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Abstract

One of the deadliest incidents in American history; September 11th, 2001 attacks, four airplanes were hijacked and crashed causing 2977 deaths, and three towers were destroyed, The United States became suspicious of Al-Qaida, not long after, the U.S declared war on terror by invading both Iraq and Afghanistan to eliminate the Taliban, everything has changed, even the view on Islam has changed and Islamophobia was spreading. Americans were severely affected by the 9/11 World Trade Center attack; those attacks caused hundreds of deaths, injuries, while others were trapped in higher floors of the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. Americans and people from all around the world were shocked. They were certain that 9/11 terrorist Attacks was a suspicious and a questionable act, therefore a conspiracy theory arose. This study aims at investigating whether the Attacks of 9/11 are planned from inside the country or not. This dissertation adopts both the historical and the qualitative approaches. The most prominent conspiracy theory is that the collapse of the Twin Towers and World Trade Center⁷ was the result of controlled demolitions rather than a structural failure due to impact and fire, another conspiracy is that the Pentagon was hit by a missile fired by elements from within the United States government or that a commercial plane was allowed to do so by stepping aside from the American military. The main interest in this work is to tackle the both sides of the story to find out who really did it and why, what changes have happened, and the reaction of the United States. The 9/11 Attacks against the United States remains as a shocking act that caused many dead, material and moral losses.



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Les attaques du 11 septembre 2001 sont l'un des incidents les plus meurtriers de l'histoire américaine où quatre avions ont été détournés et se sont écrasés causant 2977 morts, et où trois tours ont été détruites aussi. Les États-Unis sont devenus méfiants à l'égard d'Al-Qaida, après quoi ils ont déclaré la guerre au terrorisme, envahissant à la fois l'Irak et l'Afghanistan, dans le but d'éliminer les Talibans. Après cet événement tragique, tout a changé, même la vision américaine de l'Islam et l'islamophobie a commencé à se répandre de plus en plus. Les Américains ont été gravement touchés par l'attaque du World Trade Center du 11 septembre. Ces attaques ont provoqué des centaines de morts et de blessés, tandis que d'autres étaient bloqués dans les étages supérieurs de la tour nord du World Trade Center à New York. Les Américains et les gens du monde entier ont été choqués. Ils étaient sûrs que les attentats terroristes du 11 septembre étaient un acte suspect et discutable, d'où l'émergence d'une théorie du complot. Cette étude vise à déterminer si les attentats du 11 septembre ont été planifiés de l'intérieur du pays ou non. Cette thèse adopte une approche à la fois historique et qualitative. La théorie de conspiration la plus répandue est que l'effondrement des tours jumelles et du World Trade Center 7 est le résultat des démolitions contrôlées plutôt que d'une défaillance structurelle due à l'impact et au feu. Une autre conspiration est que le Pentagone a été touché par un missile tiré par des éléments du gouvernement américain ou qu'un avion commercial a été autorisé à le faire en s'écartant de l'armée américaine. L'intérêt principal de ce travail est d'aborder les deux côtés de l'histoire pour découvrir qui a vraiment commis cet acte et pourquoi, quels sont ses conséquences et la réaction des États-Unis. Les attaques du 11 Septembre contre les États-Unis restent un acte choquant qui a causé de nombreuses morts, des pertes matérielles et morales.



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هجمات 11 سبتمبر 2001 من أكثر الحوادث دموية في التاريخ الأمريكي ؛ حيث اختطفت أربع طائرات وتحطمت مما أدى إلى مقتل 2977 شخصا ، وتدمير ثلاثة أبراج ، أصبحت الولايات المتحدة تشك في تنظيم القاعدة ، وبعد فترة ليست بالطويلة ، أعلنت الولايات المتحدة الحرب على الإرهاب بغزو كل من العراق وأفغانستان للقضاء على طالبان ، ونتيجة لذلك تغيرت وجهة النظر حول الإسلام ما تسبب بظهور ما يسمى برهاب الإسلام. تأثر الأمريكيون بشدة بهجمات الحادي عشر من سبتمبر على مركز التجارة العالمي. وتسببت تلك الهجمات في سقوط منات القتلى والجرحى فيما حوَصر آخرون في الطوابق العليا من البرج الشمالي لمركز التجارة العالمي في مدينة نيويورك. أصيب الأمريكيون والناس من جميع أنحاء العالم بالصدمة. كانوا على يقين من أن هجمات الحادي عشر من سبتمبر الإرهابية كانت عملاً مشبوهاً ومريباً ، لذلك نشأت نظرية المؤامرة. تهدف هذه المذكرة إلى التحقق مما إذا كانت هجمات 11 سبتمبر مخططة من داخل الدولة أم لا. تتبنى هذه الدراسة كلا من المنهجين التاريخي والنوعي. أبرز نظريات المؤامرة هي أن انهيار البرجين التوأمين ومركز التجارة العالمي 7 كان نتيجة عمليات هدم محكومة خاضعة للرقابة وليس فشلاً هيكلية بسبب الاصطدام والحرائق ، مؤامرة أخرى هي أن البنتاغون أصيب بصاروخ أطلقته عناصر من داخل الحكومة الأمريكية أو أنه سُمح لطائرة تجارية بالقيام بذلك عن طريق الانحراف عن الجيش الأمريكي. الاهتمام الرئيسي في هذه الدراسة هو معالجة كلا

الجانبين من القصة لمعرفة من فعلها حقًا ولماذا ، وما هي التغييرات التي حدثت ، ورد فعل الولايات المتحدة. لا تزال هجمات الحادي عشر من سبتمبر ضد الولايات المتحدة بمثابة عمل مروّع تسبب في سقوط العديد من القتلى والخسائر المادية والمعنوية.

List of abbreviation

US	United States
UK	United Kingdom
9/11	September 11th 2001
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
DHS	Department Homeland Security
NSA	National Security Agency
DOJ	Department Of Justice
MP	Member in the Parliament
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WTC	World Trade Center
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
NSEERS	National Security Entry-Exit Registration System
KGB	Translated to English as the Committee for State Security (Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti)

General

Introduction

General introduction

In the morning of September 11th 2001, four hijacked planes crashed into the twin towers in New York City, the pentagon and the Pennsylvania field causing the demolition of those towers and building 7 and the death of nearly 3000 people, this marked a turning point in the world's history; it had a great impact on both Americans and Muslims. Consequently, the United States declared wars on Terrorism and relating Islam to terror. It was the beginning of the 9/11 conspiracy theory that spread all over the world, suspecting the real story behind the Terrorist Attacks.

The first thing that comes to mind when hearing 9/11 conspiracy theory is the neverending story of a day of unprecedented shock in the US, The 9/11 Terrorist Attacks remains a questionable matter where people, until now, still wonder about how and Why did this tragedy happen. Was it a collapse, or a controlled demolition? This latter made the Conspiracy Theory appear. Therefore, this research examines Why and How the Conspiracy Theory appeared and seeks to answer the above questions of both views: the Conspiracy theorists and the non-Conspiracy theorists.

It also aims at uncovering the truth, and discovering the reasons behind the attacks, and to highlight the United States' reaction, after all there is no smoke without fire, as John Farmer (1957) The American politician who acted as a Senior Council to the 9/11 commission said, "At some level of the government, at some point in time [...] There was an argument not to tell the truth about what happened".

So common is this tactic of arguing that conspiracy theory is not worth discussing, simply because it is considered as a false myth, thus the clear objective here is to discover the real story and make people think more before judging, moreover to make conspiracy theory valid.

The approach used to conduct the research is the historical approach; it is used to analyze, explore, and explain the incidence, with the qualitative analysis of data, by which past can be explained in order to understand the facts.

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This study consists of three chapters, The first chapter is a Historical Background that includes a brief story of what happened on 11th, September (2001), then the conspiracy theory begins to spread suspecting whether or not it is an inside job, this chapter defines the conspiracy theory with its types, In addition, it stresses Chomsky's view on conspiracies and 9/11 attacks he (as he is a famous and a worldly known philosopher who is still alive). Finishing with how the political world was shaken because of the conspiracy theory. The second chapter reviews the previous works; and talks about the people who denied the conspiracy, and those who believed it, also the commission report that was accused of not giving the entire tale, it also discusses the impacts of 9/11 Attacks which caused a war on Iraq, Afghanistan and primarily on terrorism, the latter led Islamophobia to grow, and relate Islam with terror. In addition to economic impact that weakened the US economy for a period of time. The third chapter tackles some of 9/11 beneficiaries as US and Israel, also the US strategy after 9/11 to identify terrorists and prevents any attempts of attacks. It also includes the paranoid style and how the President George Bush was megalomaniac explains why he acts like an obsessed to rule the world, while Iraqis were sympathizing with the victims and did not like terrorism. Lastly, it mentions the President Barack Obama's opinion about the invasion of Iraq as he was the preceded president, in addition to the President Donald Trump's view since he is the current president.

Thus, the three chapters complement one another to an overview about 9/11 Conspiracy Theory and the US response, and to make people understand it, hoping to solve the problem of misunderstanding Islam which has no link with terrorism.

Chapter one

I.1.Introduction

In a world full of conflicts, mainly political conflicts, major powerful countries compete and strive to have full control and be the most powerful and dominant country, it would do anything by hook or by crook , it is like the law of the jungle ‘Survival for the strongest’ ‘Survival for the fittest’ ‘Eat or be eaten ‘ In this vein , the U.S.A is the most known for Paranoid Style , the desire to take the lead , this was shown in many different ways , for instance, the 9/11 attacks which were claimed to be terrorist attacks from Osama Ben Laden¹ ,thus it was used as an excuse to declare war on terrorism ,and on Iraq, yet , some people did not believe that so they started their own investigations in order to discover the truth ,(whether it was a terrorist attack or an inside job) Therefore, conspiracy theory of 9/11 was founded ,and it has arguably been an important feature in social life.

I.2.Timeline

Hijacked aircraft attacks targeted commercial towers and official buildings in the United States, killing and injuring thousands of people, and were followed by wars that toppled the regimes of Afghanistan and Iraq, and other violence.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, the United States - and the world behind it - was surprised by a live broadcast on television of the images of two hijacked civilian planes penetrating the walls of the World Trade Center towers in New York and flattening them with those in them, and with another plane hitting one of the wings of the Pentagon building in Washington causing a severe damage.

