

**9/11 DIGITAL LIES:
A SURVEY OF ONLINE APOLOGISTS
FOR GLOBAL TERRORISM**

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PREFACE

America's War Against Terrorism is not only the first war fought against an enemy with no definable borders, it is the first major international conflict of the Digital Age. As such, the Internet is playing a pivotal role for all sides.

Not everyone has recoiled from the atrocities of September 11th. Like Saddam Hussein did a decade ago, Osama Bin Laden, to broaden his base of support, has fueled the fires of hate against the United States and Israel. Dr. Brackman's report shows that the Internet has been used by the supporters of Bin Laden who found solace and support from not only in the Islamic world, but even in the United States.

9/11 Digital Lies: An Overview of Online Apologists for Global Terrorism, is based on data compiled by the research arm of the Wiesenthal Center which tracks the worldwide Web for pro-terrorist and hate sites. The sites in this report come from the U.S., Europe and the Middle East. The study presents an overview of the propaganda and distortions being circulated by the enemies of the U.S., her allies — and most especially, the state of Israel.

The study also reveals how today's Jew-haters are digitally spreading a 21st century version of the medieval Blood Libel, by echoing the 'Big Lie' of Arab and Moslem leaders like Syria's Defense Minister, Mustafa Tlas, who insist that Israel, not Arab terrorists, are behind the September 11th mass murders.

An American neo-Nazi has declared, "*The Internet is our sword*". Now, in the first war of the Internet Age, we see that the supporters of terrorism and mass murder have extended the battlefield to the World Wide Web. As a result, the War Against Terrorism cannot be won by bombs alone, but by engaging the enemy online with the truth. For those who seek to distort events and history do so with two goals in mind. They seek immediate recruits to their cause, but also strive to assure that their legacy of hate and terrorism will outlive the last vestiges of Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaeda network.

While this report deals with the overt online war, Ahmed Jabril, Hezbollah's spokesman in London, ominously reminded us that the Internet also serves as a *covert* tool for terrorists. He boasted how the Internet allows for better coordination of plans across borders, digitally veiled from the scrutiny of the public... "Now it has also become possible to send...even a call for jihad and (to) know that it will not be seen by anyone hostile to our faith, like the Americans".

Bottom Line: The Internet is a new staging ground for a new type of war. We ignore it at our own peril.

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“Occupied Jerusalem - The Palestinian Journalist Association has urged Arab and Muslim journalists to make better use of the Internet in order to communicate the truth about the Muslim world to non-Muslims. The Association argued in a statement released Thursday that the Internet was the perfect medium which big money and political lobbies can't easily control, hence Muslims should utilize it to the fullest. 'The Jews can and do control the American media from the Washington Post to CNN, but they can't control the flow of the Internet', said the statement.”

Palestinian Information Center, *PIC Homepage*, October 25, 2001
(http://www.palestine-info.com/daily_news/prev_editions/2001/Oct01/25oct01.htm#9)

“The Revolution will not be televised—but it will be Web-based.”

Laurie King-Irani, *Electronic Intifada*, March 2001

(<http://electronicIntifada.net>).

Introduction

On September 11th, global terrorism seared its lethal signature across the history of the early twentieth first century. The death toll at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was the largest on American soil since the Civil War and the greatest ever inflicted on a single day, on the United States by a foreign enemy. Though primarily U.S. citizens, the over 5,000 fatalities included people from more than 80 countries. The global impact—political, economic, and psychological—shook the civilized world from Canada to Latin America, to Western Europe and Russia, to the Middle East and Africa, and across Asia.

The Internet—the electronic nervous system of our new global society—transmitted and recorded this momentous event. Media sites reported the disaster and its aftermath. Government sites sought to inform and reassure the public. Philanthropic sites mobilized the charitable impulses of the American people and compassionate people worldwide. And web site programmers, the chroniclers of the high—tech age, designed memorial sites, tribute pages, and survivor registries.

Unfortunately, the World Wide Web also has a dark side. Published reports indicate that the tech-savvy hijackers and their associates left behind a long trail in cyberspace. According to these reports they used electronic connections to plan and finance their deadly schemes and public computer portals to hide their identities. Law enforcement has served subpoenas and search warrants on virtually every major Internet company to trace the terrorists' e-mail links and chat room traffic in English, Arabic, and Urdu in a desperate attempt to identify all those involved with the heinous plot.

The focus of law enforcement remains the unraveling of the hidden conspiracies that culminated in the carnage of September 11th and to identify and apprehend the perpetrators of the Anthrax attacks.

The scope of this report is the “open conspiracy” by extremist groups that have used the Internet to apologize for and even applaud the cause of the September 11th suicide bombers. These groups are based both in the United States and abroad, and range in composition and ideology from Arab to Islamic to antiglobalist and anarchist, to fascist and radical right wing. Most oppose the War on Terrorism against Osama bin Laden and his Al-Qaeda organization and other global terrorist networks.

Radical Islam and September 11th

Though major sponsors of terrorism in the Middle East such as Iraq, Syria, Libya, and the PLO adhere to secular ideologies of revolutionary Arab nationalism, the region’s most dynamic terrorist movements derive their inspiration from radical visions of Islam.

