 9/11 and, apparently, government officials failed to act on those warnings."

If true, this would further show that the [multitude of statements](#) made by Bush Administration officials and others after the attacks about not having "[any inkling](#)" about what was to come, was a lie. It would further show that the idea of a "[failure of imagination](#)" was also a lie (please also watch this).

How did the "9/11 Truth Movement" respond to this report? Unfortunately, truthout has removed the comments from the article. If you had the chance to read them, you would have seen people criticize the report as "Disinfo to sustain the bogus cover story." You would have seen multiple statements about how this story doesn't go far enough. That it doesn't cover this theory or that theory. You would have even seen accusations against Jason Leopold. On other sites, people said this was "SLICK PROPAGANDA from Jason Leopold at Truncated TRUTHOUT."

On truthout, I left a comment that said, "Thanks Jason for this article. This will help out your readers," and I linked to my "[Official 9/11 Justice Start-Up Kit](#)." Someone that is supposedly a member of the "9/11 Truth Movement" responded by saying, "nope, that's just more racist limited hangout BS."

Basically, it was a mess.

Over the years, I have spoken to many journalists that have written about discrepancies in the 9/11 narrative. I would show them this story, and that story, and hope that they would still have an interest in reporting on 9/11. The response I often got went like this: “Jon, I would, but every time I write about 9/11, I get bombarded by so-called members of the “9/11 Truth Movement” accusing me of this or that because I didn’t cover this or that. It’s [become a circus now](#), and nobody wants to touch it.”

One thing people need to understand is that the media has not done its job with regards to 9/11. For the most part, it has [attacked](#) anyone that has questions about that day, and also not given many stories the attention that they deserve. This, in turn, has been very frustrating to many. I, myself, have gone “toe to toe” with journalists over the years, so I am not completely without fault. However, I have since learned from my mistakes, and no longer approach journalists with anger.

As I wrote in my [facts piece](#), everyone has theories. Everyone has theories because those who should be able to answer our questions about that day, refuse to do so. It is human nature to theorize about what happened that day. However, and this is something I came to terms with long ago... We don’t know the truth about what happened that day. We don’t know who was ultimately responsible for what happened that day. This is a hard truth I’ve come to accept. I think because I’ve accepted this hard truth, I have become a better advocate for 9/11 Justice.

Many people in the “9/11 Truth Movement” think they know what happened that day and who was responsible. They don’t. I have read more than most on the subject, and I can honestly say that I don’t know. 9/11 was a crime, and as with every crime, there are suspects for that crime. If you look at **ALL** of the available information, you will see that elements within our government and others have **MORE THAN EARNED** the title of suspect for the crime of 9/11. Along with people like Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and Osama Bin Laden. However, without having had a real investigation, we don’t know the full truth.

Veterans of this cause have [tried to give advice](#) before on how best to reach people. I have written countless “pointers” over the years to try and help people. It seems as though these attempts at giving advice have fallen on deaf ears.

This kind of behavior is unacceptable. It doesn’t help, and instead, pushes people away. They don’t want to participate, and I can honestly understand why. We are a movement that is desperately trying to get reporters to report on what some of us are saying, and the very people that may be able to help us are being pushed away. How sad is that?

Jason Leopold and Jeffrey Kaye wrote a story that exposed a lie. If we ignore the easy lies, which incidentally help to give credibility to the idea that we were lied to about that day and need real justice and accountability, then we are doomed to fail as a cause.

The 2,973 people that were brutally murdered that day, their family members, and the people of the world deserve better.

End of article

Over the years, I've done a few written interviews with different people. People like 9/11 Family Members Donna Marsh O'Connor and Bob McIlvaine, as well as others. When Kevin Fenton's book came out, I wanted to help him promote it because I think it's invaluable work. This is my interview with him.

Questions and Answers with Kevin Fenton

Jon Gold
7/12/2011

I was introduced to Kevin Fenton sometime in 2006. We met on 911blogger.com where he was a contributor for many years. I respected his keen insight and appreciated the fact that he used mainstream media accounts and government documents for his postings there. Kevin is a contributor to the Complete 9/11 Timeline available at www.historycommons.org, along with people like Paul Thompson.

Eventually, Kevin signed up on my site, and started posting his information there. In September 2007, I started work on something I called the Who Is? Archives that was based on the material of the timeline. Kevin was kind enough to write several of the introductions for people mentioned.

The following is a written interview with Kevin Fenton, answering questions that I asked him. Thank you Kevin for taking the time, and I hope everyone buys your book, *Disconnecting The Dots: How 9/11 Was Allowed To Happen*. The information in it is essential to understanding the 9/11 attacks, and gives several examples of people that should have been held accountable, but weren't.

What prompted you to get involved with the cause of 9/11 Justice?

Several years ago, I read *The New Pearl Harbor* by David Ray Griffin after learning of it on the web and thinking it might be interesting. After reading, I felt some of it held up fairly well, and some of his arguments did not hold up so well. I started to read things about 9/11 on the net and to delve more deeply into some of the issues.

Who are some of your influences as far as your work goes?

My biggest influence is undoubtedly Paul Thompson, who was responsible for a lot of the material at the 9/11 Timeline, which is now hosted by historycommons.org (previously cooperativeresearch.org). Paul seemed to think that there was something wrong with what you might call the "official" account of 9/11, but never seemed to be sure exactly what had really happened and he encouraged research based primarily on MSM articles and government documents.

How did you become involved with www.historycommons.org, and updating the famous "Complete 9/11 Timeline"?

