

1 ☐ **9/11 And It's Impact On Muslims**

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3 ☐ **1492**

- 1492 — Granada, ruled by Muslims, fell to the Christian forces of King Ferdinand V and Queen Isabella I
- Europeans began discovering America, Africa, Asia, China (some Muslims and Chinese may have arrived in Americas before Columbus)
- Throughout history tribes and nations had fought to control resources and markets — soon Great Britain ruled the world
- 1776 — US gained its independence
- Millions died in the quest for resources and markets

4 ☐ **The Human Cost**

- Africa (slave trade): 10 to 20 million deported, 10X killed
- Americas: 54 million ("consensus count")
- Congo (1891-1911): 10 million
- World Wars 1 and 2: 100 million
- Russian, Chinese revolutions: 50 to 100 million
- Nazi Final Solution: 10 million
- British policies in Bengal: 10 million (1770), 4 million (WW2) — according to Gideon Polya, word "Holocaust" first applied
- Wars since 1945: 30 million
- Congo (US/UK backed Uganda invasion): 6.5 million
- US sanctions and invasion of Iraq: 2 million
- Darfur: 400,000 — 90% 5 years ago, 130–150 monthly

5 ☐ **Smedley Butler**

- Recipient two Congressional Medals of Honor
- "War is just a racket. . . . It is conducted for the benefit of the very few at the expense of the masses."
- "I helped make Mexico, especially Tampico, safe for American oil interests in 1914."
- "I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in."
- "I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefits of Wall Street."
- "I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-1912"

6 ☐ **Collapse Of USSR**

- 1985 — Soviet Union begins to collapse
- 1989 — Lawrence Korb, Reagan's Asst Sec Defense, testifies "US defense spending could safely be cut in half over 5 years"
- 1991 — Soviet Union ceases to exist
- Russian military spending declines
- Suddenly the US has no major enemies to justify its military spending

7 ☐ **US Strategy**

- “We have about 50% of the world’s wealth, but only 6.3% of its population. . . . Our real task in the coming period is to devise a pattern of relationships which will permit us to maintain this position of disparity . . . We should cease to talk about vague and . . . unreal objectives such as human rights, the raising of living standards, and democratization.”
- The US was now free to implement the strategy outlined in 1945 by George Kennan
- The Military Industrial Complex needed to reverse the decline in military spending

8 **Military Spending**

9 **Protecting Military Spending**

- The Military Industrial Complex responds
- New enemy: Islamic fundamentalism, rogue states and nuclear outlaws, axis of evil, Al Qaeda, etc
- Can’t tell Americans the truth — need military for the resource wars
- “The Green Peril: Creating the Islamic Fundamentalist Threat,” Leon T Hadar

10 **Eurasia Targeted**

- “A power that dominates Eurasia would control two of the world’s three most advanced and economically productive regions. . . . control over Eurasia would almost automatically entail Africa’s subordination” — Zbigniew Brzezinski (1977)
- 75 % of world population in Eurasia
- Eurasia accounts for 60% world GDP
- Eurasia has about 75% world’s energy
- US, Russia, China competing for control

11 **The New Pearl Harbor**

- “Preserving the desirable strategic situation in which the United States finds itself requires a globally preeminent military capability . . . Further, the process of transformation . . . Is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and cataclysmic event — like a new Pearl Harbor. — Project for the New American Century, September 2000
- 2001 Afghan war planned before 9/11

12 **“9/11 Unveiled” — Video**

- Complements “9/11 Unveiled” — [book](#)
- “Where’s the plane?”
- Video (45 minutes)
 - OBL, hijackers
 - WTC 1 & 2
 - WTC 7
 - Flight 93
 - Pentagon

13 **9/11’s Impact On Muslims**

- The legal basis:
 - The pre-9/11 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA)
 - The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA Patriot)
 - Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003
- Brief review of specific cases against Muslims post-9/11

14 **Muhammad Salah**

- Early 1990s, US citizen, tortured in Israel, pleaded guilty to giving money to families of deported Hamas leaders
- US State Dept was arguing in Congress one could not assume persons associated with Hamas were terrorists (Hamas is now the elected government in Gaza)
- Mohammad Salah served 5 years in Israeli jail
- In 1995, Clinton admin, without notice, hearing, trial, or appeal, listed Salah a "specially designated terrorist"
- Under IEEPA it is a crime for anyone in US to have any economic transaction with Salah
- 1999 — US moved to seize Salah's home, assets of QLI

15 **USA Patriot Act**

- Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001
- Signed October 26, 2001
- Permitted indefinite detention of immigrants
- Permitted searches of homes and offices without owner's permission or knowledge
- Permitted searches of email, phone, financial records without court order
- Courts ruled some provisions unconstitutional

16 **Muslims Imprisoned**

- 80,000 detained in facilities from Cuba to Afghanistan
- 14,500 in US custody
- 5,000 foreign nationals detained in US
- Not one charged with terrorism — IG report
- 8,000 Muslims interviewed by FBI
- 80,000 called for special registration