A majority of the world’s 1.4 billion Muslims may view Osama bin Laden’s revolutionary religious creed as a perversion rather than a fulfillment of historic Islam. Even so, the civilized world now is confronted by well-financed, well-organized international terrorist movements, nurtured by *religious* ideologies. For example, Osama bin Laden’s Al-Qaeda, is rooted in the intransigent fundamentalist Islam of the Sunni Wahabi sect. Radical Islamic terrorists are committed to using violent means to expel all Western influences from the Islamic World and, ultimately, to replace secular governments everywhere with a global theocratic state modeled roughly on the Ayatollah’s Iran. Their revolutionary vision of world domination resembles a religious version of the fanatical utopianism that inspired the international communist movement. Though the surprise attack on September 11th reminds Americans of Pearl Harbor, in reality that day may mark the beginning of a global conflict with radical Islamic terrorists, which is different than any conflict America has ever faced before.

Arab and Muslim Reaction Outside the United States

We Sympathize, But . . .

Mainstream leaders and organizations in the Arab and Muslim world generally reacted to the terrorist carnage in the United States on September 11th with abstract expressions of sympathy combined with very specific qualifications.

“Our hearts bleed for the attacks that has targeted the World Trade Center as well as other institutions in the United States despite our strong oppositions to the American biased policy towards Israel on the military, political and economic fronts. . . . We Arab Muslims are the most affected by the grave consequences of hostile attacks on man and life. We share the suffering experienced by innocent Palestinians at the hands of the tyrannical Jewish entity who raze the Palestinian homes to the ground, set fire to their [hearths], kill them cold-bloodedly, and leave innocent orphans wailing behind.”

Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, Muslim Brotherhood, *Islam On Line* (Qatar-based), September 13, 2001 (<http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2001-09/13/article25.shtml>)

COMPARE:

“In answer to the question, what do you advise the Arab leaders to do now?”

“It’s not a matter of advice; there are religious rules that must be observed. A Muslim is forbidden from entering into an alliance with a non-Muslim against another Muslim... Allying with others to kill [Muslims] is collaborating in sin and aggression.... It is also forbidden to hand over Muslims to others. Something like this is inconceivable.... We must differentiate between two types of terror: the terror of those defending their homeland and their rights. This kind of terror is legitimate. The Palestinian factions defending their land, such as Fatah, Hamas, or Islamic Jihad, are not terrorists. [It is] a Jihad for the sake of Allah. . . . All I said is that this oppressed people that was expelled from its home has the right to defend itself, and that every man has the right to become a human bomb and blow himself up inside this military society [Israel].”

Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, Muslim Brotherhood, “Terror in America,” *Middle East Media and Research Institute* (MEMRI), September 25, 2001 (<http://www.memri.org/>)

“May Almighty Allah protect all of us and give patience to everybody and let the courses of action take their place, and may the real culprits who have done this job be found. Islam doesn’t believe in terrorism or stand by terrorism.... While we condemn in the strongest words the despicable attacks on buildings in New York and Washington, we are also alarmed at the impending strikes on the innocent men, women and children in Afghanistan.... We appeal for everyone to come to a dialogue and prove facts to each other.”

World Muslim Congress (Pakistani-based), *Nuclear Age Peace Foundation* (<http://www.napf.org/terrorism/wmcstatement.htm>)

Terrorist Attacks Aren’t Justified, Except . . .

Many in the Arab and Muslim world have been unwilling unequivocally to condemn terrorism.

“What is the Islamic verdict on hijacking a civilian airplane?”

Answer: “It is prohibited (haram) and a sin.”

“What about the airplane which hit the Pentagon? Isn’t that a legitimate target?”

Answer: “Despite the fact that the Pentagon constitutes to be the center or the heart of the US military, but yet the civilians onboard have sanctity and it is prohibited to use them as a weapon against a military target. Been nobody onboard the matter would be different....”

“Is there any lessons we could learn from the recent attack against USA?”

Answer: “...The first lesson for all people show that what is happen is the consequences of the atrocities and the aggression committed by the US Government and its forces against the third world ...The third lesson (if Muslims who were behind it)...[is] the determination to die for a just cause.”

Sheikh Omar Bakri Muhammad, “A Muslim Activist Questioning Sheikh Omar Regarding the Recent Attack on USA,” *Al-Muhajiroun* (London-based), September 11, 2001 (<http://www.geocities.com/harkatulkhilafah>)

“Terrorism is a relative term due to the fact that what seems to be a terrorist activity to one may be a freedom struggle to another. [The] Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami explained that the Islamic viewpoint on the matter is that an attack may be launched by Muslims, without any ultimatum, against an enemy with whom the Muslims are not bound by a treaty. . . He said that in an attack in which civilians are killed is very much disliked in Islam, nonetheless, the oppressed and the persecuted have the right to retaliate terror with terror.”

Dr. Israr Ahmed, cited in press release, October 26, 2001 *Tanzeem-e-Islami* (Pakistan-based), (http://www.tanzeem.org/news/tan_news/2001/october/26-10-01.htm)

“If they consider our struggle to liberate our most dear Jerusalem and achieve freedom from the shackles of Jewish oppression and slavery. . . if they consider this terrorism, then we are the first terrorists in the world, and we are proud of this.”

Sheikh Ahmed Yasin of Hamas, *PIC Homepage*, October 25, 2001 (http://www.palestine-info.com/daily_news/prev_editions/2001/Oct01/01oct01.htm#1)

Who’s Guilty? Anybody But Osama . . .

Bin Laden enjoys considerable support in the Arab and Muslim street, even, according to some reports, becoming a heroic figure children are named after. On the other hand, Arab and Muslim elites—skeptical of evidence of Osama’s guilt—have been extremely receptive to outrageous “theories” blaming anybody else.