I met Paul at a discussion forum on the net. He invited me to help out a couple of times

and I accepted, going over the various hijackers initially, but then moving on to other topics and also other timelines hosted by historycommons.org.

Without being specific about where, what kind of work do you do?

You mean “real” work? I’m a translator. I live in the Czech Republic.

The information in your book focuses on Alec Station, the Yemen Hub, the CIA, the FBI, individuals like Tom Wilshire, Harry Samit, and others. Why did you first become interested in this aspect of 9/11, and how did you decide that this would be your focus for a book?

It was in 2006. The Yemen hub had been mentioned cryptically in a couple of passages in the *9/11 Commission Report* and the 9/11 Congressional Inquiry report, but more information emerged after the warrantless wiretapping story was run by the *New York Times*. Specifically, President Bush mentioned the calls in his response and then they were the subject of an *LA Times* rebuttal-type piece by Josh Meyer. A few months later, an unredacted version of the unclassified version of the Justice Department inspector general’s report was published after the Moussaoui trial ended and Lawrence Wright published *The Looming Tower*, which gave a lot of details about the CIA aspect of the story.

If there was one moment that made me think “This can’t be right,” then it was when I started breaking down the Justice Department inspector general’s report for 9/11 Timeline entries. I had the report as a .pdf file and I searched for “John,” Wilshire’s alias. Although I had already read the report a couple of times, this was the first time I noticed that “John” was involved in both the withholding of information from the FBI in January 2000 and the summer of 2001. Previously, I had thought that a variety of officials had failed to pass information, but I now realized this assumption was wrong and that there was a central character.

I was working on this throughout 2006 and the first part of 2007. I hoped somebody who was an established writer would come along and take up the topic and give it a fair treatment. A guy named Bob Schopmeyer wrote a book that goes over the same ground as I do, but it had a different style and also contained a lot of information that was not relevant to what I thought needed to be said. After waiting a while, I realized nobody else was out there and I had to do it myself. The second draft, which was fairly similar to the finished version, was completed around January 2009. I still hope a more established writer will come along, find more information and write an improved version of *Disconnecting*.

Do you think it is more or less likely that individuals like Tom Wilshire, Dave Frasca, and others were acting on their own or under the direction of others?

There is a group of individuals that the book deals with where I was unable to come to a firm conclusion as to whether they knew they were doing wrong when they performed poorly, and Frasca is a member of that group. Maybe he was just a bureaucratic asshole who was not too hot in the competence stakes. Then again, maybe he knew he was doing wrong.

Wilshire is a different case. The number of times he withheld information from the Bureau and a number of other factors show clearly that he knew he was doing something he should not have been. However, Wilshire was deputy chief of a unit with a couple of dozen officers, so, in my opinion, he was too junior to orchestrate the whole thing. He reported to a manager named Richard Blee, son of Cold War hero David Blee.

One of the questions I address in the book is whether Blee's bosses, CIA Counterterrorist Center chief Cofer Black and CIA Director George Tenet, knew what Blee was doing at the time. The way it looks to me, based on the evidence we have now, is that Blee acted without Black and Tenet's knowledge. For example, on two occasions in January 2000 Blee gave Black incorrect briefings about the whereabouts of alleged Flight 77 hijackers Khalid Almihdhar and Nawaf Alhazmi and, given the amount of cable traffic into and out of Alec Station, it is hard to believe that Blee did not know what was really going on. Also, the CIA station in Malaysia made some small-to-medium-sized mistakes in January 2000, but on three occasions somebody there went above and beyond the call of duty to try and get something done. For example, the station chief there showed the photos taken at the summit to an FBI agent. If the CIA Director was on board with the plot to keep the FBI out of the loop, why was the CIA station in Malaysia not also on board? Obviously, none of this is to deny that Black and Tenet must have figured out a good portion of what Blee did after the attacks and then covered up for him.

Are there other areas of 9/11 that interest you? Things like the air response, intelligence connections to "Al-Qaeda," foreign support for the hijackers, etc...?

I'm pretty much interested in all of it to a degree. However, I'm not a technical type and therefore focus on non-technical aspects. Obviously, some aspects of 9/11 skepticism are more credible than others.

What are your feelings about Philip Zelikow, the Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission?

After the second draft of the book was finished, the National Archives made available a portion of the commission's files. An associate, Erik Larson, went to the Archives and started to upload the commission documents to the web. I started writing stories based on the files Erik found, one of which was critical of Zelikow. This led to a brief exchange of emails with Zelikow, although he did not give me much new information and kept his cards close to his chest (it was mostly about the air defense on 9/11, not what *Disconnecting* is about).

My opinion of government officials in general is that they are intelligent, nice and incredibly straight people. They often have a hard time thinking that their colleagues, also intelligent, nice and seemingly straight people, would ever do anything intentionally wrong. This attitude was prevalent on the commission. For example, it's crystal clear from Shenon's book that a whole bunch of people on the commission thought CIA Director George Tenet was, at best, economical with the truth, but there's not a word of this in the report. In addition, judging by what Shenon wrote, nobody ever stopped to ask themselves just why Tenet was lying, what, specifically, was he trying to hide. Also remember the list of chapter headings that Zelikow drafted in the first few months of the

investigation and that Philip Shenon exposed in his book? Zelikow knew what he wanted to write more or less from the beginning and was predisposed to follow that course, not to go where the evidence took him.