The repercussions of these attacks - in which nearly three thousand people of many nationalities and multiple ethnicities were killed, and al-Qaeda² later claimed responsibility - were a series of political and military events that changed the course of the history of entire

¹ Osama Bin Laden: 1957–2011, Arab militant leader: founder of al-Qaeda. Encyclopedia Britannica.Osama Ben Laden.(Encyclopædia Britannica, inc. ,28/04/2020) <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Osama-bin-Laden>

² Al-Qaeda: a radical Sunni Muslim organization dedicated to the elimination of a Western presence in Arab countries and militantly opposed to Western foreign policy: founded by Osama bin Laden in 1988.(Dictionary.com).

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peoples, and sparked swirls of wars and bloody acts of violence that killed millions of people, among the dead there were injured, detained and displaced people.

Days after the attacks, the US Congress hastily passed the "authorization to use force"³ law that gave the president of the country the authority "to use all necessary and appropriate force against states, organizations, and people who planned, gave permission, committed, or assisted in the attacks of September 11, 2001, or who are such organizations or people. " since the Congress did not specify for this law an expiration date or geographical borders, the American administration took it as a cover to launch several wars starting in Afghanistan, and passing through Iraq and not ending with drone attacks in Pakistan and Yemen, in addition to committing widespread human rights violations that included eavesdropping on phone calls without judicial permission, and torturing those accused of "terrorist acts" while being interrogated.⁴

According to History editors, Below is a chronology of the events of the 9/11 attacks:

- 7:59 AM – American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 with 92 people aboard, takes off from Boston's Logan International Airport en route to Los Angeles.
- 8:14 AM – United Airlines Flight 175, a Boeing 767 with 65 people aboard, takes off from Boston; it is also headed to Los Angeles.
- 8:19 AM – Flight attendants aboard Flight 11 alert ground personnel that the plane has been hijacked; American Airlines notifies the FBI.
- 8:20 AM – American Airlines Flight 77 takes off from Dulles International Airport outside of Washington, D.C. The Boeing 757 is headed to Los Angeles with 64 people aboard.

³ Authorization for Use of Military Force, Pub. L. No. 107-40, 115 Stat. 224 (2001) (hereinafter AUMF). It is a joint resolution of the United States Congress which became law on September 18, 2001, authorizing the use of the United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the September 11 attacks.(Wikipedia 19/05/2020) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Authorization_for_Use_of_Military_Force_of_2001

⁴ Wikipedia. [Authorization for Use of Military Force of 2001](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Authorization_for_Use_of_Military_Force_of_2001), ED, 19/05/2020. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Authorization_for_Use_of_Military_Force_of_2001

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- 8:24 AM – Hijacker Mohammed Atta makes the first of two accidental transmissions from Flight 11 to ground control.
- 8:40 AM – Air traffic controllers at The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) alert North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD)'s Northeast Air Defense Sector (NEADS) about the suspected hijacking of Flight 11.
- 8:41 AM – United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757 with 44 people aboard, takes off from Newark International Airport en route to San Francisco. It had been scheduled to depart at 8:00 am, around the time of the other hijacked flights.
- 8:46 AM – Mohammed Atta and the other hijackers aboard American Airlines Flight 11 crash the plane into floors 93-99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center, killing everyone on board and hundreds inside the building.
- 8:47 AM – Within seconds, NYPD and FDNY forces dispatch units to the World Trade Center, while Port Authority Police Department officers on site begin immediate evacuation of the North Tower.
- 8:50 AM – White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card alerts President George W. Bush that a plane has hit the World Trade Center; the president is visiting an elementary school in Sarasota, Florida at the time.
- 9:02 AM – After initially instructing tenants of the WTC's South Tower to remain in the building, Port Authority officials broadcast orders to evacuate both towers via the public address system; an estimated 10,000 to 14,000 people are already in the process of evacuating.
- 9:03 AM – Hijackers crash United Airlines Flight 175 into floors 75-85 of the WTC's South Tower, killing everyone on board and hundreds inside the building
- 9:08 AM – The FAA bans all takeoffs of flights going to New York City or through the airspace around the city.

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- 9:21 AM – The Port Authority closes all bridges and tunnels in the New York City area.
- 9:24 AM – The FAA notified NEADS of the suspected hijacking of Flight 77 after some passengers and crew aboard are able to alert family members on the ground.
- 9:31 AM – Speaking from Florida, President Bush calls the events in New York City an “apparent terrorist attack on our country.”
- 9:37 AM – Hijackers aboard Flight 77 crash the plane into the western façade of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., killing 59 aboard the plane and 125 military and civilian personnel inside the building.
- 9:42 AM – For the first time in history, the FAA grounds all flights over or bound for the continental United States. Over the next two-and-a-half hours, some 3,300 commercial flights and 1,200 private planes are guided to land at airports in Canada and the United States.
- 9:45 AM – Amid escalating rumors of other attacks, the White House and U.S. Capitol building are evacuated (along with numerous other high-profile buildings, landmarks and public spaces).
- 9:59 AM – The South Tower of the World Trade Center collapses.
- 10:07 AM – After passengers and crew members aboard the hijacked Flight 93 contact friends and family and learn about the attacks in New York and Washington, they mount an attempt to retake the plane. In response, hijackers deliberately crash the plane into a field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, killing all 40 passengers and crew aboard.
- 10:28 AM – The World Trade Center’s North Tower collapses, 102 minutes after being struck by Flight 11.

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- 11 AM – Mayor Rudolph Giuliani calls for the evacuation of Lower Manhattan south of Canal Street, including more than 1 million residents, workers and tourists, as efforts continue throughout the afternoon to search for survivors at the WTC site.
- 1 PM – At Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, President Bush announces that U.S. military forces are on high alert worldwide.
- 2:51 PM – The U.S. Navy dispatches missile destroyers to New York and Washington, D.C.
- 5:20 PM – The World Trade Center Seven collapses after burning for hours; the building had been evacuated in the morning, and there are no casualties, though the collapse forces rescue workers to flee for their lives. It is the last of the Twin Towers to fall.
- 6:58 PM – President Bush returns to the White House after stops at military bases in Louisiana and Nebraska.
- 8:30 PM – President Bush addresses the nation, calling the attacks “evil, despicable acts of terror” and declaring that America, its friends and allies would “stand together to win the war against terrorism.”

President George W. Bush addressed the American people to reassure them after the series of attacks in New York and Washington, and he said, "We will not distinguish between the terrorists who carried out these actions and those who protect them." (Gregg II).⁵

The United States pointed to the possibility of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda attacks, and US officials were talking about indications of this possibility (Gregg II).⁶

⁵ Gregg II, Gary. *GEORGE W. BUSH: FOREIGN AFFAIRS*. UVA MILLER CENTER. ND. <https://millercenter.org/president/gwbush/foreign-affairs>

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President Bush held a second working session within hours with his top aides. Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Donald Rumsfeld, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, and Director of the CIA George Tenet participated in the meeting. (Gregg II).⁷

Nearly 3,000 people died in the 9/11 attacks, which The New York Times called the "worst and most audacious terror attack in American history." (Pamela Engel)⁸

I.3.Problem Statement

In a report launched by National Geography describing how the buildings fell said that Purdue University worked with the American Society of engineers to create a science based simulation to show the impact from the Inside Out. Purdue decided to model the first impact to show how the American Airlines 767 penetrated the North Tower. They began by modelling the World Trade Centre complex 7 buildings on a 16 Acre Plaza in Lower Manhattan, this would be a living model of the North Tower from the Inside Out, Purdue used original construction blueprints, photographs, and construction data to create a wireframe World Trade Centre structure, every column girder in beam had to be in the correct place, they also created a scaled 767 jet liner an aircraft with a weight of 141 tonnes including 10000 gallons of fuel. to model what fuel load with two upon collision, Purdue launched fluid-filled aluminium cans to stimulate an airplane wing impacting a steel column, a thermal camera captured the impact in fluid behaviour, this raw data was also added into the sequence, thousands of men hours in 41 days of computer rendering were needed to show a total of one second of actual time. (National Geographic 2009).⁹

⁷ Gregg II, Gary. *GEORGE W. BUSH: FOREIGN AFFAIRS*. UVA MILLER CENTER. ND. <https://millercenter.org/president/gwbush/foreign-affairs>

⁸ Engel, Pamela. *What happened on 9/11, 18 years ago*. 10/09/2019. <https://www.timesunion.com/technology/businessinsider/article/What-happened-on-9-11-15-years-ago-today-9215805.php>

⁹ National Geographic. *9/11 Impact Anatomy*. 29/08/2009. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FVAzn1Yuz8&feature=youtu.be

It took two years to complete the project, the jetliner crashed into the 96 floor, savouring a number of perimeter columns in the structure, the simulation showed the impacts from many different angles, internal destruction of supporting columns, disintegration of the jetliner, atomising of the 10000 gallons of fuel, and the fires attacked the steel network that supported the building. Purdue's findings confirmed the report by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the wide spread fires initiated by the jet fuel weakened the steel columns and brought down the towers.(National Geographic 2009)¹⁰

It is hard to believe that it was planned, but people went beyond that, they did not want to believe this story, therefore, they questioned it, and they wanted to look for the truth, thus, conspiracy theory began, and thus the never ending story started ,but was it a collapse or controlled demolition? If it was planned, for what reasons?

I.4.Conspiracy Theory “Definition and Objectives

Conspiracy Theory, this term first appeared in an economic article in the year (1920) and became popular with people in the year (1960) and entered (Oxford Dictionary in the year (1967).The definition of this term changes according to the point of view of the owners of the term, and the conspiracy usually has two sides, the first (plotter) and the second (conspirator), and the plotter is usually (governments) while the conspirator is (the people),with the aim of hiding the truth, as it is clear, the name is taken from the act of "conspiracy", that is, in the sense of formulating lies in an orderly way, and the act of conspiracy may happen anywhere (at home or at work for example ...) (Magltk.com 2019).¹¹

This may happen in the state and internationally, as for time, the occurrence of conspiracy is unlimited and it is established that the plotter and the conspirator must exist. Those targeted by the conspiracy may or may not be aware of it, or some of them may be. It is possible for the believer to give (in conspiracy theory) definitions much deeper than that of the term.

¹⁰ National Geographic. *9/11 Impact Anatomy*.29/08/2009. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FVAzn1Yuz8&feature=youtu.be

¹¹ Saboura, Ismael. *What is conspiracy theory* . Magltk,11/05/2019. <https://www.magltk.com/conspiracy-theory/>

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For example, if a party knows, whether or not, doing something organized, whether this action is unconsciously or consciously, publicly or secretly, where it conspires with another party in planning that aims to reach a goal, and achieving this goal is an objective or interest or may lead to control another party, and then work begins to achieve that goal or interest. (Magltk.com 2019).¹²

Among the longest-standing and most widely recognized conspiracy theory is 9/11 terrorist attacks, the conspiracy theories started spreading just days after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, DC. Over the decade, several technically elaborate claims have been refined by the “9/11 Truth” movement.