“Bin Laden’s popularity is becoming noticed in Southeast Asian countries. A few weeks ago, ‘Osama Bin Laden fever’ gripped the region’s majority Malay-Muslim population. It has now spread to cellular phones, with Short Messages (SMS) or WAP messages being sent to cellular phone users there. Users of GSM and PCN hand-held devices have been flooded with a graphic representing a picture of bin Laden, with his name in Arabic written at the side of the picture. Other users received SMS or WAP messages with the words Allah O’ Akbar (‘God is Greatest’) written under bin Laden’s picture. Meanwhile in Indonesia, young Malay-Javanese Muslims have been busy printing out t-shirts, caps and other banners with bin Laden’s photograph. They say the items sell well, as most of the people in the city say they believe the Saudi-born dissident is innocent of the deadly September attacks on the U.S.”

Islam On Line, November 3, 2001 (<http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2001-11/03/article10.shtml>)

“It is strange that no other nationality, apart from Arabs, have been accused of carrying out this action, . . . Washington has failed to supply any evidence about the involvement of Saudi nationals in the September 11th attacks, . . . I don’t believe this is clear. There were more than 600 passengers on board the four [hijacked] planes. We are surprised why Arabs, particularly the Saudis, have been singled out [for blame].”

Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdelaziz, *Islam On Line* (Qatar-based), October 15, 2001 (<http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2001-10/16/article11.shtml>)

“Ismail Abu Shanab, a prominent Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip, has said that media coverage of the investigations point to American pre-planned verdicts and schemes to get even with certain parties, which have no real connection to the Washington and New York attacks. He doubted integrity of the investigations and opined that an international investigative committee should participate in the investigations to get acquainted with the actual facts ‘before the FBI hides evidence and steers others into what serves American hegemony’.”

Ismail Abu Shanab of Hamas, quoted in *PIC Homepage*, September 22, 2001
(http://www.palestine-info.com/daily_news/prev_editions/2001/Sep01/20sep01.htm#4)

“‘An anonymous caller speaking Arabic like a foreigner claimed responsibility for the attacks in a call to our newspaper’, the editor of *Al-Wahdeh* weekly, Fakhri Kawar, told *Agence France-Presse* (AFP). ‘He said the attacks were carried out to avenge the dead of Hiroshima and Nagasaki..’ Kawar, a former [Jordanian] Deputy, said the caller gave no more details and hung up quickly. ‘We take this claim seriously’, he said.”

Fakhri Kawar of *Al-Wahdeh*, quoted in *Islam On Line* (Qatar-based), September 12, 2001
(<http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2001-09/13/article24.shtml>)

“Yesterday’s suicidal attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon have spellbound the whole World. Even the smartest brains in the world are unable to point out such a strong and organized group that has crippled a supreme power like the United State in the blinking of an eye! In this respect, fingers are unjustly being pointed out at Usama Bin Ladin and other Muslim terrorist groups... This action is definitely carried out by some angry and frustrated elements within America, as was the case of a few years ago in the Oklahoma bombing. ... America will make it an excuse to act on some of its already...under discussion proposals. This may not only include an attack on Afghanistan to crush the Islamic revivalism before it gains strength there but also an act cripple Pakistan’s nuclear capability.”

Dr. Israr Ahmed, press release, September 12, 2001 *Tanzeem-e-Islami* (Pakistan-based),
(http://www.tanzeem.org/news/tan_news/2001/september/attack%20on%20usa.htm)

The Prime Culprit? Israel!

Starting with the premise that Israel stands to benefit from September 11th, Arab and Muslim opinion makers turned to a time-tested tactic of Jew-haters: the 21st century version of the Blood Libel—in this scenario it is Israel’s Mossad who perpetrated the atrocities.

“Islamic groups have also warned that Mossad agents were posing as ‘Muslim leaders’ and making statements which would harm Muslims, like praising the terrorist acts in the US.”

Palestinian Information Center, in *PIC Homepage*, September 13, 2001 (http://www.palestine-info.com/daily_news/prev_editions/2001/Sep01/13sep01.htm)

“Israel is the main beneficiary of this terrible tragedy.”

Sheikh Muhammed Hussein Fadlullah of Hizbollah, *Islam On Line*, September 15, 2001
(http://www.palestine-info.com/daily_news/prev_editions/2001/Sep01/15sep01.htm#3)

“With the announcement of the attacks at the World Trade Center in New York, the international media, particularly the Israeli one, hurried to take advantage of the tragedy and started mourning 4000 Israelis who work at the two towers. Then suddenly, no one ever mentioned anything about those Israelis and later it became clear that they remarkably did not show up in their jobs the day the incident took place. No one talked about any Israeli being killed or wounded in the attacks. Arab diplomatic sources revealed to the Jordanian al-Watan newspaper that those Israelis remained absent that day based on hints from the Israeli General Security Apparatus, the Shabak, the fact which evoked unannounced suspicions on American officials who wanted to know how the Israeli government learned about the incident before it occurred, and the reasons why it refrained from informing the U.S authorities of the information it had.”

Al-Manar Television (Beirut), cited in *PIC Homepage*, October 18, 2001 (http://www.palestine-info.com/daily_news/prev_editions/2001/Sep01/18sep01.htm#3)

“Following the incident,...Muslims do not feel safe even going to the hospitals, because some Jewish doctors in one of the hospitals poisoned sick Muslim children, who then died.... Although the Americans suspect that the Zionists are behind the act, none has the courage to talk about it in public.... You see these people (i.e. the Jews) all the time, everywhere, disseminating corruption, heresy, homosexuality, alcoholism, and drugs. [Because of them] there are strip clubs, homosexuals, and lesbians everywhere. They do this to impose their hegemony and colonialism on the world.... If we take these things into account and look closely at the incident, we will find that only the Jews are capable of planning such an incident, because it was planned with great precision of which Osama bin Laden or any other Islamic organization or intelligence apparatus is incapable.... If it became known to the American people, they would have done to the Jews what Hitler did!”