If I were Tom Wilshire or Richard Blee I would have slept soundly in my bed at night knowing that Barbara Grewe (the DoJ IG and commission investigator responsible for the CIA/FBI issues) and Philip Zelikow were investigating me. Better, more thorough and more skeptical investigators would have got further. Here's one example of how it should have been done differently: Tenet lied to the commission under oath about not briefing President Bush in mid-August 2001. He then sent out a press release saying he had momentarily forgot about it. OK, so call him back, put him under oath again and have him answer the question.

There are some who claim to be advocates for 9/11 Justice that have a problem with your book because it focuses on the hijackers. Because according to some, there either were no hijackers, or they were “patsies” and the planes were remote controlled. What do you have to say to these individuals?

Disconnecting is a narrowly focused book. It is about the intelligence failures before 9/11. It is pretty clear to me that Almihdhar and Alhazmi were real people and there is evidence they were on the planes (although not all evidence the government says it has is public and you might want to put a question mark over one or two things that are out there). There are lots of people who met them in the States and spoke about it afterwards; there is also a fair amount of documentation about them that was released at the time of the Moussaoui trial. It is also clear they were AQ operatives. Almihdhar lived at AQ's operations hub—how much more connected could you get?

I'm not a pilot and I can't really add any expertise to the question of whether the alleged pilots would have been able to fly the planes the way they did with only the training the FBI says they had. However, I don't think much of the FBI's investigation, so there is always the possibility that they had training the Bureau did not uncover, or even did uncover, but did not make public. In this context recall that the anthrax scare started a short time after 9/11 and that a lot of agents were diverted away from investigating the attacks to what became the Bureau's attempt to fit up Steven Hatfill.

Finally, I would say that we don't really know the half of it. Let's keep an open mind on what really happened.

Do you think there will ever be real accountability and justice for what happened that day? What would that look like to you?

To answer the second part of the question first: We would have to know exactly what happened, which means making the relevant documents public (not just some investigators writing a report based on evidence that is then withheld) and having witnesses testify publicly and under oath for a credible investigation (meaning: non-partisan, international). Once we know what happened we could then proceed to impose sanctions on people who had performed poorly or engaged in intentional wrongdoing.

Do I ever think this will happen? No. On the brighter side, I do think the media (at least

the international media) has become a lot more adversarial and skeptical since 9/11. Compare the response to the 9/11 Commission report (fawning admiration) to the response to the FBI's claims about Bruce Ivins (downright skepticism in some cases). I think this was more powered by the fallout from the decision to invade Iraq and the failure to find WMDs there than anything to do with alternative accounts of 9/11, but it certainly is positive. If 9/11 happened again, I think the response to it in terms of public skepticism of the government's account would be different.

End of article

Here is an article I was interviewed for that appeared in Philadelphia's "City Paper" shortly before the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

The Truth About Truthers

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Confession: Sometimes, late at night, I like to go online and argue with truthers. Or I used to. It would go like this:

Somebody posts a photo on a message board with a title like "Image of the Pentagon Impact area on 9/11. How the hell can anyone with a brain think this was caused by a Boeing 757?" I click. It's a low-resolution ground-level shot of the smoking Pentagon. Using Photoshop, or MS Paint maybe, somebody has drawn a pair of circles — one around some flames on the left and another around a damaged piece of wall on the right. I go to the comments.

Ah, yes, there it is: the single missile theory.

The SMT is pretty simple: What if it wasn't Flight 77 that hit the Pentagon, but a cruise missile (or, as per the most extreme iterations, a missile cloaked in a hologram to make it look like a plane)? No matter how wildly it swerves from most eyewitness accounts, not to mention the official account described in the *9/11 Commission Report*, the SMT has likely persisted because (A) that hole in the wall looks kinda small and (B) unlike the attacks on the World Trade Center, no clear footage of the attack on the Pentagon has been released.

All we have is five frames from a parking lot security camera that seem to show the plane crossing the Pentagon lawn and exploding on the western wall. Other footage, from traffic cams and such, was supposedly confiscated by federal investigators soon after the attack and has not yet seen the light of day.

The SMT really bugs me. By the time the Pentagon was attacked, the perpetrators had already proven they could hijack planes and fly them into buildings. Why would they need a missile an hour later? I wrote something to that effect on the message board. Most people said they didn't know. One person said this:

"I don't think there were any planes. There is a video out there that compiles footage from all news broadcasts around the planet and surmises they were all off of one feed. Seriously, if there is no plane at the Pentagon or the field, then why would there be one at the WTC? It's too easy, the people that were called in as 'witnesses' all worked for the networks and therefore are inherently biased based on the BS we are being fed."

That's one of the nagging little problems with the 9/11 Truth Movement. Just when you think you've found a starting point to discuss the issues, the rabbit hole goes even deeper. The answer is often a larger conspiracy.

The bigger problem with the 9/11 Truth Movement is that there's no such thing as a unified, coherent 9/11 Truth Movement.

On Jan. 31, 2011, Jon Gold drove from his home in Plymouth Meeting to Washington, D.C., and handcuffed himself to the White House fence. He had a big, professionally made sign that read, "We were LIED to about 9/11." Even though he'd hyped the stunt on his website for a month beforehand, his friend with a video camera was the only other activist to show up and support him. Police, park police and maybe even Secret Service did stop by at various times. He was eventually freed with bolt-cutters and arrested.

Gold is the kind of guy journalists like to call "a man without a country." He believes his actual country has covered up the true nature of its biggest tragedy. And the people you'd think would be his people, the truthers, he wants nothing to do with.

