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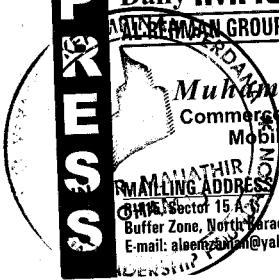


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INTRODUCTION

The events of 11 September 2001 were followed live by hundreds of millions of people riveted to their television screens that day. All of those watching, including television commentators, were badly shaken, stunned by the scale of the attack and shocked by its gratuitous violence. The initial lack of information as to the response of the American authorities as well as the spectacular violence of the images led the TV networks to broadcast over and over again shots of the suicide planes colliding into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and the subsequent building collapses. The constraints of live broadcasting combined with the element of surprise limited reporting to the description of the bare facts as they became known and did not allow any general understanding of the situation.

During the three days which followed the attacks, a considerable amount of supplementary information as to some of the more obscure aspects of these events was released to the press by government officials. But it tended to be drowned out in the uninterrupted flood of news concerning the victims and rescue operations. Other items appeared sporadically in the course of later months, in an anecdotal fashion without any attempt to place them within a general context.

Several thousand people lost their lives on September 11 and a war was waged in Afghanistan to avenge them. Yet the events themselves remain mysterious. The accounts available are filled with oddities, uncertainties and contradictions. Despite the unease these anomalies provoke, public opinion has contented itself with the official version, accepting that national security imperatives prevent United States authorities from revealing the full story.

But this official version does not stand up to critical analysis. We will demonstrate that it is nothing more than a cover-up. In some instances, the elements that we have gathered allow the truth to be restored. In others, our questions remain for the moment unanswered, but this is no reason to go on believing the lies put forward by officials. In any case, the investigation that we have carried out is already sufficient to undermine the legitimacy of America's riposte in Afghanistan and its "*war on the Evil Axis*".

We are not asking you to consider our work as the definitive truth. On the contrary, we welcome your skepticism. Don't trust anything except your own critical mind. In order to let you verify our imputations and then make up your own minds, we have enriched the text with numerous footnotes indicating our principal sources.

In this period when the United States is busy sorting out Good from Evil, we strive to remind people that freedom is not belief in a simplistic vision of the world, but entails understanding, attempting to widen the options available and distinguishing multiple nuances.