Sheikh Muhammad Al-Gamei'a of Cairo's Al-Azhar University and former Imam of New York's Islamic Cultural Center, “Terror in America,” *Middle East Media and Research Institute* (MEMRI), October 17, 2001 (<http://www.memri.org/>)

“Dr. Abdul Aziz Ranteesi, spokesman of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, in the Gaza Strip has questioned the absence of four thousand Jews from work at the World Trade Center In New York on the day of the attacks. He charged the Zionist entity and its security and intelligence apparatuses of masterminding the attacks in New York and Washington. Ranteesi said that Tel Aviv perpetrated the explosions so that Washington would declare war on Islam”

Dr. Abdul Aziz Ranteesi of Hamas, cited in *Islam On Line* (Qatar-based), September 20, 2001 (http://www.palestine-info.com/daily_news/prev_editions/2001/Sep01/20sep01.htm#8)

Or Maybe the U.S.!

For some, hatred of the United States overshadowed any sympathy for the thousands of innocent victims of September 11th

“‘To Anthrax’: Oh Anthrax, despite your wretchedness, you have sown horror in the heart of the lady of arrogance, of tyranny, of boastfulness! Your gentle touch has made the U.S.'s life rough and pointless. You have filled the lady who horrifies and terrorizes the world with fear, and her feet almost fail to bear [her weight] in horror and fear of you.... In sound mind, I thank you and

confess that I like you, I like you very much. May you continue to advance, to permeate, and to spread. If I may give you a word of advice, enter the air of those 'symbols,' the water faucets from which they drink, and the pens with which they draft their traps and conspiracies against the wretched peoples."

Dr. 'Atallah Abu Al-Subh, Hamas, "Terror in America," *Al-Risala* (Gaza), from *Special Dispatch: Jihad and Terrorism Studies*, No. 297 (November 7, 2001), (<http://www.bradynet.com/bbs/mideast/100010-0.html>)

"The war against Afghanistan and Osama bin Laden is a war on Islam. This is a new battle, a great battle, similar to the great battles of Islam, like the conquest of Jerusalem.... America was hit by God in one of its softest spots. America is full of fear from its north to its south, from its west to its east. Thank God for that. This is something, very little, of what we have tasted for decades.... [Americans] support the murder against the victims so God has given back to them what they deserve."

Osama bin Ladin, *On Line Speech Bank*, October 7, 2001
(<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/binladen10-07-01a.htm>)

"The truth is that in the absence of an Islamic State to rid the world of the corruption of man made law, the profane concept of secularism has given birth to a monster called 'Capitalism' together with its ugly features of freedom, democracy, liberalism and of course, exploitation of human beings. The US today represents the bastion of Capitalism exploiting more countries and peoples than any other nation in the history of mankind."

Al-Muhajiroun (London-based) October 7, 2001
(http://www.almuhajiroun.com/press_releases/07_10_2001.html)

... "We must first remember that America itself is an occupied land. It has been since the first settlers arrived.... The native people from America unfortunately were not as successful as Hizbollah who managed to finally rid their land of Israeli occupation or Afghanistan who defeated the Soviet superpower when it was seemingly at its strongest.... Thus, the occupation of America was successful. The occupants succeeded in conquering from 'sea to shining sea' and did not stop there. Instead they continued to subdue the remainder of the world until they had conquered most of it. They essentially became the mirror image of their oppressors in Britain."

Tavis Adibudeen, "The Struggle Continues," *Islamic Unification Movement* (London-based) (<http://www.1ummah.org/khamsah/jihad.html>)

"I am not convinced that the United States is fighting a war on terrorism because if it was fighting the war on terrorism it would have to first point its military towards Washington D.C. Not only does the American government take part in terrorist actions it has a history of terrorism. Terrorism is in the roots of the United States. Ever since the pilgrims came to America, terrorism and oppression have been policies of America."

Abu Yousuf, "Who Are the Real Terrorists?" *Al-Muhajiroun* (London-based), October, 2001
(http://www.al-muhajiroun.f2s.com/press_releases/realterrorists.htm)

“While voicing their condemnation of the suicidal plane crashes in the United States, most Palestinians believe that the attacks were a price of the American backing of and active support for the terrorist, racist state of Israel. In a survey of Palestinian intellectuals’ views and reactions on the deadly attacks, most Palestinian writers, journalists, and even politicians expressed the view that ‘America’s active participation in Israel’s crimes against Arabs and Muslims’ was to blame for what happened.”.... *Islam On Line* (Qatar-based), September 16, 2001 (http://www.palestine-info.com/daily_news/prev_editions/2001/Sep01/16sep01.htm#4)

Yes to the Taliban; No to the USA

Arab and Muslim opinion—fractured so many times by internecine wars pitting Arab against Arab and Muslim against Muslim—has achieved considerable unity in its disapproval of the United States’ war of self-defense against Afghanistan’s Taliban and other terrorist-harboring regimes.

“The bombing of Afghanistan is an act of Terrorism by the sadistic, barbaric US and UK regimes against Human Beings in general and against Muslims in particular. As soon as the massacre began, the Terrorists Bush and Blair, predictably churned out their language of propaganda saying that this is ‘precision bombing’, that they are targeting ‘military sites’ and ‘Usama Bin Laden’. Despite a lack of evidence that Usama Bin Laden or indeed Muslims had anything to do with the atrocities in New York on the 11th of September, the US were nevertheless quick to force condemnation of ‘Islamic Terrorism’ around the world and gather their allies in a call for military action against Muslims in Afghanistan.”