One of the 260-plus videos Gold has uploaded onto his YouTube channel illustrates his feelings about most of his "fellow" activists. Circus music. A title card that says, "The following crap hurts the cause of 9/11 Justice." Then a laundry list of the stuff that often gets his peers labeled as crackpots: missiles, holograms, CGI, mini-nukes, laser beams from space, chemtrails (more on those later), man-made earthquakes, UFOs, the Illuminati, the Jews, plane-swaps, hijackers who didn't die, and about a dozen other things.

"It's sad. There are people on the fringe, the authors, who constantly write books, who promote crappy information, and people who mean well pick up on this and they start pushing it." This is Gold, when he and I meet up for coffee near South Street. "There was a time back in 2006 when we were very, I don't know if you would say powerful, but we had a lot of members and the media started to focus on us. But who did they focus on? They focused on people like Kevin Barrett, who [says] Israel's responsible for everything, you know? They focused on Webster Tarpley [a promoter of the "9/11 was an inside job" idea], who's just a charlatan. They focused on the fringe."

Gold laughs when I ask whether he ever finds himself arguing with that fringe.

"All the time. I call them out as often as possible because I want there to be clear evidence that I am not associated with those people."

After Sept. 11, Gold got swept up in the "patriotic binge" — waving the flag, supporting the war. Some of that started to erode as he watched the news. He remembers CNN

reporting Jan. 29, 2002, that President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney each separately asked Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle to limit the scope of the post-9/11 investigation. Says Gold: “And I thought, why would the vice president and the president, of all people, not want to know exactly how and why this happened so as to make sure it could never happen again?”

Then there was the infamous Aug. 6, 2001, President’s Daily Brief, eventually made public, titled “Bin Laden determined to strike in U.S.” “After that came out and I saw that we were being lied to, and then I saw how they were using the 9/11 attacks, I just — I was furious, and it was off to the races.”

He’s been at it for nearly a decade. “I’m very old-school 9/11 Truth, which means I support the families and I support the responders,” he says. That’s something you don’t hear in most truther rhetoric: mentions of the 2,977 who died, and their families, and the first responders, and their quest for health care. Gold helped fund the 2006 documentary 9/11: Press for Truth, in which the families of victims, like the Jersey Girls, express their frustration in getting answers from the government about who knew what ahead of time, which warnings we ignored, and why more wasn’t done that day. Gold also tends to cite mainstream sources, like FBI documents and news reports, on his website and at public appearances. He espouses no theory.

“I know more about 9/11 than probably most people on the planet, and I don’t know what happened that day, I don’t know who was ultimately responsible. But I look at 9/11 as a crime as opposed to an act of war, and as with every crime, there are suspects for that crime, and along with Osama bin Laden, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the 19 hijackers, elements within our government and other governments had more than earned the title of suspect for the crime. More than earned.”

I’m on the second floor of an unmarked building in Northern Liberties watching a cartoon about the evils of the Federal Reserve Bank. There are about 20 of us, maybe fewer, sitting on couches. The plot revolves around a cool dude telling his clueless friend about how the Fed — depicted as a monstrous, black tentacled beast — is a privately owned and utterly unregulated money-sucker. The movie’s kinda funny and mostly pretty straightforward. There’s a lot of Google-able stuff about the gold standard. But it does take a dubious detour to explain how JFK got assassinated not long after announcing his intentions to end the Fed. During the quieter parts, we can hear the jubilant outbursts of a yoga class through the walls.

Not 9/11-related, as far as I know. Why am I here? Well, this is a public meeting by a group currently called Truth, Freedom, Prosperity, but they used to call themselves Philly 9/11 Truth, and they still list that as one of their concerns, along with financial and economic freedom, alternative energy technologies, “legalization of nature,” etc.

After the movie, organizer Michael Salvi, a friendly guy in a mock-Phillies T-shirt (“Liberty” in the team’s script on the front, “Ron Paul” on the back), leads an open forum discussion. A couple people discredit the JFK thing, there’s talk about what the average person can do about the Fed, somebody asks if he should buy gold for “when the whole thing comes crashing down.”

Then a guy in the front row tilts the discussion to numerology, the occult and, I think, the Illuminati. He points out, for reasons I don't pick up on, that Oswald, Osama and Oslo all begin with the same two letters. He adds 9 and 1 and 1 and comes up with 11, an important number in occult circles. People let him speak, but the conversation quickly returns to financial talk. Jon Gold would not enjoy a meeting like this.

Salvi says he shows films that will stimulate conversation, and he's not endorsing their messages 100 percent. As for 9/11, it's still something he and the group are concerned with, but it's on the backburner to the economy discussions.

"Some of the theories are really sexy. George Bush had full knowledge. This person was told to do this. This country was involved. It's all very exciting and enticing, but I just don't know," he says. "The one thing that I can get behind is that aliens with missiles ... " He's joking.

The bottom line for him is that the official story sounds fishy. "I certainly don't believe the stories that 19 guys were able to get four planes with box cutters and took it over with these red bandannas on and crashed the planes into these buildings and everything but their passports burned up. Including the black box."

In the lobby outside the screening room, I score a DVD on legalizing marijuana and some fliers: Better Living Through Alchemy, How Mind Control Works, The War on Consciousness, and a bunch about ending the Fed. Somehow I fail to pick up the paper on Satanism.

Knowing that people in the Truth movement are always getting dismissed as kooks, I ask Salvi about the fliers.