I.4.1 Types of Conspiracy

Conspiracy theories are divided due to some differences, two main types can be summarized:

LIHOP (Let it happen on purpose) It is the theory of occurrence of a need, that is a meaning that has been left to occur for a purpose , it suggests that those involved were already aware of the attacks but overlooked their response or activity contributed to weakening the US defence. MIHOP (Made it happen on a purpose) In the sense that it created events for a purpose ,that is to say , they had been planned by the stakeholders and coordinated with or prepared for Al Qaida to do .(Wikipedia)¹³

Before it happened, some fishy business happened within the stock market and insurance firms. An “extraordinary” amount of put options were placed on United Airlines and American Airlines stocks, the same airlines that were hijacked during the attacks. Many speculate that traders were tipped off about the attacks and profited from the tragedy. The Securities and Exchange Commission launched an insider trading investigation in

¹² Saboura, Ismael. *What is Conspiracy Theory* . Magltk,11/05/2019. <https://www.magltk.com/conspiracy-theory/>

¹³ Wikipedia . *9/11 Conspiracy Theory*. ED 19/04/2020 . https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/9/11_conspiracy_theories

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which Osama bin Laden was a suspect, after receiving information from at least one Wall Street firm (Jordan p.280).¹⁴

The World Trade Center collapse appeared similar to a controlled demolition. Many speculate that the towers were in fact blown down with explosives placed in selected locations. Some witnesses recounted hearing explosions inside the building as they attempted to escape. Many architects and scientists even maintained that a plane's fuel cannot produce enough heat to melt the steel frames of the two buildings that collapsed. The Pentagon crash may be the most puzzling event of the day. Theorists maintained that the impact holes in the Pentagon were much smaller than a commercial American Airlines plane, they also questioned why the plane was not shot down prior to impact, as well as why the plane impacted a section of the Pentagon that was vacant due to renovations (Defender News Service 2017).¹⁵

Hijackers Are Alive? How Did Their Passports Survive Explosion the fourth hijacked plane, Flight 93, crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania? It is believed that the passengers fought back and crashed the plane into a field. Skeptics believe that Flight 93 landed safely, while a substitute plane was shot out of the sky. Other theorists believed that the passengers were murdered, or relocated and will never be found. Besides, those people who heard bombs and explosion in the World Trade Centre before the plane crashed claimed the first floor crushed first.

Theorists noticed that 4,000 Jewish employees took off from work on September 11, 2001, some of the first people to record the attacks on camera were also Jewish. Many became suspicious and put the religious group on the radar as suspects in the wake of the attack. Jewish knew that the attacks would happen (NewsOne Staff 2017).¹⁶

¹⁴ Jordan, Jim.D .*Bone Digger* .the USA LuLu Press.2015. p280.

¹⁵ Defender News Service. *Conspiracy theories from 9/11*. 'Defender Network.com.(11/09/2017)
<https://defendernetwork.com/lead-story/conspiracy-theories-911/>

¹⁶ NewsOne Staff. *The 11 Most Compelling 9/11 Conspiracy Theories*.NEWS ONE.COM.(ED,11/09/,2019).
<https://newsone.com/742485/the-11-most-compelling-911-conspiracy-theories/>

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Commercial airplanes' frames are constructed with a very light aluminum material in order to make it easier to fly. Theorists maintained there is no possible way an airplane can do as much damage to the Twin Towers as it did. They believed that missiles or explosives were used to ensure the buildings (Defender News Service 2017).¹⁷

During the attacks George W Bush was at a primary school, when he was told about it, he did not seem shocked and acted as he did not hear anything, the reason behind the inside-job seemed to be political, to invade Iraq and Afghanistan, blaming Osama Bin Laden was just a pretext that is because Iraq has oil and weapons of mass destruction.

On April 9, 2003, American soldiers toppled the Saddam Hussein statue in Baghdad. Fifteen years later, it turned out that the war, which cost hundreds of thousands of victims and left the Middle East in disarray, was built on lies (Hein)¹⁸

In 2002 the new U.S. president, George W. Bush, argued that the vulnerability of the United States following the September 11 attacks of 2001, combined with Iraq's alleged continued possession and manufacture of weapons of mass destruction (an accusation that was later proved erroneous) and its support for terrorist groups—which, according to the Bush administration, included al-Qaeda, the perpetrators of the September 11 attacks—made disarming Iraq a renewed priority (Lowery p.23).¹⁹

I.5. Chomsky and Conspiracy Theory

Accusations of conspiracy theory occurred because, according to Chomsky, they worked as a device in which power (corporate ownership) defended itself, the equivalent of a “curse word” used by academics and journalists to dismiss criticism of the powerful institutions in which they serve .(Cathey).²⁰

¹⁷ Defender News Service. *Conspiracy theories from 9/11*. ‘Defender Network.com.(11/09/2017) <https://defendernetwork.com/lead-story/conspiracy-theories-911/>

¹⁸ Hein, Matthias von. *The Iraq War: In the beginning was the lie.*(DW. 09/04/2018) <https://www.dw.com/en/the-iraq-war-in-the-beginning-was-the-lie/a-43301338>

¹⁹ Lowery, Zoe. *Key Figures of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.*(Britannica: New York,2016)p.23

²⁰ Cathey, Paul Eben. *Partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in Political and International Studies.*(2009 p24) <https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/11984022.pdf>

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Chomsky contended that accusations of conspiracy theory working as a technique of dismissal were discussed in Mark Fenster's *Conspiracy Theories: Secrecy and Power in American Culture* (1999). Fenster argued that the conventional assumption that conspiracy theory was based on paranoia led to the dismissal of topics that deserved merit. Chomsky and Herman devoted the preface of *Manufacturing Consent* to an explicit rejection of conspiracy theory, attempting to avoid immediate dismissal of their theory, and correctly predicting that one of the Model's main criticisms would be its supposedly conspiratorial nature (Cathey 2009, 24).²¹

Chomsky believed that the attacks of September 11, 2001 were only famous because they were an external act against the West, noting that no one remembered that there was a "September 11" that occurred in 1973 when the United States sponsored a bloody coup in Chile (Aljazeera 2015).²²

He opposed the American-British invasion of Iraq in 2003, and later said that it was that invasion that created the appropriate environment for the establishment of the Islamic State, due to the succession of the Iraqi society and the establishment of sectarianism in it. He said that the United States feared the emergence of any real democracy in the Arab region, especially with the outbreak of the Arab Spring and the collapse of the forces of its domination over the world (Aljazeera 2015).²³

Chomsky visited the Gaza Strip in October 2012 in solidarity with the trapped families, and he always affirmed that Israel pursued policies that maximized the risks posed to it, "They are policies that choose to expand at the expense of security, and lead to moral degeneration,

²¹ Cathey, Paul Eben. *Partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in Political and International Studies*. (2009 p24) <https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/11984022.pdf>

²² Aljazeera. *Noam Chomsky: Anti-American Thinker*. (05/10/2015) <https://www.aljazeera.net/encyclopedia/icons/>

²³ Aljazeera. *Noam Chomsky: Anti-American Thinker*. (05/10/2015) <https://www.aljazeera.net/encyclopedia/icons/>

isolation and delegitimization, which will eventually destroy it, and this is not impossible. (Aljazeera 2015)²⁴

His view of terrorism was so famous in the Arab world and it was in harmony with the Islamic and leftist Arab view that saw terrorism was merely an intelligence industry that would end as soon as the intelligence of these countries raised their hand on the oppressed peoples. Yet, at the same time he contradicted himself and believed that terrorist operations against the West were a reaction to the violent interventionist policies of the major powers and the revenge of the weak from the long colonial history of the West (Alwaday 2018).²⁵

Although it was very difficult to combine the two contradictory ideas (the idea that terrorism was an intelligence industry in the sense that it was one of the tools for revenge of the powerful against the weak, and the counter-idea that terrorism was the revenge of the weak from colonial policies), Chomsky combined them (Alwaday 2018).²⁶

Argument for Conspiracy

The media's sidelining of conspiracy theories is unfair and based on an uninformed view of what the term means – The many public exposures of corrupt officials and criminality within systems perfectly fit the dictionary definition of 'conspiracy theory', making it very likely that all manner of other, more powerful, secret cabals must also exist – The academic viewpoint rarely addresses the actual evidence for conspiratorial beliefs, which can be strong in some areas – The psychological tendencies of certain people may be the very attributes that enable them to see the hidden truths behind a situation – For every false pattern that may present itself, other strange synchronicities can emerge which are harder to dismiss – The more extremist ideologies are held only by a minority – It is evidence that must be used to discern the reality of something, not beliefs.²⁷

²⁴ Aljazeera. *Noam Chomsky: Anti-American Thinker*. (05/10/2015) <https://www.aljazeera.net/encyclopedia/icons/>

²⁵ Alwaday, Hussein. *Chomsky's Four Faces*. *Daraj* (14/09/2018) <https://daraj.com/9644/>

²⁶ Alwaday, Hussein. *Chomsky's Four Faces*. *Daraj* (14/09/2018) <https://daraj.com/9644/>

²⁷ Thomas, Andy. *Conspiracies: The Facts. The Theories. The Evidence*. (London: Watkins Publishing, ND)

Argument Against Conspiracy

Conspiracy theorists are held in general contempt by the mainstream media and authorities – The academic world holds that belief in conspiracy is shaped by social background and psychological make-up, and not necessarily supported by evidence – There are unquestionable tendencies towards certain personality profiles within the conspiracy community – Truthseekers can lack discernment in their biased analysis of chosen areas – Claimed evidence could merely be the result of ‘apophenia’, of seeing meaningful patterns where there are none – The tendency to question everything can lead to extremism and social marginalizing views.²⁸

I.6. Conspiracy and Politics

Some conspiracy theories became so mainstream that the media ceased to label them as such. The event of the Iraqi WMD debacle, the WikiLeaks exposures, revelations over parliamentary expenses and the wider implications of the News International phone-hacking cover-ups, have further eroded faith in the political world, creating a climate in which conspiracy theories were guaranteed to proliferate. The political world was the interface between the quiet forces with the real power, whether legitimate corporate and financial players or conspiratorial manipulators and the everyday business of running a civilization. Yet it revealed too often to have fallen into corruption and falsification, even at a surface level. As the ‘scandals’ that emerged into full public attention seemed to be a conspiracy.