Al-Muhajiroun (London-based), “A War Against Afghanistan Is a War on Islam,” October 7, 2001 (http://www.almuhajiroun.com/press_releases/07_10_2001.html)

“Clearly, we would never accept a strike against an Arab country, no matter what the circumstances.”.. .. Amr Mussa of the Arab League, *Islam on Line*, September 23, 2001 (<http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2001-09/23/article13.shtml>)

“A fatwa or religious ruling issued Wednesday by the League of Palestinian Ulema, which represents over 500 religious scholars and academics in Palestine, stated that ‘it is amply clear in light of the Holy Quran and the traditions of our Holy Prophet (PBUH) it is inadmissible for Muslims to enter into alliance with non-Muslims against fellow Muslims.... It warned Muslims against falling into the trap of fighting and killing fellow Muslims under the rubric of ‘fighting terrorism’.. .. Sheikh Nayef Rajoub, a member of the Palestine League of Ulema, also criticized ‘the harrowing to join the American drum-beaters against our Afghani brothers’.”

Palestine Information Center, “Palestinian Ulema Forbid Joining American-Led Campaign against Afghanistan,” *PIC Homepage*, September 19, 2001 (http://www.palestine-info.com/daily_news/prev_editions/2001/Sep01/19sep01.htm#6)

“Jordan’s key Islamic opposition party on Monday condemned the United States’ ‘dirty war’ on Afghanistan, which it said was aimed at exterminating a people without resources. ‘This is a dirty war of extermination against a primitive Muslim people who have no resources and who cannot face up to the destructive American war machine,’ the secretary general of the Islamic Action Front (IAF) told AFP [Agence France-Presse].”

Islam on Line, September 23, 2001 (<http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2001-10/13/article5.shtml>)

“I join the cause for Muslims to be united in order to deter the United States from launching war against Muslims in Afghanistan. It is impossible for Muslims to stand handcuffed and blindfolded while other Muslims, their brothers, are being attacked.”

Dr. Abdul Aziz Ranteesi of Hamas, “Urgent Appeal to Defend Afghanistan,” *Azzam Magazine* (September 14, 2001) (<http://www.azzam.com/html/articleappealde-fendafghanistan.htm>)

Arab and Islamic American Reaction

Arab Americans (roughly half Christian, half Muslim) and Islamic Americans constitute a diverse, growing community made up of both recent immigrants seeking educational and economic advancement and native-born citizens. September 11th constituted a special challenge for the Arab and Islamic American communities. On the one hand, it made them increasingly vulnerable to “guilt by association” hate attacks on the basis of shared ethnic and religious characteristics. On the other hand, it created an unprecedented opportunity for Arab Americans and Islamic Americans to demonstrate their patriotism and help build new bridges of cross-cultural understanding between the United States and the Arab and Islamic world.

Ultimately, the outcome will be determined not only by the actions of individuals but also through the organizational response of political organizations, professional associations, philanthropic endeavors, and the teachers in over 3,000 mosques.

Extremists in Command?

Unfortunately, it appears that many well educated and politically moderate Arab and Islamic Americans have tended to allow control of the leadership of the communal political and religious groups to fall into the hands of extremists. A few brave voices from within the Arab and Islamic American communities have been raised against this extremist takeover.

“The Jum’ah number is significant, because most American Muslims get an opportunity to listen to their imams on the important religious, social, and political issues of the day week after week, only during the Friday services.... Unfortunately, the imams often squander this opportunity. When Osama Bin Laden declared in 1998 that it was okay for Muslims to kill American civilians to realize his distorted version of Islam, there was no widespread condemnation of him and his followers by Muslim clerics in the United States, particularly during the Friday sermons. Did the imams’ silence imply approval? No, but a strong unequivocal stand in 1998 could have alerted American Muslims to be more proactive in identifying those plotting to harm the United States.”

Hasan Zillur Rahim, "Silence of the Imams: Muslim Clerics Must Challenge Extremist Views," *Pacific News Service*, October 11, 2001
(<http://www.pacificnews.org/content/pns/2001/oct/1011silence.html>)

"There are many Muslim organizations that claim to speak on behalf of the Muslim community but that in reality are not moderate, but extremists...those that are advising the media, or advising the government are not the moderate Muslims. Those whose opinion the government asks are the extremists themselves....Because they are very active they took over the mosques; and we can say that they took over more than 80% of the mosques that have been established in the US...In this way we see that the extremist ideology...is beginning to spread very quickly into the universities through the national organizations,...You can find this on the Internet; you can find it everywhere on homepages and websites that they are against the United States. This is where we don't know how far it goes, and how far it is out of hand."

Shaykh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani, "Islamic Extremism: A Viable Threat to U.S. National Security," an Open Forum at the U.S. Department of State, January 7, 1999, updated September 13, 2001 (http://www.islamicsupremecouncil.org/RadicalMovements/islamic_extremism.htm)

"Muslims love to live in the US but also love to hate it. Many openly claim that the US is a terrorist state but they continue to live in it. Their decision to live here is testimony that they would rather live here than anywhere else....It is time that we acknowledge that the freedoms we enjoy in the US are more desirable to us than superficial solidarity with the Muslim World. If you disagree than prove it by packing your bags and going to whichever Muslim country you identify with. If you do not leave and do not acknowledge that you would rather live here than anywhere else, know that you are being hypocritical....Today the century old Islamic revival is in jeopardy because we have allowed insanity to prevail over our better judgment....It is our duty to police our world. It is our responsibility to prevent people from abusing Islam. It is our job to ensure that Islam is not misrepresented. We should have made sure that what happened on Sept. 11th should never have happened."