"It just kinda comes with the territory," he says. He used to get nervous about bringing together such disparate opinions on touchy subjects, but he says things have never gotten too heated. The fliers are part of the group's general air of open-mindedness.

"We have 700 members in our group. I'm less worried about offending the mass public by some perception. I'm more worried about offending the person who shows up at every meeting that we throw, at every event that we do, who's been super supportive. And for me to turn around — and I may not know about what they do, and they're super passionate — for me to just to tell them they can't do it, it's the exact opposite of freedom."

Jon Gold and I are Facebook friends now, which means I'm only one degree of separation from well-known anti-war/anti-Bush activist Cindy Sheehan. She and Gold are real-life friends. They got arrested together at a protest in March of last year.

Gold's always filling his Facebook wall with videos of congressional hearings, public statements, news reports, things like that. He posts a 2004 clip of Bush in the Rose Garden addressing the press after meeting with the 9/11 Commission. The point is to remind you that Bush and Cheney agreed to only meet with the commission together, in private, and not under oath.

“I’m glad I took the time,” Bush is shown saying. “This is an important commission, and it’s important that they ask the questions they ask so that they can help make recommendations necessary to better protect our homeland. It was — I enjoyed it.” Yes, Bush actually said he enjoyed it. It had been expected that the president would be grilled a little on why he didn’t react right away when the nation was under attack, and why no fighter jets were scrambled in time to intercept hijacked planes. The president, however, characterized the meeting as a “cordial conversation.”

Gold points me to the link and asks what I think of it. I tell him it reminded me how frustrating it was living in the Bush era. The supposed leader of the free world came off daily like a bumbling fool who thinks he’s slick. Gold doesn’t exactly see it that way.

“People often say incompetence, but these individuals weren’t incompetent. They came in office, they wanted to go to war. They did go to war. They wanted to make billions for their corporate friends, they did that. They wanted to expand executive power, they did that. They committed so many crimes during their eight years [in] office and remained Teflon-coated throughout,” says Gold. “There was no accountability at all.”

The *9/11 Commission Report* was supposed to do that, but several things remain problematic, including its lack of reference to World Trade Center 7 (the third skyscraper to collapse that day) and apparent conflicts of interests on the board (including Bush’s national security strategist Philip Zelikow). That’s why so many people say they want a new investigation into 9/11. But does Gold think a fair shake is possible the next time around?

“It has to be away from the government. There has to be subpoena power, people have to be put under oath, which George Bush and Dick Cheney refused to do. I don’t know, maybe an international body of some kind. It can’t take place in D.C.”

A few weeks ago, Gold had told me to stay tuned, that on Aug. 11, something “huge” was going to happen. That gave me pause. Gold’s a gentle-giant type, built like a Mack truck but soft-spoken and calm. I briefly imagined him doing something dangerous, then dismissed it. He had been led from the White House fence to the police car like a diner whose table was ready.

The date came and I didn’t see anything on CNN, or MSNBC, or anywhere, but I didn’t really know what I was looking for, either.

Gold finally sends me a link to the Atlantic’s blog:

“Richard Clarke, former White House counterterrorism czar, believes that former CIA director George Tenet and other top aides hid intelligence that could have prevented the 9/11 attacks.”

Eventually I see the story a few other places, but it doesn’t earn a “breaking news” banner or make a ripple in the general consciousness.

“Does this happen a lot? Something that seems pretty huge and newsworthy doesn’t get coverage in the media?” I ask him.

“Happens too often,” he says. “The media loves to focus on the fringe, forget the family members asking questions, and ignore everything except the theories.”

That’s why there’s really no such thing as a solitary, unified 9/11 Truth Movement. Just a fractured bunch of people with wild theories on one side, a quest for answers on the other side, and a thousand points in between. “Even the [phrase] 9/11 Truth is, like, toxic,” says Gold. “I refer to myself now as an advocate for 9/11 justice as opposed to a 9/11 truther.”

Not sure what reverse numerology SEPTA was using when it decided to rename its regional rail lines, but I eventually find my way to a small town on the Main Line one rainy night, for a screening by a group that meets regularly to watch films about 9/11. On the way, I read Popular Mechanics ‘ 2005 article “Debunking the 9/11 Myths,” which I found online. Basically, the writers line up the dubious claims from conspiracy sites (mostly related to physics and engineering) and counter them with data and interviews. On the Pentagon’s tiny plane hole: “A crashing jet doesn’t punch a cartoon-like outline of itself into a reinforced concrete building.” It’s pretty convincing stuff.

The counterpoint is a group called Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth, whose site is loaded with documents about thermite, thermate, nano-thermite — chemicals that can melt steel and which they say were found at Ground Zero. That’s what I’m hoping to see at this screening: the nitty-gritty conspiracy science, diagrams of WTC7, evidence of explosives, that sort of thing.

Sadly, for me, this group has many interests. The night I’m there, the feature is What in the World Are They Spraying?, a documentary about chemtrails. Not 9/11-related. See those planes painting neat-looking stripes of clouds in the sky? Those are poisonous chemtrails, supposedly, created to either reduce the population or kill off all crops that don’t use Monsanto-patented seeds.

In the lobby after the movie, I pick up a short stack of DVDs (WTC Twin Towers: Explosive Evidence, 9/11 Blueprint for Truth, Zeitgeist: Moving Forward, Terrorstorm, Nine Years of War Based on a Lie and more), a pile of reading material and a slap bracelet made for a bygone rally.