Conspiracies occurred so frequently, what faith can anyone really have in the complex machinations and dubious dealings that must be going on far beneath? Imagining that something as historic as the lunar programme could have been at least partially misrepresented became less of a stretch when the overall picture of endemic deception, abused of power and ruled by proxy was considered. The sheer audacity of the weapons of mass destruction scare that was used to justify action in Iraq, and the all-too-common manipulation of media conduits to spread propaganda, showed that there is little that authorities would not consider doing when their agendas demanded it.

²⁸ Thomas, Andy .*Conspiracies: The Facts. The Theories. The Evidence* .(London:Watkins Publishing,ND)

In a political context, a conspiracy refers to a group of people united in the goal of damaging, usurping, or overthrowing an established political power. Typically, the final goal is to gain power through a revolutionary coup d'état or through assassination. A conspiracy can also be used for infiltration of the governing system.²⁹

I.7. Conclusion

Adolf Hitler said once “If you tell a big enough lie, and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed” (GoodReads). The horrific accident that happened on September 11th 2001 was a real tragedy, but it is still debatable whether it was planned or not, conspiracy theorists are doing their best to prove themselves right, to prove that it was George W. Bush's order and that he had hidden intentions behind it, political intentions that made him sacrifice lives, that is to say, the government lied and made people believe it for its own benefits, the US sought to do anything to maintain powerful. Bush wanted to declare war on terrorism, and invade Iraq for some reasons, first there were judicial precedents, moreover, The "real" motivation behind the Iraq war was the desire to steal Iraqi oil, or boost Halliburton profits, or divert domestic attention from the Enron scandal, or pay off the Israel lobby, or exact revenge on Saddam Hussein for his assassination attempt on President George W. Bush.

Along with Iraq's alleged development of WMD, another justification for invasion was the purported link between Saddam Hussein's government and terrorist organizations, in particular Al-Qaeda. In that sense, the Bush Administration cast the Iraq war as part of the broader War on Terrorism. Yet there are a lot of criticism concerning the 9/11 conspiracy theory.

²⁹ Wikipedia. List of Political Conspiracies. https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_political_conspiracies ed.16/04/2020.

Chapter Two

II.1 Introduction

In human history, there are events that identify a particular era, change course of affairs and impose new facts. The 9/11 attacks are of this kind as they transform the twenty-first century into the century of the global war on terror. 9/11 conspiracy theory did not arise out of the blue, but with a series of suspicious events, it is all claimed by the government, and rolled out, this government had hidden intentions, if not political interests, George W Bush had always been eager to take over Iraq and Afghanistan long time ago, he had always hated Islam, and accused it of being a terrorism, so after the attacks he blamed Osama Ben Laden and terrorists, in addition, he accused Saddam Hussein of helping the terrorists. So basically, the events of 9/11 led many Americans to form a negative opinion about Muslims. Therefore, there are two categories of people appeared, the first one are those who believed in the conspiracy they are also called the Truthers, and second are those who deny that conspiracy , and both of them wanted to prove their view so they are still dispute, and conspiracy theories continued to spread.

II.2 Review of Literature

On the 11th September 2001, radical Islamic terrorists abducted four airliners, the planes flew into the World Trade Centre, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania field, killing nearly 3000 people, just few hours after the collapse of the twin tower, a conspiracy theory surfaced and lasted until today.

"Is it just me?" an internet user named David Rostcheck wrote, "or did anyone else recognise that it wasn't the airplane impacts that blew up the World Trade Centre?"

"I hope other people are actually catching this, but I haven't seen anyone say it yet, so I guess I will. There's no doubt that the planes hit the building and did a lot of damage. But look at the footage - those buildings were demolished," he continued. "To demolish a building, you don't need all that much explosive but it needs to be placed in the correct places

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... Someone had to have a lot of access to all of both towers and a lot of time to do this. This is pretty grim. The really dire part is - what were the planes for?" (BBC 2018).³⁰

Subsequent investigations made it clear that the tower structures were weakened by the inferno from the planes and felled by the weight of collapsing floors. However, even now some people refuse to believe this version of events.

Previous studies have shown the inconsistency and falsification of what happened, for example, a book (9/11: a big lie from *L'Effroyable* imposture from French journalist Thierry Mason). This book is the best seller since its publication. He called into question a series of clear instructions in the official version of the White House and asked many questions about the supporters and the objectives of this explosion, which shocked the world geography system. However, this is one of the main sources for interviewing firefighters. An interview with Paul Depaolo on December 26, 2001, described the case as a witness.

Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth, is an American non-profit organization promoting the conspiracy theory that the World Trade Center was destroyed in a controlled demolition, disputing accepted conclusions around the 9/11 attacks, including the 9/11 Commission Report, as well as FEMA's "WTC Building Performance Study" and instead advocates for World Trade Center controlled demolition conspiracy theories. Their claims and theories lack support among the relevant professional communities (Wikipedia).³¹

"9/11 Truth movement" is a term that has been applied to loosely affiliated organizations and individuals that question whether the US government, agencies of the US or individuals within such agencies were either responsible for or purposefully complicit in the September 11 attacks. The term is also being used by the adherents of the movement, who call themselves "9/11 skeptics", "truth activists", or "9/11 Truthers", while generally rejecting the term "conspiracy theorists (Wikipedia).³²

³⁰ Bell,Chris. *The people who think 9/11 may have been an 'inside job'*.(BBC,01/02/2018)
<https://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-trending-42195513>

³¹ Wikipedia.*Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth*.(Ed.25/05/2020)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architects_%26_Engineers_for_9/11_Truth

³² Wikipedia.*9/11 Truth Movement*.(Ed.30/05/2020) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/9/11_Truth_movement

Any explanation for 9/11 must start and end with the facts. The evidence must be gathered and analyzed. Then—only then—can conclusions be drawn. That is precisely what the various investigators have done, and in so doing they have performed a great service to their nation. Yet, still the conspiracy theorists hock their wares (MCCAIN 2019).³³

The 9/11 attacks showed that the US was weak and that a large-scale terrorist attack by a non-governmental organization could be launched. It also indicated that these organizations had the will to cause as much death and destruction as possible and had not had any inconveniences regarding civilian casualties or were prepared to follow the rules of war accepted by most nation-states to some extent or others.

II.3. Truthers and Deniers of 9/11

The two categories of people are still in dispute, and both of them have their evidence, those who believed in the conspiracy are the Truthers, they strongly believed that the government was concealing what they know about the 9/11 attacks: (54.3 percent agree or strongly agree) (Ghose 2016)³⁴ So they rejected the official government explanation regarding the events of 9/11. They analyzed and discussed items they consider to be evidence of a cover-up or conspiracy in order to determine what really happened, whereas those who consider it a myth and never believed in such conspiracy are the deniers.

The collapse of both WTC towers—and the smaller WTC 7 a few hours later—initially surprised even some experts. But subsequent studies have shown that the WTC's structural integrity was destroyed by intense fire as well as the severe damage inflicted by the planes. That explanation has not swayed conspiracy theorists, who contend that all three buildings were wired with explosives in advance and razed in a series of controlled demolitions. (Popular Mechanics 2019).³⁵

³³ McCain, John. *The 9/11 Conspiracy Myths and the Truth Under Attack*. (PopularMechanics, 10/09/2019) <https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/a798/john-mccain-september-11/>

³⁴ Ghose, Tia. *Half of Americans Believe in 9/11 Conspiracy Theories*. (LiveScience, 13/10/2016). <https://www.livescience.com/56479-americans-believe-conspiracy-theories.html>

³⁵ Popular Mechanics Editors. *Debunking the 9/11 Myths: Special Report - The World Trade Center*. (PopularMechanics, 10/09/2019). <https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/a6384/debunking-911-myths-world-trade-center/>

Many Truthers believed that WTC 7, or Building 7, was a “smoking gun” proof that “9/11 was an inside job,” or, at the very least, that the official explanations of the events of September 11, 2001 were incomplete or fraudulent. (G. Ellefritz p2)³⁶

Truthers said that a video of the buildings falling points to demolition because of the way the towers bent before collapsing. Also, there seemed to be explosions as the windows blew out, floor by floor, from the top downwards. One US academic claimed to have tested samples from the destroyed towers which showed the presence of chemical residue, suggesting explosives had been used. (McGreal 2011).³⁷

In controlled explosion demolition experts collapse a building from the bottom not the top. Experts said the windows were blown out as each floor collapsed on to the one below, sending debris and office equipment flying out. It would also have taken considerable work, which would not have gone unnoticed, to plant sufficient explosives the length of the buildings to bring them down (McGreal 2011).³⁸

The Truthers cast themselves as the main characters of the public’s efforts to cast doubt on the collapse of WTC 7 as the official explanation and a missing element of the dominant 9/11 story. 9/11 Deniers acted as rational analysts who advocated facts and defended them using reality from “conspiracy theorists” or “conspiracists (G.Ellefritz 3).³⁹

³⁶ Ellefritz,Rihard G.. *Discourse Among The Truthers and Deniers of 9/11: Movement-Counter-movement Dynamics and the Discursive Filed of the 9/11 Truth Movement*. in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY Thesis(Western Illinois University (July 2014 p.02) https://shareok.org/bitstream/handle/11244/14823/Ellefritz_okstate_0664D_13606.pdf?sequence=1

³⁷ [Mcgreal,Chris. Debunking the Truthers’ Conspiracy Theories.](https://mg.co.za/article/2011-09-09-debunking-the-truthers-conspiracy-theories/)(Mail & Guardian : 09/09/2011)

³⁸ [Mcgreal,Chris. Debunking the Truthers’ Conspiracy Theories.](https://mg.co.za/article/2011-09-09-debunking-the-truthers-conspiracy-theories/)(Mail & Guardian : 09/09/2011)

³⁹ Ellefritz,Rihard G.. *Discourse Among The Truthers and Deniers of 9/11: Movement-Counter-movement Dynamics and the Discursive Filed of the 9/11 Truth Movement*. in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY Thesis(Western Illinois University (July 2014 p.02) https://shareok.org/bitstream/handle/11244/14823/Ellefritz_okstate_0664D_13606.pdf?sequence=1

II.4. Commission Report 9/11

The country wide commission on Terrorist attacks upon the USA (additionally referred to as the 11th of September commission), an independent, bipartisan fee created through congressional law and the signature of President George W. Bush in past due 2002, was chartered to prepare a complete account of the instances surrounding the 9/11 terrorist attacks, including preparedness for and on the spot response to the attacks. The commission was likewise mandated to provide tips designed to guard in opposition to future attacks. (National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States). It was established on November 27, 2002, and its final report was issued on July 22, 2004. The report was originally scheduled for release on May 27, 2004, but a compromise agreed to by Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert allowed a sixty-day extension through July 26.(Wikipedia).⁴⁰

The document has been accused of not giving the entire tale about the warnings the U.S obtained previous to the attacks, even the report described that "the device become blinking red" and that al_Qaeda attacks were approaching, it did not include the testimony of former CIA director George guiding principle to the commission in January 2004, wherein he claimed to have given a selected caution to the administration in a July 2001 meeting with Condoleezza Rice. Fee members Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton stated that they had not been told about the meeting, but the Boston Globe said that "it turns out that the committee was, in fact, told about the meeting,' according to the interview transcript and Democratic commission member Richard Ben-Veniste, who sat in on the interview with Tenet. (Eggen and Wright 2006).⁴¹

⁴⁰ Wikipedia. *9/11 Comission Report.*(Ed.24/05/2020) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/9/11_Commission_Report

⁴¹ Eggaen,Dan and Robin Wright.*Tenet told 9/11 panel that he warned Rice of Al Qaeda.*(Wachington Post, 03/10/2006) from Boson News http://archive.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2006/10/03/tenet_told_911_panel_that_he_warned_rice_of_al_qaeda/

The 9/11 Commission Report discussed the report of the 9/11 Commission issued after three years of events, and refuted much of what was stated in it, and the author found that the committee was not conducting an effective investigation, and that the committee's final report cannot be trusted due to false claims, distortions and ignorance made by the committee, And the evidence indicates that the Bush administration was involved in the 9/11 attacks to achieve American control over the world, to obtain commercial and oil interests for the benefit of a group in government and administration, and its allies, and to cover up corruption, embezzlement, and major abuses.