Dr. Muqtedar Khan, "A Memo to American Muslims," *Ijithad* (October, 2001)
(<http://www.ijithad.org/memo.htm>)

Post-September 11th Extremism

While declarations were made after September 11th by leaders of Arab and Islamic American advocacy organizations that they would no longer use inflammatory rhetoric, unfortunately, many have not lived up to that commitment, preferring instead to divert the blame for terrorist atrocities onto others.

Question: "Are you worried about another spate of anti-Muslim sentiment in the United States?"
Answer: "We're warning about generalizations that will only aid the criminals who perpetrated this deplorable act and really hurt innocent people—innocent people throughout this country and the world . . .If we're going to look at suspects, we should look to the groups that benefit the most from these kinds of incidents, and I think we should put the State of Israel on the suspect list because I think this diverts attention from what's happening in the Palestinian territories so that they can go on with their aggression and occupation and apartheid policies."

Salaam al-Maryati, interviewed by Warren Olney, "To the Point" radio program, *KCRW*, September 11, 2001 (<http://www.kcrw.com>)

"Portraying the Taliban as evil is very stupid. They are by-products of the Cold War. They have been flooded with weapons from the West, and they're as much victims as the Twin Tower victims."

Hamza Yusuf, interviewed by Kate Goldberg, *BBC News Online*, October 11, 2001 (http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/americas/newsid_1591000/1591024.stm)

"Yesterday and today, following the inhumane use of passenger planes as flying missiles to attack people visiting and working in the World Trade Center buildings in New York and in the Pentagon in Washington, most of the media broadcast footage depicting Palestinians celebrating. . . . Where genuine rejoicing at the attacks was indeed apparent in the footage, anchors interpreting the footage made no effort to offer any context or background to the images, nor any attempt to separate those Palestinians portrayed from Palestinians as a whole. A comparable situation would be television anchors angrily reacting to scenes of the 1991 riots in Los Angeles, lamenting that 'blacks do not respect law and order', while failing to note the preceding attack on Rodney King or endemic racial profiling of the black community in the U.S. by police forces."

Electronic Intifada, "The Palestinian people, as a whole, portrayed as supportive of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon," September 13, 2001 (<http://electronicintifada.net/coveragetrends/rejoicing.html>)

"If bin Laden is responsible, we condemn him. I don't think they've shown the evidence. They've shown it in private, to other governments."

Omar Ahmad, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), quoted in Sarah Lubman and Richard Scheinin, "Muslim Leaders Debate Their Response to Extremism," *San Jose Mercury News*, October 23, 2001, p. A1 ([Newslibrary.com](http://www.newslibrary.com))

"'If Osama bin Laden was behind it, we condemn him by name', Hooper said. (Tapper:) But why the 'if'—why qualify the response?... Hooper's comments about Hamas and Hezbollah are even more qualified than they were about bin Laden.... Pressed to address these two terrorist groups by name, Hooper said, 'If Hamas kills innocent civilians we condemn them. But I'm not going to condemn legitimate resistance to Israeli occupation'... (Tapper:) Middle East scholars believe that Islamic fundamentalists don't consider many victims of terrorist attacks 'innocent', which is how questions exploring that theory."

Ibrahim Hooper, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), interviewed by Jack Tapper, "Islam's Flawed Spokesmen," *Salon* (September 26, 2001), (<http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2001/09/26/muslims/index.html>)

"A fatwa, or religious decree, issued recently by prominent Muslim scholars from the Middle East, ruled that Muslims belonging to the U.S. military can fight against whomever they are ordered to, but only as long as they have 'legitimacy' for doing so, a U.S. Muslim scholar clarified Monday. 'Muslims can fight if they get legitimacy for what they are going to do, if a certain people... or country are judicially indicted', Sheikh Muhammad Al-Hanooti, of the Fiqh Council of North

America, said. 'Up to this moment I don't see any evidence or proof to tell me which is which, who is who, what is what...we cannot take action as we see without judicial indictment.'

Islam On Line, October 15, 2001 (<http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2001-10/16/article5.shtml>)

The Radical Right and September 11th

Active across North America and Europe, radical right groups—neo-Nazi, fascist-anarchist, ultranationalist, homophobic, sexist, and antisemitic—are giving the War Against Terrorism a racist, bigoted spin. In the U.S., some have abandoned their longstanding pretense of patriotism in order to root for America's defeat, with the hope that the ensuing chaos will open the way for the extreme right to seize power. Indeed, even before September 11th, there were growing signs of contact and cooperation between U.S. and European extremist leaders with Moslem terrorists. Their common bond—Antisemitism and hatred of Western democracies.

"The ultimate cause of this terrorism stems directly from our involvement in and support of the criminal behavior of Israel.... Jews cutting apart the bellies of pregnant women....No, the Zionists are the only benefactors of the horrendous day of terror on September 11, 2001....Let me repeat that one more time. The primary reason we are suffering from terrorism in the United States today is because our government policy is completely subordinated to a foreign power: Israel and the efforts of worldwide Jewish Supremacism."