I meet up with some members of the group at a nearby restaurant. I tell them I’m a reporter, and they’re cool with it, but they balk at being recorded. They don’t even want me naming the restaurant in this article, even though it’s mentioned online, because, as one woman says, “Homeland Security is right down the road.” She gestures over her shoulder with her thumb. I look. I really don’t know the area.

So I scribble feverishly in my notebook as the conversation goes from chemtrails to the “Patriot Slavery Act” to the New World Order, mostly led by the charming lady with a book by her side called *How Can I Share My Faith Without an Argument?* She has no doubt 9/11 was “an inside job,” and points to the “teeny tiny” hole in the Pentagon and laughs at the idea that a passenger jet like Flight 77 could’ve caused it. I consider whipping out the Popular Mechanics article, but the conversation moves on to MK Ultra mind control and, eventually, how the state of Pennsylvania is exploding old ammunition in the Ramapo fault line in an effort to trigger a major earthquake. She read about it on online. She’s also

a two-time Bush voter who now regrets it, and a birther.

It's hard to tell how much everybody else at the table is on board with what she's saying. The guy directly across from me is interested in End the Fed-type stuff, so we talk about that for a while. He recommends I check out conspiracy radio host Alex Jones. I tell him about a YouTube video that compiles a couple years' worth of Jones' various predictions — nuclear disasters, wars, assassinations — and none of them seem to come true. The guy says Jones is basically showing his listeners the cards that might be played by those in power.

Finally I catch the ear of a man we'll call Mr. X, who may or may not be running the group. He's sort of a truther guru. He points out how the FBI never actually charged Bin Laden with 9/11-related crimes. He talks about MI5 and MI6 and peer-reviewed papers by architects regarding the rate at which buildings fall during demolition. "Everything I've told you is the truth, but that doesn't make it the truth," he says. Also: "Authority isn't truth. Truth is authority. See? Turned it around."

Mr. X advises me not to believe anything I hear unless I do research, even if he's the one saying it. "I could be lying to you," he says, enough times to make me suspicious. "Everywhere around you is lies, Patrick. All around you."

Jon Gold would probably call these people "the fringe." They would probably say he's blind to the big picture, or pretending to be, so as not to seem fringe. There would be no winner in an argument between the two sides. Is there room in any one political movement for such disparate factions?

My notebook full of sites to visit and books to look up, my head buzzing with self-perpetuating theories and unconfirmable factoids, I say goodbye and head out to the train station.

It's suddenly nice out. No rain. Not a chemtrail in the sky. And that rumble underfoot isn't a man-made earthquake, it's my train.

End of article

Here is a written interview I gave for the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Activist Spotlight: 9/11 Researcher Jon Gold

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I first began following Jon Gold's (@911JusticeNow) work in late 2003. The attacks of September 11th, 2001 and the subsequent invasions and occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq galvanized me from apathy to a newfound political consciousness, and I soon discovered his work on one of the first websites questioning the official theory of 9/11. What impressed me about his research was that he was deeply committed to using

verifiable facts found in mainstream news articles and reports. But perhaps what stands out most about his activism is his unwavering support for the first responders. He was made “Honorary Director” of the FealGood Foundation. He describes himself as “an American trying to make a difference.”

What was the first discrepancy, or discrepancies, that moved you to begin researching the hidden history of 9/11, and how long have you been involved with it ever since?

The first thing that caught my attention was the fact that Dick Cheney and George Bush went to Tom Daschle’s office, and asked him to “limit the scope” of the Congressional Inquiry into 9/11. At the time I thought, “why would the President and Vice President, of all people, not want to know exactly how and why this happened, so as to make sure it could never happen again?” After 9/11, we were told repeatedly that there were no warnings, that no one had any idea that anything like that could happen. Then in May 2002, news of the August 6th, 2001 PDB entitled, “Bin Laden Determined to Strike In US” was reported on. That was a “warning.” Once I saw that we were being lied to, I was “off to the races.”

If there were just three facts that discredit the official theory that you feel people must know, what would be those facts?

There were a multitude of warnings, and a lot more known about the hijackers by our Government, prior to 9/11, than the public has been led to believe. The investigations we got into 9/11, in my view, were compromised and corrupt. Especially the 9/11 Commission, which was led by Philip Zelikow. We were told that the source of the funding was “ultimately of little practical significance.” There are indications that some of the money was connected to Prince Bandar’s [of Saudi Arabia] wife. That’s significant. There are indications that some of the money came from Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh at the behest of Lt. General Mahmood Ahmed of the Pakistani ISI. That is significant.

What have been some of the biggest or most intriguing revelations to surface within the past couple of years?

That the 9/11 Commission considered referring NORAD to the Department of Justice for a criminal investigation because of the lies they told to the 9/11 Commission. That 9/11 Whistleblower Sibel Edmonds said Osama Bin Laden had “intimate relations” with the U.S. up until 9/11. The multitude of whistleblowers that were ignored and censored by the 9/11 Commission. There were “Government Minders” that intimidated witnesses before the 9/11 Commission, and in some cases, answered questions for witnesses. That a complete outline of the final report of the 9/11 Commission was written by Ernest May and Philip Zelikow before the 9/11 Commission’s investigation even began. That Philip Zelikow may have been taking direction from Karl Rove. That’s really off the top of my head, but there is so much more.

We’ve both talked about our respect for the film 9/11: Press for Truth. Can you talk about why that film is such an important document about the hidden history of 9/11? Would you recommend it as an introduction to people just starting to question the official theory?