II.5.The Impact of 9/11 on US

The most noticeable change for Americans after 9/11 was at the airport, tourists had to be examined two hours before departure, there were restrictions on items that passengers can carry. For example, the liquid should be stored in a transparent bag of a certain size, food or bottled water should not be protected. The plane was safer even after 9/11. All major US airliners were equipped with solid cockpit doors, thousands of federal aviation officers have been deployed to defend against terrorist attacks. The list of prohibited flights was published before 9/11, but increased significantly after the attacks. They already had thousands, some claim to have millions of names on the list.⁴² Nearly nine years after 9/ 11, a color-coded threat system warned travelers when a country faced another terrorist attack. In April 2011, that color-coded advisory system was replaced by the National Terror Advisory System that focused on specific threats in geographical areas.⁴³

⁴² Villemez, Jason. *9/11 to now: Ways we have changed*. (PBS NEWS: 14/09/2011).
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/911-to-now-ways-we-have-changed>

⁴³ [Infoplease Staff. How We've Changed Since 9/11](https://www.infoplease.com/us/government/how-weve-changed-since-911). (updated 28/02/2017)
<https://www.infoplease.com/us/government/how-weve-changed-since-911>

II.5.1. War on Terrorism

After the attacks, many U.S. Residents viewed that the attacks had changed the sector forever, The Bush management started a war on terrorism, with the purpose of bringing Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda to justice and preventing the emergence of other terrorist networks. These desires might be finished through method inclusive of monetary and army sanctions in opposition to states perceived as harboring terrorists and increasing worldwide surveillance and intelligence sharing. Without delay after the 9/ 11 attacks, the U.S. Officials speculated on feasible involvement by using Saddam Hussein.⁴⁴

Due fact the attacks on the united states had been judged to be an inside job of its charter, NATO declared that Article 5 of the NATO agreement changed on September 12, 2001,⁴⁵ making the US war on terrorism for the first time due to the fact that its inception that NATO might actually take part in the war (History.com 2018) ⁴⁶ (.....We must destroy all terrorist regimes and start with the big three, Iran, Iraq and Syria. Then we start with Saudi Arabia. And we must ensure the achievement of consultation and democracy.... We do not want to achieve stability in Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, or even Saudi Arabia.... We want to change things, and the important question is: How do we do that? (Arthur Ledeen) ⁴⁷

The United States policy after 9/11 embodied in Bush Doctrine encompassed a worldwide army marketing campaign referred to as the struggle on Terror (or the conflict on Terrorism). Led by using the United States and the UK with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) guide, the war on Terror become waged to begin with against al-Qaeda and other militant businesses but soon elevated to include Saddam Hussein and Iraq.

⁴⁴ Wikipedia *U.S. Government Response to The September 11 Attacks*.(Ed. 30/05/2020) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._government_response_to_the_September_11_attacks#War_on_Terrorism

⁴⁵ NATO Otan. *Collective defence - Article 5, INVOCATION OF ARTICLE 5*.(25/11/2019) https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_110496.htm

⁴⁶ Pruitt,Sarah.*What Is NATO's Article 5?*.(History.com, 19/07/2018). <https://www.history.com/news/nato-article-5-meaning-history-world-war-2>

⁴⁷ Michael Arthur Ledeen, *The War Against the Terror Masters*, 2001 . from : <https://books.google.dz/books?id=Y5ao3ji18vsC&pg=PA352&lpg=PA352&dq=%E2%80%A6>

As a result, the USA has initiated some of the wars in Muslim countries. Those wars, which could be called massacres, have resulted in the deaths of countless innocent Muslims. In a few instances, attempts have been made to present these aggressions inside the guise of humanitarian efforts to promote democracy. However, the constrained public help for U.S Army movement around the world was going to return to the U.S authorities and declare that Muslims have been chargeable for 9/11. This claim was not true, and it was far beyond time for people to apprehend that truth.

For that reason, the USA soon invaded Afghanistan to oust the Taliban and later released an invasion of Iraq. A bipartisan majority in Congress gave the Bush administration the authority to do so, additionally to invade Iraq due to intelligence which was later proven defective that counselled Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and posed a threat.

II.5.1.1 War on Afghanistan

The US invasion of Afghanistan occurred after the 9/11 attacks in late 2001 and modified to be supported by using close US allies. The war is also known as the US war in Afghanistan ‘code named Operation Enduring Freedom (2001--14) and Operation Freedom's Sentinel (2015 – present)’. Its public pursuits were to dismantle al-Qaeda and deprive it from a comfortable base of operations in Afghanistan via putting off the Taliban from power. The UK turned into a key best friend of the United States, offering a guide for military activities from the beginning of arrangements for the invasion. It came after Afghan Civil war 1996–2001 phase amongst Taliban and the Northern Alliance groups, despite the fact that the Taliban managed to control 90% of the country in 2001, The US invasion of Afghanistan have become the first phase of the conflict in Afghanistan. US President George W. Bush

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demanded that the Taliban surrender Osama bin Laden and expel al-Qaeda; Bin Laden had already been wanted by the FBI due to the fact 1998.⁴⁸

The Taliban refused to extradite him unless they gave what they considered convincing evidence of his involvement in the 9/11 attacks, and overlooked demands to shut down terrorist bases and quit other terrorist suspects aside from Bin Laden. The request was rejected by the US as a meaningless delaying plan, and it released Operation Enduring Freedom on October 7, 2001, along with the UK. Other forces, including the Northern Alliance forces, joined the ground. The US and its allies quickly removed the Taliban from power by December 17, 2001, and built military bases near major cities across the country. Most Al Qaeda and Taliban members were not arrested, fleeing to neighboring Pakistan or retreating to remote rural mountainous areas during the Battle of Tora Bora.⁴⁹

In December 2001, the United Nations Security Council set up the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to supervise army operations in the USA and train Afghan national security forces. At the Bonn conference in December 2001, Hamid Karzai was chosen to go to the Afghan and rule the administration, which after a 2002 Loya Jirga (grand assembly) in Kabul has become the Afghan Transitional Administration.⁵⁰

Within the well-known decisions of 2004, Karzai was chosen as a president of the nation, presently named the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. In August 2003, NATO became concerned as an alliance, taking the helm of ISAF. One element of US forces in Afghanistan operated underneath NATO command; the rest remained underneath direct US command.

⁴⁸ Wikipedia. *United States Invasion of Afghanistan*. (Ed. 19/05/2020)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_invasion_of_Afghanistan

⁴⁹ Staff and Agencies. *Bush Rejects Taliban Offer to Hand Bin Laden Over*. (The Guardian :14/10/2001).
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2001/oct/14/afghanistan.terrorism5>

⁵⁰ Wikipedia. *History of War in Afghanistan (2001–present)*. (Ed. 30/05/2020)
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_War_in_Afghanistan_\(2001%E2%80%93present\)#US_invasion_of_Afghanistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_War_in_Afghanistan_(2001%E2%80%93present)#US_invasion_of_Afghanistan)

Taliban leader Mullah Omar reorganized the action, and in 2002, it launched a rebellion against the authorities and ISAF that maintained until the present time.⁵¹

II.5.1.2 War on Iraq

After the events of 9/11 and the relative success achieved by the American invasion of Afghanistan, the American administration thought that it had military justifications and international support sufficient to remove the sources of danger to "world security and stability" in the Middle East, it became clear since late 2001 that the American administration was determined to topple the government of Saddam Hussein.

It did not take more than three weeks since the start of the American invasion of Iraq, to show the scene of the overthrow of the Saddam Hussein statue in Baghdad through millions of screens around the world. On April 9, 2003, this image entered the collective memory, but even after 50 years, there were still many open questions. The first was the question of the number of victims of the 2003 Iraq war and the ensuing chaos among the local population, most estimated speak of a death toll of between 150,000 and a half million, even some serious research talked about numbers much higher than these numbers, as the world's oldest and most famous medical journal, Lancet, recorded in 2006 an additional death toll of over 650,000 deaths. In addition to the victims of violence, victims of the devastating infrastructure and the dilapidated healthcare system in the country were also taken into account.^{(52) (53)}

The invasion began on March 20, 2003, by the US, then the UK and several coalition allies joined, and launched a bombing campaign called "Shock and awe." The invasion led to the

⁵¹ Wikipedia. *History of War in Afghanistan (2001–present)*. (Ed.30/05/2020) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_War_in_Afghanistan_\(2001%E2%80%93present\)#US_invasion_of_Afghanistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_War_in_Afghanistan_(2001%E2%80%93present)#US_invasion_of_Afghanistan)

⁵² Wikipedia. *Iraq War*. (Ed. 31/05/2020) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq_War#Casualty_estimates

⁵³ Tirman, John. *Iraq: the Human Cost*. <http://web.mit.edu/humancostiraq/>

collapse of the Ba'athist government, Saddam was arrested during Operation Red Dawn in December of the same year and then executed three years later. But the power vacuum after the fall of Saddam and the mismanagement of the occupation led to widespread sectarian violence between Shiaa and Sunnis, as well as a protracted insurgency against the United States and coalition forces. The United States responded to this by increasing the number of troops in 2007 in an attempt to reduce violence, then began withdrawing its forces in the winter of 2008, and American participation began to decline slowly in Iraq under President Barack Obama, and the US finally announced the official withdrawal of all its forces Combat from Iraq by December 2011.⁵⁴

