

Critical Thinking about 9/11

There are many conspiracy theories that attribute the September 11 attacks against the United States to planning and execution. There are conspiracy theories claiming that high-level government officials had advanced knowledge of the attacks. Although government investigations and independent reviews have rejected these theories, the evidence and many surprising discoveries made the public doubt the conventional narrative about the 9/11 attack.

The most prominent conspiracy theory out of all is that the collapse of the Twin Towers and 7 World Trade Center was the result of a controlled demolition rather than structural failure caused by the impact of the planes and fire. Within six hours of the attack, a suggestion appeared in a chat room suggesting that the collapse of the towers looked like an act of controlled demolition. Later, experts claimed it is physically impossible for the Boeing planes to penetrate the steel frames of the Towers. The only explanation for the video footage is that the planes were actually missiles surrounded by holograms giving people the illusion that there are planes.

There was also evidence that insiders anticipated the disaster. Just before the event, a large number of put options were placed on United Airlines and American Airlines stocks, the two airlines from which planes were hijacked on 9/11. Between September 6th, 7th and 10th, the Chicago Board Options Exchange recorded over 10,000 put options purchased in the two airlines. No other companies had unusual put to call ratios in those days, even months leading up to the attack. Shockingly, the 9/11 Commission concluded that all these abnormal patterns in trading were coincidental, but this "coincidence" seems too coincidental to be true. More discoveries were found by journalists and the general public that contradict the anti-conspiracy theorist's statements. These discoveries include the fact that 1) the NORAD issued a stand-down order or deliberately scrambled fighters late to allow the hijacked airplanes to reach their targets without interference, and 2) just two months before the attack, the World Trade Center's owner, Larry Silverstein, took out an insurance plan that covered terrorism.

All this evidence proves that the 9/11 attack is not a simple terrorist act, but possibly a false flag. Conspiracy theorists often point to Operation Northwoods as a model of the 9/11 attack, theorizing that the attacks were carried out by the U.S. government as a false flag operation and then blamed it on terrorists and extremists. Operation Northwoods was rejected by J.F. Kennedy, but the details of the two attacks were similar. Operation Northwoods was intended to involve 1) the hijacking of American military boats and planes and the sinking of boats of Cuban refugees and immigrants and 2) the blaming of these crimes on the Cuban government in order to justify a war against Cuba.

Even though all the pieces of evidence were neither approved by official sources nor by the government, nobody is foolish enough to admit that they committed a brutal crime that killed thousands and impacted millions of lives. The government is known for hiding truths from the public, thus it will not be surprising if the 9/11 attack is an operation similar to Operation Northwoods, an excuse to start a war with Islamic extremists.