When Kyle Hence told me he was working on the film, I was extremely excited. It was going to tell the story of my heroes, the Jersey Girls, and it was going to be based on the work of someone that greatly influenced me, Paul Thompson. Nothing could be better in my opinion. When Kyle told me he needed money to finish the film, within a few minutes after he told me, I asked my father to loan me the money so they could finish the film. I didn't hesitate for a second because I knew this was going to be an important documentary. The film is clearly one of the most important documentaries of our generation. It tells the story of the cover-up from the perspective of those who lost the most that day. It completely obliterates the legitimacy of the 9/11 Commission in the first 30 minutes. It shows the basic inconsistencies in the "official account." I have always thought this documentary was the best tool for activists. In my opinion, 9/11 activists should show this film to people before anything else if they want to be taken seriously.

Will you talk about why (if you agree with this assertion, of course) the movement to question the official theory and uncover the truth hasn't gained more traction in America, and why it seems to have made more headway in other parts of the world?

Well, the "9/11 Truth Movement" did gain some momentum in 2005-2006. But the "media" decided to focus on the fringe of the fringe. As a result, we weren't taken seriously. The "media" overall, has done its best over the years to paint us as conspiracy theorists, as crazy, as unpatriotic, as terrorist sympathizers, as terrorists, as holocaust denying murderers, etc... and so on. No one wants to associate with us. The media's campaign to tarnish anyone that questions the official account of 9/11 has been extremely successful. People are dying in the Middle East, so it would make sense for people in the Middle East to question the official account of 9/11. As far as parts of the world outside the United States that question the official account, that aren't directly affected by America's occupations... they probably have better media than the U.S.

We now know from various news reports that the U.S. security state has turned its attention inward to spy on American activists as well as potential foreign enemies living in the country. Homeland Security was seen monitoring a peaceful BART protest in San Francisco the other night, and they're also likely monitoring organizers and participants involved with US Day of Rage's upcoming occupation of Wall Street, based on a bulletin released recently. Can you talk about how 9/11 has eroded the freedoms America used to cherish, and do you think we've allowed the 9/11 tragedy to get the best of us? Is there hope of beating the security state and regaining our civil liberties?

Expose the 9/11 Cover-Up, and I believe that everything that happened as a result of that day, will stop, or be reversed. The occupations will end, and the majority of legislation written that takes away our civil liberties will be reversed. Peace of the Action, the group Cindy Sheehan founded that I am a part of, was spied on by the Institute Of Terrorism Research And Response. I was spied on before I committed civil disobedience at the White House for 9/11 Justice. I assume I was spied on because when I got there, a cop asked me "are you Jon Gold? Are you still planning on chaining yourself to the White House fence?" There are many examples of liberties lost since 9/11. Look at the TSA, look at the wiretapping of phones, look at free speech zones, etc... Again, expose the damn 9/11 Cover-Up.

Would you care to offer any sort of narrative regarding what you think happened on 9/11, based on the extensive research you've conducted over all these years?

I don't know what happened on 9/11, or who was ultimately responsible. That's the problem. I have an idea, but I don't know. Everyone has theories about what happened that day. Some are ridiculous and far-fetched, and others aren't. However, without a real criminal investigation, we just don't know. I believe 9/11 was a crime as opposed to an act of war, and as with every crime, there are suspects for that crime. In my opinion, elements within our government and others have **MORE THAN EARNED** the title of suspect for the crime of 9/11.

How do you suggest people get involved in the struggle for 9/11 accountability?

By telling the next person until we have a majority of people. We can't do shit with the system we have.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Since today is 9/11, I'd just like to say that I hope the families that lost someone that day have the easiest day possible. I hope the responders that were down there are honored, and that the James Zadroga 9/11 Health & Compensation Act is made to include cancer for the coverage it gives.

End of article

Like Iraq, we are seeing connections to 9/11, connections to Al-Qaeda, and supposed WMD being promoted with regards to Iran. On January 23rd 2008, [CNN reported](#) that "President Bush and his top aides publicly made 935 false statements about the security risk posed by Iraq in the two years following September 11, 2001, according to a study released Tuesday by two nonprofit journalism groups." America **MUST NOT** fall for this again.

No War with Iran

by Jon Gold
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Before I begin, I'd like to say that I am neither a fan of Iran, or an opponent of Iran. I just don't want anymore damn wars.

Recently, a Judge [ruled](#) "that Iran was complicit in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people, including 18 Bucks County residents." Here is the evidence according to the article:

Using a team of experts, including former members of the 9/11 Commission, and the testimony of three Iranian defectors, the lawyers put on a four-hour presentation for Daniels on Thursday.

During the hearing, defector Abdolghassem Mesbahi, who was once an aide and close confidant of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Islamic Republic's founder, revealed that he had firsthand knowledge of terrorist plots dating to the 1980s.

Mesbahi, whose identity was kept secret until the hearing, said he knew in August 2001 that there was a plan in place to hijack airplanes and fly them into buildings.

Another defector testified that he was with al-Qaida's second in command, Ayman al-Zawahiri, when the terrorist attended four days of meetings with top Iranian officials in January 2001 to plan the 9/11 attacks.

The third defector told the judge that he helped write up the debriefing reports of Iran's al-Qaida liaison, Imad Mugniyeh, after he returned to Iran from Afghanistan following 9/11.

To further prove Iran's complicity in the attacks, Mellon presented the testimony of Janice Kephart, a former counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information and former immigration counsel to the Sept. 11 Commission.