The Bush administration provided many justifications for waging the war, which focused mainly on ensuring that Iraq possessed WMD and that the Saddam government posed a major threat to the United States and coalition allies. US officials accused Saddam of supporting and harboring Al Qaeda, while others said the justification for waging war was the desire to end the oppression of unjust dictators and bring democracy to the people of Iraq. But after the invasion, no solid evidence was found to verify the existence of WMD. The justifications for waging the war, compiled by the intelligence services, have faced intense criticism within the US and internationally.⁵⁵

II.5.2. The Economic Impact

The 9/11 assaults were followed by initial shocks, causing global stock markets to drop sharply. The attacks themselves resulted in approximately \$40 billion in insurance losses, making it one of the largest insured events ever.⁵⁶

⁵⁴ Wikipedia. *Iraq War*. (Ed. 4/06/2020) http://wikipedia.nd.ax/wiki/Iraq_War

⁵⁵ Rondina, Caesar *Who Are the Heroes*. (Pittsburgh Pennsylvania :Dorrance Publishing Co,2017) p. 266,267. <https://books.google.dz/books?id=oD81DwAAQBAJ&pg=PA266&lpg=PA266&dq>

⁵⁶ Wikipedia *Economic Effects of the September 11 Attacks* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economic_effects_of_the_September_11_attacks

The 9/11 attacks had a negative impact on the US economy. Many Wall Street establishments, as well as the New York securities market, were exhausted throughout the attacks. On the primary day of commerce after the attacks, the market fell 7.1 percent, or 684 points. The New York's economy alone lost 143,000 jobs a month and 2.8 \$ billion wages within the first three months. The serious losses were in finance and transportation that accounted for 60 % of lost jobs. The calculable value of injury and damage of the WTC was \$ 60 billion. The value of improvement dust in Ground Zero was \$ 750 million⁵⁷.

II.5.3 Islamophobia

The attacks have created a trauma in Western society and caused an increase in xenophobic aggression and Islamophobia among several Westerners. The immediate reaction of the press following the attacks that focused the blame on Islam even before any official statement had been released points to some preexisting sentiment of suspicion among the public that made it so easy for such accusations to be accepted as fact. —In the days, weeks, and months after 9/11, many individuals in the US who shared a common ethnic background with the hijackers became the targets of hostility.⁵⁸

After the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, the image of Islam has changed; it brought it into the national and international issue.

Al Qaeda has taken the responsibility of these attacks, few days later, the president George w. bush visited a mosque in Washington. DC. He spoke of Islam as a peaceful religion « these acts of violence against innocents violate the fundamental tenets of the Islamic faith, and it's important for my fellow Americans to understand that. »⁵⁹. In spite of efforts by the White House and others to discourage Americans from targeting blame at the Muslim community

⁵⁷History.com Editors .*September 11 Attacks* . (History A&E Television Networks , 25/08/2018)

<https://www.history.com/topics/21st-century/9-11-attacks>

⁵⁸ PBS NewsHour.*9/11 to Today : Ways We Have Changed*. (updated :10/09/2019)

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/9-11-to-today-ways-we-have-changed>

⁵⁹ Benador, Eliana.*The War Against the Non-Islamic State*.(TheBlaze 11/09/2014)

<https://www.theblaze.com/contributions/eliana-benador-the-war-against-the-non-islamic-state>

Also from : The White House, Presedent George W.Bush. <https://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010917-11.html>

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after 9/11, many policies have changed directly after a few days of the attacks, the association of the Muslim student associations on college campus across the country came under secret surveillance by the F.B.I agents. Politically, ‘‘Shariah ‘ ‘ was identified as a moral threat to survival of freedom in the US by the House of Representatives, the U.S congressional representative Joe Walsh from Illinois said that there were ‘ ‘radical ‘ ‘ Muslims in American neighborhoods that tried to kill Americans every week. (Harverd.Edu).⁶⁰

In a meeting in 2011, The United Nations Alliance of civilizations, in addition to the League of Arab States, identified Islamophobia as a significant area of concern, Gallup evolved a particular set of analysis, based on the size of public views of majority and minority of groups in numerous countries, in order to direct policymakers in their effects to treat this global issue ‘‘Islamophobia’’. Gallup gathered plenty of data public opinion about different aspects of respect, treatment, and tolerance for Muslims all over the world (News. Gallup).⁶¹

II.6. Islam and Terrorism

The term ‘‘terrorism’’ was used at the end of the 18th century to refer primarily to acts of violence by the government aimed at ensuring human surrender. This concept was useful for state terrorists who had power but could not control a system of thought and expression. Therefore, the original meaning was retained, and the term ‘‘terrorism’’ was used primarily to mean ‘‘retail terrorism’’ among people or groups. Today’s terrorism had all people wrong, Israel’s bombs on Palestine are terrorists, Trump’s thoughts and principles as well as Kim Jung’s ,they do not take this into consideration, Islam is not terrorism, it is out of their perspectives.

⁶⁰ The Pluralism Project ,Harvard University. *Islam in America Post 9/11*. <https://pluralism.org/islam-in-america-post-911>

⁶¹ Gallup. *Islamophobia: Understanding Anti-Muslim Sentiment in the West*. <https://news.gallup.com/poll/157082/islamophobia-understanding-anti-muslim-sentiment-west.aspx>

People argued that Al Qaeda represented Islam's actual face, and that 9/11 marked the modern day round in a battle for global supremacy among competing civilizations. That was nonsense; it is too handy to brush aside Al Qaeda's worldview as a perversion of Islam. It represented a strand of Muslim notion; and mainstream Islam had shown itself at times to be without good enough defenses against al Qaeda theology.

“Islam is not the enemy. It is not synonymous with terror. Nor does Islam teach terror. America and its friends oppose a perversion of Islam, not the great world faith itself. Lives guided by religious faith, including literal beliefs in Holy Scriptures, are common to every religion, and represent no threat to us.” (The 9/11 Commission Report).⁶²

Killing 3000 Americans in the events of 9/11 is called terrorism, but killing of 200,000 Iraqis is called liberation, or it is the way how they saw it, they were looking for an excuse to occupy the Islamic world after tarnishing the image of religion and linking it to terrorism, as it is the US plan to attack countries hostile to its policy, they were following the idea of "whoever is not with the United States is against it" US has occupied Iraq and Afghanistan and the Gulf and seized their oil.

The towers cannot collapse as simple as that, as the engineers said, let them remember their bombarding on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and killing of many people. It is an international coalition that increased terrorism and violence in the world.

⁶² Official Government Edition. *The 9/11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorism Attacks Upon The United States*. P.363 .
<https://books.google.dz/books?id=UabGPLhbGckC&pg=PA363&lpg=PA363&dq=%E2%80%99#v=onepage&q&f=false>

II.7 Conclusion

Sir Isaac Newton's third Law of Motion:

"When one body exerts a force on a second body, the second body simultaneously exerts a force equal in magnitude and opposite in direction on the first body" This means the collapse of all WTC Buildings went against the accepted Laws of Physics. This is why engineers and others suspected the attacks ,this 9/11 conspiracy shook Americans' faith in their government, Yet later the attacks reflected in declaring war on terrorism, and accusing Iraq and Afghanistan for being terrorists in order to control military bases on the oil fields in the Arabian gulf , all of it paved the wave to Islamophobia to spread, therefore, many people hated Islam and Muslims, this was the plan from the very beginning because the US leaders were known by their paranoid style, i.e. to take over the world , so basically the attacks were a plan for the US's benefit.

Chapter Three

III.1. Introduction

The US government was behind the 9/11 attacks to fund the war on terror, which they used as a scapegoat because the US cannot exist without always being in a war conflict, the chaos of 9/11 and the conspiracy led the world to overlook how the US and maybe its ally benefited from the disaster. "Reality is a thin line between denial and paranoia." The author is unknown, but often quoted by the 9/11 truth movement. The Bush government denied the conspiracy and accused Osama Ben Laden just to go in war and to defame Islam by making lame excuses, simply because he was paranoid, or better to say megalomaniac, while he was killing and torturing innocent Iraqis, they were sympathizing with the 9/11 victims; even the president Donald Trump had an opinion about that, saying that it was a big mistake to invade Iraq.

III. 2. 9/11 Beneficiaries

According to a program that was broadcast on Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty by Christian Caryl on 8th September, 2011 titled '10 Winners and 10 Losers of 9/11'; There are some winners or beneficiaries that actually were lucky from 9/11; below mentioned are some of them:

III.2.1.The U.S. Military-Industrial Complex

Since 9/11, US national security has expanded after the Cold War. Over the past decade, Washington spent more than Seven trillion Dollars on Department of Defense, Intelligence Community, and war in Iraq and Afghanistan. (In the past decade, for like ten years only, the

U.S. intelligence budget doubled.) The creation of the Department of Homeland Security and the National Intelligence Commission were the largest reorganization of the federal government since World War II.

However, due to the expansion of the culture of official secrecy, many details were unclear. In a 'Top Secret America', the Washington Post announced that 854,000 people were currently under top security controls, and that since 9/11, 33 building complexes had been built for top-secret intelligence work in Washington and the surrounding area . 'Together they occupy the equivalent of almost three Pentagons or 22 U.S. Capitol buildings -- about 17 million square feet of space.'

III.2.2. Iran

During their battle to gain control of Afghanistan in the 1990s, the overwhelmingly Sunni Taliban massacred Afghan Shiites and killed 10 Iranian diplomats stationed in the north of the country. So Tehran was very happy to see the Americans abolishing the Taliban government in the fall of 2001. Iran's leaders were happier when the new President Hamid Karzai's government became clear to include leading members of the Northern Alliance (including many Persian-speaking Tajiks who had benefited from Iranian support within years of long resistance from the Taliban). In 2003, when American forces invaded Iraq and toppled Saddam Hussein, the Iranian government had a reason to rejoice again.

Hussein, the man who unleashed the eight-year Iran-Iraq war in 1981, was the Iran's worst enemy, and his Baathist government was replaced by leading members of the Shiite majority in Iraq. Many of them lived in Iran or enjoyed Iranian sponsorship for decades before the US invasion. All of this has greatly enhanced Iran's regional influence, even as it continued to develop its nuclear program.

III.2.3. Private Security Contractors

Until September 11, there were several private security companies that were not seen at all. But over the past decade, business had grown into billions of dollars of industry. This growth raised concerns about policies that allowed private companies to carry out many of the functions performed by the official armed forces. During the Iraq war, the name Blackwater Company became synonymous with irresponsibility and had to change the brand. Next year, the US Department of State was ready to double the number of private security companies operating workers in Iraq from 2,700 to 5,500. So 9/11 was also a blessing.