David Duke, "The Real Evil Spirit," *David Duke's Official Web Site* (<http://www.david-duke.org/>; *Tanzeemi-e-Islami* (<http://www.tanzeem.org/resources/articles/articles/david%20duke-the%20real%20evil%20spirit.htm>))

"September 11 is the anniversary of the Camp David Accords [and] the Peace Treaty between Israel and Egypt. The white worker and others paid for this phony peace. The U.S. hosted that event which tied the U.S. even more to the Middle East and by checkbook diplomacy to Israel. If the U.S. Criminal leaders had kept its nose out of the Middle Eastern feud, thousands of Americans that are dead would still be alive. Intervention and international policing to protect transnational corporations, banking and Jew intrigue are the causes—disaster is the effect."

Tom Metzger, *Treason is the Reason, White Aryan Resistance, WAR Information Network*, September 11th, 2001

"The first question on almost everybody's mind: 'What role did Israel, and its fabled security agencies, among them the Mossad, play'?...Does President Bush know something about the "Nine-Eleven" conspiracy - and Israel's knowledge of it - that he has not shared with the rest of the country and the world?"

Ernst Zundel, "Feature: WTC Disaster and Israel," November 6, 2001
(finalconflict@dial.pipex.com)

“When New York’s World Trade Center crumbled before the eyes of all mankind, not only did the Jew money-power’s chief headquarters collapse. So did its most visible symbol of world domination. That, in fact, was why the twin towers were destroyed. However, their demise was made inevitable by the U.S. government’s lop-sided involvement in the Near East. Over the past few months especially, the Palestinians have been tortured beyond the brink of endurance. Their frustration is naturally directed against the culprits who continue to fund their tormentors after more than half a century. Americans have become the most despised people on the face of the earth, because their politicians are in bed with the Israelis. Even delegates at South Africa’s International Conference on Racism, just weeks before the New York attacks, unanimously equated Zionism with racism... The mostly Gentile men and women who died in the September 11 catastrophe were victims of a very real ‘Holocaust’.”

A.V. Schaerffenberg, “Holocaust II: The Beginning of the End,” Nazi Lauck NSDAP/AO, “Holocaust II: The Beginning of the End,” *NS News Bulletin*, No. 109/9 (Fall, 2001) (112), English Internet Edition (<http://www.nazi-lauck-nsdapao.com/BE109.htm>)

“The situation has gone far beyond the point where we merely get our hands a little dirty when we collaborate with the government. The government kills people. And when we play the government’s game we become accomplices. Is it any wonder then, that when people are driven into a corner — as the non-Jewish people of the Middle East have been - that sometimes they will fight back.... In a way, perhaps it’s a good thing that all of this is coming to a head now, like a boil that has been festering. When someone from the Middle East who has given up all hope of justice for his people pops a biological grenade in a New York subway tunnel or on the grounds of the Washington Monument or somewhere else in the United States, and thousands of our people start dying, some of those who have been too complacent and too tolerant will begin to change their attitudes.”

William Pierce, National Alliance, quoted in “White Nationalists Warn of Inevitable Attack on Canada,” press release, September 17, 2001 (www.natall.ca)

“Anyone who is willing to drive a plane into a building to kill Jews is all right by me. I wish our members had half as much testicular fortitude.”

Billy Roper, National Alliance, Internet Bulletin Board, September 11, 2001, *Aryan Update* (November 4, 2001), (<http://www.resist.com/>)

“Either you’re fighting with the Jews against al-Qaeda or you support al-Qaeda fighting against the Jews.”

Aryan Action, Internet Bulletin Board, September 11, 2001, *Aryan Update* (November 4, 2001), (<http://www.resist.com/>)

“Is there not a single person who has received these anthrax letters that isn’t an avowed enemy of the white race? Tom Brokaw, Tom Daschle and the gossip rag offices have all been 100 per cent legitimate targets. Who among us has the slightest bit of sympathy for these pukes?”

Grant Brauer, “No Sympathy for the Devil,” Internet Bulletin Board, September 11, 2001, *Aryan Update* (November 4, 2001), (<http://www.resist.com/>)

“This operation took some long-term planning, and, throughout the entire time, these soldiers were aware that their lives would be sacrificed [sic] for their cause. If an Aryan wants an example of ‘Victory or Vahalla’, look no further.”

Tom Metzger, White Aryan Resistance (WAR), *Aryan Update* (September 16, 2001), (<http://www.resist.com/>)

From the Antiwar ‘Movement’

Though still muted, antiwar protests have started to make appearances on college campuses and other venues. Nonviolent protest against government policies even in wartime is a constitutionally protected right, and pacifism is a deeply rooted religious and ethical tradition. However, the radical left is no more immune to irrational excesses and political paranoia than the radical right.

“Lost in all this is the fact that US leaders have been the greatest purveyors of terrorism throughout the world. In past decades they or their surrogate mercenary forces have unleashed terror bombing campaigns against unarmed civilian populations, destroying houses, schools, hospitals, churches, hotels, factories, farms, bridges, and other nonmilitary targets in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, East Timor, the Congo, Panama, Grenada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Angola, Mozambique, Somalia, Iraq, Yugoslavia, and numerous other countries, causing death and destruction to millions of innocents.”

Michael Parenti, “Terrorism Meets Reactionism” October 21, 2001 (<http://www.michaelparenti.org/Terrorism.html>)

“The U.S. military-oil complex sees the World Trade Center tragedy as a cynical opportunity in the race, against rivals in Germany and Russia, for the oil resources of the former Soviet Union. For years, Texaco, Chevron and ExxonMobil—the world’s biggest oil corporations with vast investments in Central Asia—have been itching to build an oil and gas pipeline from the Caspian Sea to the Indian Ocean.”