Kephart said Iran put a "senior Hezbollah operative" on flights with the 9/11 hijackers in the months before the attacks, to ensure that the terrorists' passports, which they obtained in Saudi Arabia, wouldn't be stamped with Iranian or Afghan travel stamps, red flags that would have jeopardized their plot.

Kephart noted that travel documents are "important weapons" for terrorists.

I don't know if what's being put forward is legitimate. I think it's interesting that 9/11 families can sue Iran, but not [Saudi Arabia](#).

Years ago, back in 2006, Ahmadinejad [wrote a letter](#) to George W. Bush. In that letter, he said, "September eleven was not a simple operation. Could it be planned and executed without coordination with intelligence and security services -- or their extensive infiltration? Of course this is just an educated guess. Why have the various aspects of the attacks been kept secret? Why are we not told who botched their responsibilities? And, why aren't those responsible and the guilty parties identified and put on trial? All governments have a duty to provide security and peace of mind for their citizens." Bush [ignored](#) the letter, and I'm fairly sure not many Americans were aware of it. It doesn't seem like a letter that would be sent by the President of a country involved in the 9/11 attacks, but that's not definitive.

The 9/11 Commission was a farce, and that has been proven [time](#) and [time](#) and [time](#) again, so to believe anything from the 9/11 Report 100% is ill advised. In 2004, Bush's Presidential campaign [said](#) that "the Commission's report makes the case for the policies that U.S. President Bush has been pursuing in the War on Terror and eliminates any doubt that the best defense against the threat of global terror is a strong offense." How nice for them. Wouldn't it be nice to find out the truth about 9/11 so that day can no longer be used to start anymore wars, or take away our civil liberties?

With regards to defectors, someone by the name of Ahmed Chalabi was made famous by providing [faulty information](#) concerning Iraq's WMDs from a defector known as "[Curveball](#)." So I don't put much stock into what defectors say.

They talk about support of Al-Qaeda. They don't talk about how the [West](#), [Saudi Royals](#), and the [Pakistani ISI](#) support(ed) Al-Qaeda. Because they don't, it seems like their assertions are agenda driven and hypocritical.

The U.S. and Israel have been threatening Iran for years. According to [Sy Hersh](#), and [others](#), we have been covertly operating within Iran for years, and now it seems like that is [continuing](#).

If anyone has a right to protect themselves, and develop a nuclear weapon, it is Iran (if they are, which is very much in doubt), considering how the U.S. and Israel are threatening them, and wrecking havoc within their country. No one with a brain wants nuclear weapons, however, we are the terrorists in this equation. Not Iran.

End of article

On July 30, 2006, for some reason I wanted to see what the headlines were for mainstream news sites on the day of the release of the 9/11 Report, which was 7/22/2004.

This was CNN:

Updated: 04:02 a.m. EDT (08:02 GMT) July 20, 2004

Bush: U.S. probes possible Iran links to 9/11



President Bush says Washington is investigating whether Iran played a role in the September 11 attacks, and he accused Tehran of harboring suspected members of al Qaeda. The commission investigating the 9/11 attacks is expected to charge in its final report that several of the hijackers passed through Iran ahead of the terror strikes.

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This was MSNBC:

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- 9/11 panel will criticize Clinton, Bush administrations
- VIDEO: New images of hijackers



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My sincerest thanks to those who have influenced me

The following people have either been a part of my life since I was born, or part of my life for the last 10 years. They have inspired me, influenced me, and helped me to be a better human being. There are many people that, if I remembered who they were, I would like to thank. So many people worked so hard for this cause over the years. The world owes all of you a debt of gratitude.

My Grandfather

There are many times I think of you. When I'm smoking a cigarette outside on Dad's porch after Passover dinner. When I eat crab legs. Just before I enter the Holland Tunnel that goes into New York City. When I watch The Three Stooges. And always, on our birthday. I have a thread dedicated to you on my site called, "Gold9421 - 9/4/1921 - 8/13/2000," and every year I post "Happy Birthday" in it. There are often times when I've questioned whether or not you would understand what it is that I'm doing. I know in my heart, though, that if you understood how important it was to me, then automatically it would be important to you. At least as far as being supportive of me. I hope I've made you proud.

My Father

As the years go by, I see that you do your very best to understand who it is that I am. I see that no matter how old I get, you still like to take care of me. Maybe that is why we often butt heads. Because I am a "grown up," and you still see me as a little boy. Maybe it's just something that happens to fathers. However, wanting to take care of me is not a bad thing. It's just your way of telling me that you care. Thank you for that. Thank you for doing your best to be supportive of me over the years with regards to my activism, even if sometimes you didn't understand it. As I told you on your 60th birthday, everything that is good about me was inherited from you.

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I never got the chance to meet Robert McIlvaine Jr., but I have little doubt that he was a

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Cindy Sheehan

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Monica Gabrielle

Thank you for your sense of humor, Monica. I have always admired that about you. Thank you for your "take no shit from the empire" attitude. Thank you for everything you have done. Richard would be so proud of you.

Donna Marsh O'Connor

There have been many times I've been made to cry by a 9/11 Family Member, and it seems 50% of that time it was you. I am so very sorry for your family's loss, Donna. Thank you for being such a good friend to me over the years. Thank you for giving me the honor of reading your words to people. Thank you for speaking truth to power. Vanessa was a beautiful woman. She got it from her beautiful mother.

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Anne Marie Baumann

You are a wonderful human being, Anne Marie. 9/11 first responders everywhere owe you a debt of gratitude. Thank you for everything you've done.

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