III.2.4. Vladimir Putin

Former KGB (former intelligence officer), president Vladimir Putin took over as president in the Chechen Republic of the Caucasus after the outbreak of Russia's second war against Islamic rebels. Before 9/11, many Western governments criticized Russia's attacks on separatists, including the indiscriminate use of bombs and artillery and the “disappearing” of numerous Chechen young people. Relations between some separatists and al Qaeda received less attention. But in the wake of the attacks in New York and Washington, only the latter point seemed important. The Kremlin and the White House agreed to exchange information and cooperate in Afghanistan, and US criticism of Russian human rights suddenly quieted dramatically. Other dictators of the Soviet Union, especially Central Asian neighbors of Afghanistan, also enjoyed the threat of terror in exchange for US assistance.

The need to maintain military support in Afghanistan too often complicated human rights issues.

III.2.5. Military Robotics

At the end of the last century, the US aerospace industry developed a remote-controlled drone that used modern communications and information technology to monitor goals that are difficult to reach from remote places. Then someone came up with the idea of installing a rocket on a drone. Ten years later, the military robot industry was ready to change the nature of war. The US Air Force was then training more drivers on "remote-controlled vehicles" than pilots. The success of an unmanned American war has blown up military robotics around the world, changing the nature of the war.

III.2.6. Turkey

Turkey had several problems with Muslims, but 10 years after 9/11 it was about to stable uphill recover. Recep Tayyip Erdogan of the moderate Islamic government that came to power in 2003 was undergoing a powerful period of economic growth and was used throughout the Middle East to strengthen progress as a nation that welcomed progress and emphasized the roots of Islam. Erdogan retained Turkey's membership in NATO, although Turkey rejected the United States on a number of issues (for example, the ban on access by US troops to invade Iraq in 2003). Turkey has also strengthened its relations with the European Union and Russia, simultaneously while strengthening relations with countries such as Iran and Syria. The damage after 9/ 11 in countries such as Pakistan and Saudi Arabia helped Turkey maintain links as a sign of Islamic thought around the world.

III.2.7. The Executive Branch

Congress passed two laws to continue the war against al-Qaeda in the White House for several weeks after September 11th. Firstly, permission for the Use of Military Force gave the president the right to use “all necessary and reasonable powers” against terrorists. Secondly, the USA Patriots Act provided the federal government with ample opportunity to protect its people from future attacks.

In the past decade, the Supreme Court and Congress have reduced most of the power accumulated by the leadership in the early stages of the “war on terrorism”, but not all. The Obama administration has stopped several full-time policies; including allowing torture during interrogation, but President Barack Obama has expanded part of the Patriotism Act. He insisted on a full interpretation of the privileges of state secrets and continued the CIA campaign against drones against Pakistan’s targets with minimal public responsibility. But do not wars always give the presidents more power?

III.2.8. Israel

Israel has benefited from one of its enemies, Saddam Hussein and his army, as weak and preoccupied. It is no coincidence that the defenders and newspaper analysts most defending the US invasion occurred to be strong advocates of the will of the Israeli right. The evidence clearly showed that some Israeli supporters were part of a culture of deception to take the US into war with Iraq - as they were working to bring them to war with Iran with a similar pattern of spurious intelligence. Likewise, the fact that any group in the Middle East has hostility to Israel is terrorist in nature to Americans. It was the fact that the Israeli lobby strongly propelled the war with Iraq.⁶³

⁶³ Global Research Captain America. *9/11: Who Really Benefite?*.24/07/2011. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/9-11-who-really-benefited/25762>

The Israeli goal was to restore support for the unpopular policies that Sharon had agreed to in Israel and to provide a basis for a mass invasion of occupied Palestine. By making Americans feel the "pain" of terrorism, they can easily recognize Israel and voluntarily support the implementation of measures against Palestinian "terrorists".⁶⁴

As a result of the "terrorism" experienced by the Americans, laws were passed to make the enemies of Israel the enemies of America. Hezbollah, Hamas, and other Palestinian freedom fighters were portrayed as terrorists and enemies of America and the world. Although they had nothing to do with the 9/11 attacks, their funding was frozen. Everyone associated with them was treated as a criminal in any part of the world and arrested. Islamic charitable societies that helped victims of the Zionist aggression were closed, and many innocent Muslims were sentenced to long prison terms for donating money to these charities. As a result of the Israeli aggression, any Muslim who dared to fight was immediately described as a terrorist.⁶⁵

"We are benefiting from one thing, and that is the attack on the Twin Towers and Pentagon, and the American struggle in Iraq, that has swung American public opinion in our favor". Israeli Minister of Crime Benjamin Netanyahu.⁶⁶

III.3. The US Strategy Post 9 /11

As soon as G.W.Bush started chasing Osama bin Laden, he visited the Washington Islamic Center and asked the public to see Arabs and Muslims living in the United States as American patriots. President Bush signed and Congress passed the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and formed the United States Department of Homeland Security, the largest US government restructuring in modern history which was responsible for preventing terror attacks, border security, immigrations and customs and disaster relief and prevention. Congress passed the

⁶⁴ Ansar. *9/11 :Who Benefits?* . Rence.com, 09/12/2005. <https://rense.com/general67/benefits.htm>

⁶⁵ Ansar. *9/11 :Who Benefits?* . Rence.com, 09/12/2005. <https://rense.com/general67/benefits.htm>

⁶⁶ Hounshell,Blake. *Quotable: Netanyahu Says Israel Benefitted From 9/11*. 16/04/2008. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2008/04/16/quotable-netanyahu-says-israel-benefitted-from-911/>

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American Patriots Act and would help identify and prosecute terrorism and other crimes. PATRIOT act was accused for violating the privacy of citizens and abolishing judicial control over law enforcement agencies and the collection of local news. The Bush administration also summoned 9/11, as an excuse for the NSA to "conduct a covert eavesdropping operation between the US and foreigners without warrants."⁶⁷

On June 6, 2002, Attorney General Ashcroft proposed regulations that would create a special registration program that requires males between the ages of 16 and 64 who were citizens of certain foreign countries residing in the US to register with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), verify identity Interview, photography and fingerprint. It is called the National Security Entry_ Exit Registration System (NSEERS), and it consisted of two programs, tracking arrival and departure on the one hand, and voluntary registrations of those already in the US, known as the "Call-in" program. The Ministry of Justice acted under the authority of the Immigration and Nationality Act 1952, which authorized the registration system but was allowed to drop in the 1980s due to budget concerns. Ashcroft identified the persons required for registration as "individuals with high national security concerns who have resided in the country for more than 30 days".⁶⁸

Treatment of arrivals began as part of their customs examination in October 2002. It focused first on arrivals from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria. It dealt with 127,694 people before phasing out comprehensive checks.⁶⁹

⁶⁷ Wikipedia. *U.S. Government Response to the September 11 Attacks*. (Ed.05/06/2020)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._government_response_to_the_September_11_attacks#:~:text=After%20the%20September%2011%2C%202001,military%20action%20and%20restoration%20projects.

⁶⁸ Wikipedia. *U.S. Government Response to the September 11 Attacks*. (Ed.05/06/2020)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._government_response_to_the_September_11_attacks#:~:text=After%20the%20September%2011%2C%202001,military%20action%20and%20restoration%20projects.

⁶⁹ Wikipedia. *U.S. Government Response to the September 11 Attacks*. (Ed.05/06/2020)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._government_response_to_the_September_11_attacks#:~:text=After%20the%20September%2011%2C%202001,military%20action%20and%20restoration%20projects.

The 'call-in' began in December. It was initially applied to nationals of five countries, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Sudan, who were required to register by December 16, 2002. On November 6, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) set a deadline of January 10th from 13 other countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Eritrea, Lebanon, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Qatar, Somalia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. On December 16, it set a deadline of February 21 for those from Armenia, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. It later included countries from Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Indonesia, and Bangladesh. It eventually included citizens of 23 Muslim-majority countries, in addition to Eritrea, which had a large Muslim population, and North Korea. Failure to register with the INS office resulted in deportation. Those who were found in violation of their visa were allowed on bail while they were processing the deportation. Since nationality and Islamic affiliation were close to each other, the program extended to include non-Muslims such as Iranian Jews. The program was gradually phased out in May 2003.⁷⁰

The program received a mixed response. Some government officials announced the success of the program. In the context of joint programs, registration upon entry, and population registration, they said that they had arrested 11 terrorist suspects, found more than 800 criminal suspects or convicts deportable, and identified more than 9,000 illegal aliens. "I regard this as a great success. 9/11 awakened the country to the fact that weak immigration enforcement presents a huge vulnerability that terrorists can exploit" said DOJ general counsel Kris Kopash.⁷¹

DOJ officials said that less than 5% of those who came to the INS offices to register were detained. James W. Ziegler, the former head of the INS who left the agency in early 2002, partly because of his differing views on the program with Ashcroft, said that his objections to

⁷⁰ Wikipedia. *U.S. Government Response to the September 11 Attacks*. (Ed.05/06/2020)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._government_response_to_the_September_11_attacks#:~:text=After%20the%20September%2011%2C%202001,military%20action%20and%20restoration%20projects.

⁷¹ Wikipedia. *U.S. Government Response to the September 11 Attacks*. (Ed.05/06/2020)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._government_response_to_the_September_11_attacks#:~:text=After%20the%20September%2011%2C%202001,military%20action%20and%20restoration%20projects.

him had proven to be true; Although Homeland Security officials said that six men allegedly linked to terrorism were arrested as a result of the program, 9/11 Commission objected to this claim, and did not find sufficient evidence to support this claim.⁷²

III.4. Paranoid Style

“fear of non-existent conspiracies has flourished down through the ages, and has sometimes had significant impact, causing coups and revolutions, bringing leaders including Lenin, Perón, Napoleon and Saddam Hussein into power, and driving Trujillo, the Gang of Four and James II of England from power”.⁷³

America has played a very bad role in its relations with third world countries, especially with the Middle East, as it considered it mostly as important energy markets dealing with market democracy. It supported the regimes there and overthrew them after a while, then armed the opposition until it became an established system in a political game in which, people were the biggest loser. In his latest book, "Power Systems", "Noam Chomsky" considered that the American hegemony system was a type of paranoia and superiority, which was gradually eroding, because the centers of power have become multiple and independent. Therefore, attempts to re-establish control over the Middle East, for example, through the recent war on Iraq, were unsuccessful, especially after the rise of the democratic spring uprisings and the emergence of emerging liberal democracies. Therefore, the political elite described the events as another loss of American control in the region.⁷⁴

⁷² Wikipedia. *U.S. Government Response to the September 11 Attacks*. (Ed.05/06/2020)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._government_response_to_the_September_11_attacks#:~:text=After%20the%20September%2011%2C%202001,military%20action%20and%20restoration%20projects.