International Action Center (IAC), “What’s Behind Washington’s Latest War,” October 10, 2001 (<http://www.iacenter.org/>)

“The probability that the Israeli Mossad learned of the September 11 attack prior to September 11 looms large. . . . this probability does raise the very serious question that if the Israeli Mossad knew of the plan and considered it serious enough to warn Israeli citizens to stay away from the Towers on September 11, why were U.S. officials not informed? Or, were they?”

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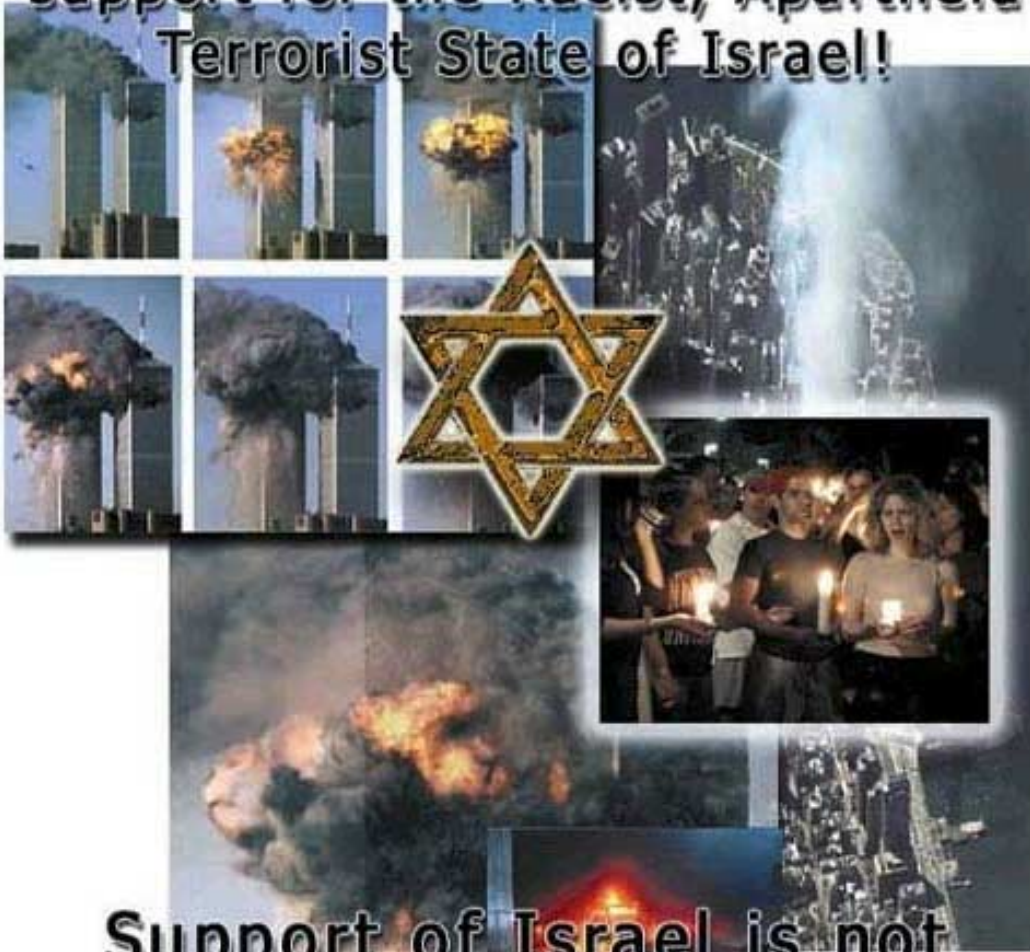
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Selected Internet Visuals

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The continuation of tyranny will bring the fight to America, as Ramzi Yousef and others did. This is my message to the American people: to look for a serious government that looks out for their interests and does not attack others, their lands, or their honor.

And my word to American journalists is not to ask why we did that but ask what their government has done that forced us to defend ourselves. It is our duty to lead people to the light."

— Muslim leader **Osama bin Laden**, from a May 1998 interview with ABC reporter John Miller

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THE REAL EVIL SPIRIT

Behind The Global Turmoil
An eye opening article by

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National President
European-American Unity and Rights Organization (EURO)
Thursday, September 17, 2001

This article will be frequently updated with further information, check for the latest update.

America has a very big problem.

We have just experienced the shock of the most spectacular and deadly terror attack in modern history. In an almost surreal scene from a Hollywood movie, on September 11, 2001 hijacked passenger planes crashed directly into the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington. Thousands of Americans were maimed and killed. The costs might even go over the one trillion dollar mark, and the event may even trigger worldwide economic depression.

These terrible acts of terrorism must be fought with every ounce of American resolve. And those who commit such heinous acts must be punished to the fullest severity of the law. No such acts must ever be permitted on American soil.

That being said, how then do we then protect ourselves from terror in the future? Because of increased scientific knowledge around the world, the next terror could be far more deadly than what happened on September 11. The next horrific occurrence might not even entail an explosion of any kind, but the silent mass death of a biological or radiation attack.

The bad news is that no matter how many billions of dollars the government spends or how many bombs it drops, it is impossible to completely protect ourselves from these great dangers. In fact, the more bomb-dropping and devastation we do, the more likely a future terroristic response.

Posted on the web site of NSDAPAO, a leading American Neo-Nazi group led by Gary Lauck.

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Generally, about once a week new files of the following kinds are added: 1. "Nazi Internet Radio" in English and German, 2. "Nazi Internet Television" in English and German, 3. Slide Show of the Week, 4. March Music of the Week, 5. Modern Music of the Week, 6. Book of the Week (in German). - Some of these files ALTERNATE. If you don't want to miss anything, visit this web-site *at least* once each week!

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