17 **Patriot Act II**

- Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003
- Permitted spying on domestic groups
- Allowed FBI to conduct search and surveillance without court order
- Prohibited disclosure of names of alleged terrorists who were arrested and imprisoned
- Reversed burden of proof provision for denying bail — government not required to show why person should be held, detainee required to show why not
- Allows Attorney General to deport foreign nationals for innocent association with groups he doesn't like

18 **Patriot Act II (continued)**

- Criminalized free speech — crime to provide expert advice to any group designated terrorist (even to tell them an act is unlawful)
- Allowed indefinite detention of anyone designated an "enemy combatant" by the President
- Allowed freezing of assets of any entity without showing it violated any law
- Allowed government to defend their action in court using secret evidence not shown to other side
- Led to closing of more than half-dozen Muslim charities
- Remarkably, about 370 town and municipalities passed resolutions against the original Patriot Act

19 **Northern Virginia Targeted**

- In March 2002, several Northern Virginia Muslims and organizations were targeted
 - Graduate School of Islamic Thought and Social Sciences (GSITSS)
 - International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)
- Federal agents seized confidential files, computer hard drives, books, etc., essentially shutting them down
- Swat team barged into home of Dr Unus — didn't identify themselves — terrorized his wife and young daughter
- Search warrant contained "fabricated material"
- Affidavit drafted by "terrorist hunter" who was paid \$272,000 for her advice

20 ☐ **Holy Land Foundation**

- Once the largest Muslim charity closed
- Five founders sentenced 65 years
- Not accused of violence
- Accused of supporting Palestinian charities
- USAID continued to fund these same charities after HLF was closed
- Had chilling effect on charitable donations to all Muslim charities

21 ☐ **Syed Fahad Hashmi**

- BS Brooklyn College, MS London
- Arrested 2006, extradited to US
- Charged with supporting Al Qaeda
- In 2004, Junaid Babar, US citizen, stayed with Hashmi for two weeks in London
- Babar had poncho and socks for Al Qaeda
- Used Hashmi's cell phone
- Testified against Hashmi, sentence reduced
- Hashmi held in solitary since May 2007

22 ☐ **Fort Dix Six (Five)**

- Five Muslims (ages 23 to 28) charged with conspiring to attack Fort Dix
- Case built by two informants with criminal records
- Informant encourages Muslims to purchase two guns so they don't have to wait at shooting range
- Paintball in Poconos termed training exercise
- Vacation video (informant kept calling it training) brought to Circuit City for transfer to DVD
- CC hears Arabic, jihad, calls police, they open case file
- Informant makes thousands of hours of videotape — jury shown snippets to make government's case

23 ☐ **Dr Sami Al-Arian**

- University of South Florida professor arrested 2003
- Writing, speeches “material support to terrorists”
- 2006 — Florida jury, \$50 million trial, acquitted on 8 counts, deadlocked (10 to 2) on 9 counts
- Al-Arian plead guilty to least serious charge, for time served and exemption from future testimony
- Judge sentenced him to maximum
- Asked to be witness against Muslim charity
- Refused, sentenced for contempt until 2008
- Still in prison, over \$1 million trial costs

24 ☐ **Maher Arar**

- Flying from Zurich to home in Montreal, Canada
- Arrested while in transit through JFK
- Refused lawyer because he's not American
- Beaten, taken to Syria placed in 3x6 cell
- More beatings, interrogation
- Released to the Canadian Consul
- RCMP had sent false info to Americans
- Cleared of terrorism charges in Canada
- Canada awarded him \$9 million

25 ☐ **Khaled El-Masri**

- 1985 — Moved to Germany from Lebanon to escape war
- 2003 — Detained in Macedonia and Afghanistan by CIA, tortured, sodomized, etc
- Released on a desolate road in Albania

- Albanians thought he was a terrorist
- Eventually made it to wife's family in Lebanon
- Wife thought he had abandoned her
- ACLU lawsuit against CIA dismissed for fear of exposing government secrets
- El-Masri confused with al-Masri — al Qaeda member
- Arresting CIA officer not disciplined

26 **Sears Tower Plot**

- Narseal Baptiste and others practiced mix of Christianity, Islam, animism
- Keeping peace, no money, no weapons
- Government informant, posing as Al Qaeda operative, gave them cell phone, video cameras for surveillance, suggested Miami FBI office as target
- Baptiste's attorney says he faked interest to con government informant out of \$50,000

27 **Paintball Players**

- 2003 — Eleven Muslims accused of training for holy war by playing paintball arrested in Virginia
- Accused of being tied to a Pakistani group trying to drive India out of Kashmir
- Seven who refused to plead guilty, charged with additional offenses
- One sentenced for life, one for 85 years, one for 8 years
- U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema, called the lengthy sentences “appalling” and “draconian” but said she had no choice under federal law

28 **Conclusion**

- 9/11 was an inside job — “mastermind” water boarded 183 times (on trial now)
- Muslims still being demonized, imprisoned
- Obama has escalated Af-Pak wars
- The US Constitution has been compromised
- “History shows that what we do to foreign nationals in the name of national security, almost always gets extended to US citizens” — Prof. David Cole