⁷³ Wikipedia. *Conspiracy: How the Paranoid Style Flourishes and Where It Comes From*. (Ed 18/03/2020).
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conspiracy:_How_the_Paranoid_Style_Flourishes_and_Where_It_Comes_From

⁷⁴ Ait Kharouch, Mustafa. *The War on America ... When Will it End?* (02/09/2013)
<https://www.mominoun.com/articles>

The US regarded the world as individual property, and any loss of this property was a disaster that called for a review of the external strategies of the law of domination. The excessive use of force by America outside the laws of the United Nations, and unilaterally, prompted other emerging international centers to operate in strict secrecy, in order to possess the power of arms, because the logic of domination imposed that. It is a crazy race to ruin, led by the super-rich owners, war geeks, and looters of peoples' rights.⁷⁵

This was precisely what gave international terrorism the conditions for existence. The international community and international relations were required to break with the military approach, and to adopt the option of world peace as a democratic system and as an alternative to the excessive use of force in resolving political and international issues. Global civil society would have a major role in achieving this. It was the fifth powerful power that can resist the to spread the greed of political leaders, theorists of hegemony plans, and the publishers of deadly wars, in order values of peace, liberties, and democracy that would enable people to live in peace.⁷⁶

When the president of the United States behaves in ways that redouble the population's fears, his behavior is a psychological issue. When the White House uses advertising specialists to instill in our minds terrifying visual images of mushroom clouds above American cities, American psychologists should be concerned.(Martha)

The quote above by Martha Stout(2007) alluded to George Bush's megalomania; His real crisis began first with his father, who was unable to overcome his shadow, and his constant influence on him, he tried to build an identity independent from his father, but in vain, so he suffered from depression, alcoholism, and cocaine abuse in that period of his life, he was arrested during the addiction phase, so he grew up a dependent person on his father in the

⁷⁵ Ait Kharouch, Mustafa .*The War on America ... When Will it End?* (02/09/2013)
<https://www.mominoun.com/articles>

⁷⁶ Ait Kharouch, Mustafa .*The War on America ... When Will it End?* (02/09/2013)
<https://www.mominoun.com/articles/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AD%D8%B1%D8%A8-%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%89-%D8%A3%D9%85%D8%B1%D9%8A%D9%83%D8%A7-%D9%85%D8%AA%D9%89-%D8%AA%D9%86%D8%AA%D9%87%D9%8A-921>

smallest details and unable to make decisions, during the events of 9/11 he kept escaping, moving from one plane to another and from a hideout to another until his mother reprimanded him and asked him to be a man and face the crisis and try to appear to reassure the trembling people, but in fact he was a trembling young son, more than anyone else.(GololyCelebraty News 2013)⁷⁷

III.5. Iraqis Point of View

In the memory of the events of 9/11 people believed that terrorism has grown in a very disturbing way after 12 years of these attacks, which may have been the beginning of the wave of global terrorism. Iraqi citizens remembered the scene of the year, the fire, the smoke and ashes on TV screens in that period . At the same time, they criticized the USA, which have failed to eliminate terrorism. A citizen Mahmoud Al-Matlabi asserted that the accident was horrific due to the number of American citizens who were killed, but he believed that the terrorism after the events of 9/11 spread widely and moved to Iraq, Egypt, the Gulf States and the Maghreb. While Abbas Khalil believed that America invested the events of 9/11 to interfere in Middle East affairs.⁷⁸

Iraqi MP Nabil Muhammad Jameel believed that the US fight against terrorism depended on the extent of its interests being harmed; In countries where terrorism is active, the United States disassociated themselves from interference because it does not affect their interests, while they interfered in other countries and found excuses for this intervention, indicating that this matter has increased hatred against the US, as he stated it . The professor of political science at the University of Baghdad, Dr. Hamid Fadel indicated that the war against terrorism declared by the United States did not eliminate terrorism, but on the contrary, terrorism has been active and caused the creation of generations carrying hatred for America.

⁷⁷ Gololy Celebrity News. *Did These Mental Illnesses Lead to Changing the History of the World? .. What is the Truth About Saddam Hussein's Oedipus complex?* (Cairo. 12/01/2013) <https://www.gololy.com/>

⁷⁸Ahmed, Leila. *Iraqis Sympathized With the Victims of 9/11.*(IraqqHurr Radio: 11/09/2013) <https://www.iraqhurr.org/a/25103008.html>

He also indicated that the US could not sort out the real terrorism that does not know a religion, nationality or a country, even if it was supported by certain countries, stressing that the war against terrorism did not bring peace to the Arab region, but it may have achieved a kind of reassurance among the American people.⁷⁹

III.6. Barak Obama's View on the Invasion of Iraq

Barack Obama put an end to the war, which he once described as «dumb " by declaring the war in Iraq a success and saying that the last American forces will leave in the coming days with "their heads held high." The president told soldiers at Fort Bragg that the final withdrawal from Iraq after nearly nine years of war was a "historic" moment, and that the country they left behind was an "extraordinary achievement". He said they knew that day would come but there was still something profound about the end of a war that has gone on for so long. Ending a war is more difficult than starting one. All that the US forces have done in Iraq - all the fighting, all the death, the bleeding, the building, the training and the partnership, all of this has reached that moment of success. Obama avoided declaring victory or the hubris of his predecessor, George Bush, who walked under a banner proclaiming "Mission accomplished " just as when the worst killings in Iraq were about to begin, but the president said the US left Iraq better than it found it. Barack Obama continued saying that Iraq was not a perfect place, it had many challenges ahead. But they were leaving behind a sovereign, stable, and self-reliant Iraq with a representative government that was elected by its people. They were building a new partnership between their nations and ending the war not with a final battle, but with a final march towards home. The overwhelming American public support for the 2003 invasion, in part driven by the Bush administration's misleading attempts to link Iraq to the 9/11 al-Qaeda attacks as well as its flawed claims about weapons of mass destruction, faded as the costs in American lives and dollars rose.⁸⁰

⁷⁹ Ahmed, Leila. *Iraqis Sympathized With the Victims of 9/11*.(IraqHurr Radio: 11/09/2013)
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⁸⁰ McGreal,Chris. *Barack Obama dDeclares Iraq War a Success*.(The Guardian:14/12/2011).
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III.7. Donald Trump's View on the Invasion of Iraq

The US current President Donald Trump said in a televised interview with an American channel that what might sound staggering for many, when the broadcaster asked him whether the world would be better if Saddam Hussein, Muammar Gaddafi, and Bashar al-Assad remained in power, he replied immediately: "I did not talk about Bashar Assad, but I speak Certainly about the authority of Muammar Gaddafi and Saddam Hussein, if they were now in power in Libya and Iraq, the world would be in a hundred percent better position. See how the situation in Iraq and Libya became after their departure. It turned into a disaster. There were absolutely no terrorists in Iraq. When the terrorists were appearing, Saddam Hussein was killing them immediately. Now, Iraq has turned into a hotbed of terrorism in the world, it has become a hotbed of terrorism and tomorrow too to train terrorists. I do not say that Saddam was a great person, but rather he was terrifying, yet the situation in his time was much better in Iraq than it is now." (YouTube 2018)⁸¹

In an interview ,he also described that the decision of invading Iraq was the worst decision that the United States has had, and it should not have happened. (SharqiaTube 2017)⁸²

III.8. Conclusion

The events of September 2001 revealed the security and political paradoxes in America, and the war on Iraq revealed the inability to use military force without the right to achieve the desired victory. Despite the fact that many of US fellows benefited from the 9/11 attacks (because it was planned for that reason, in the US favour first) President George W. Bush's mistakes have been exposed and he has been unable to tackle even small matters, and he has

⁸¹ YouTube. *Trump Mournes on Saddam Hussein and Muammar Gaddafi! He Wishes He Stayed in Power.* (31/12/2018) . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0LgJyYAMrc>

⁸² SharqiaTube. *Trump Describes the Decision of Invading Iraq as the Worst Decision in American History.*(Youtube , 17/012017). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0_8PyIgQQ8

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fallen into difficult situations and implicated the United States in futile battles. With each passing year, the case for conspiracy has only become stronger. Since 2001, a wealth of new evidence accumulates on the issues, and the neverending story still goes on.

General Conclusion

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‘History is not what we thought, it is what we remember’ W.C.Sellar and R.J.Yeatman. The 9/11 attacks are still memorable, yet people still suspect the truth, we have been taught that it was a terrorist attack, it all happened in one horrific moment, that day, 11th September 2001, Middle Eastern national hijacked four flights over the U.S, two of them were flown into the World Trade Centre in New York City destroying the twin tower, the third plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington DC, the fourth crash-landed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, a weird incident happened suddenly, it was not really clear how it occurred, therefore, many conspiracies emerged, questioning and doubting that it was planned by the U.S as a pretext to declare a war on Iraq and Afghanistan , and to defame Islam.

This research was an attempt to discover the truth about 9/11 Attacks with the reasons behind them, and the consequences after them, in addition, it analysed the overwhelming development of the Conspiracy Theory throughout the world, it also focused on the 9/11 beneficiaries, and aims at making this conspiracy worth studying because, after all, it was not a myth. According to the 19th century German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer, the truth passes through three stages: First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as self-evident. Thus, it was believed that the 9/11 incident was a controlled demolition in order to invade Iraq and Afghanistan, and to eliminate the Taliban, that is why Conspiracy Theory began. Yet, the 9/11 Attacks are still questionable and the only clear thing is that the US has benefited beside of other countries.

This dissertation was divided into three chapters; First chapter narrated the story of the horrific incident, then how Conspiracy Theory was identified and its relation with politics. It also discussed the point of view of the American philosopher Noam Chomsky.

The second chapter reviewed the literatures, and distinguished between the Deniers and the Truthers of the conspiracy theory, moreover, it tackled the Commission Report and the impact of 9/11 which caused a war on terrorism, a war on Iraq, a war on Afghanistan, the rise of Islamophobia, and a weak economy.

General Conclusion

Whereas the third and the final chapter was about the beneficiaries of 9/11 and US strategy to identify terrorists, it also included the paranoid style in US and George Bush's megalomania, in addition to Iraqis opinion about 9/11, and Barack Obama's and Donald Trump's views on the invasion of Iraq

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