

For Further Reading

Attention Deficit Democracy, James Bovard, 2007; *Beyond the Green Zone*, Dahr Jamail, 2007; *Blowback*, Chalmers Johnson, 2002; *The Bush Betrayal*, James Bovard, 2005; *Dying to Win*, Robert Pape, 2005; *Liberty, Security, and the War on Terrorism*, edited by Richard Ebeling and Jacob Hornberger, 2003; *Opposing the Crusader State*, edited by Carl Close and Robert Higgs, 2007.

Web Sites

Antiwar.com – Your best source for antiwar news.

FreedomainRadio.com – World's largest philosophical conversation.

FFF.org – Future of Freedom Foundation (freedom and free markets).

Independent.org – The Independent Institute (ideas for public policy).

LewRockwell.com – Anti-state, anti-war, pro-market.

Strike-the-Root.com – Not hacking the branches of evil, but striking the root.

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We support only voluntary relationships.

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<http://www.meetup.com/Complete-Liberty/>

The most dangerous faith-based religion to be cooked up by mankind is "trust in government." It is also the most absurd. After all, it is easily exposed for what it is – a criminal enterprise based on parasitism.

Does U.S. Foreign Policy Protect Us? Or Did It Cause 9/11?

Hint: When government employees systematically bully, starve, and murder people around the world, do you really think the victims won't fight back?



Sept. 11: Government Blowback Day

But the United States is a peaceful democracy!

Think back to the morning of September 11, 2001. Were you surprised by the sight of the burning World Trade Center towers? I don't mean horrified. I mean *surprised*. If so, you were either:

1. Poorly served by your news sources
2. Not paying attention to what the U.S. government had been doing to distant people *in your name* since the end of World War II
3. Blind to the sadness and outrage caused by U.S. foreign policy
4. Or deceived by your faith in the U.S. military and its ability to protect civilians from the inevitable blowback from its brutal actions abroad

U.S. foreign policy is based on bribes, rigged elections, torture, assassination, kidnapping, subsidies and arms shipments to dictators, and punishing helpless people for the behavior of dictators who oppress them but pose no threat to Americans. And that does not count the destruction and death inflicted by the U.S. government in the following places on people who never threatened us:

- Korea – 1,000,000 civilians
- Vietnam – 3,000,000 civilians
- Iraq Sanctions (1990-1996) – 567,000 children (Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said it was “worth it” on the show *60 Minutes* in May 1996)
- Iraq War (2003, Iraqi Freedom) – 600,000 to 1,000,000 civilians
- Afghanistan (Enduring Freedom) – 50,000 civilians

The soldiers are fighting for the freedom of those people!

Unless you play a game of human calculus in which some lives are worth more than others, you cannot justify the murder of some people in the name of freeing others. If you do, what separates you from Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, or Adolf Hitler other than the number of victims? Those tyrants also claimed to benefit some at a cost paid by others. Even the names *Operation Iraqi Freedom* and *Enduring Freedom* are sick jokes – unless the corpses are now free from the cares of this world. Should that make us proud to be Americans?

Are the lives of other people mere playthings?

How could you be *surprised* on September 11, 2001? More to the point, the U.S. government already had been warned. Ramzi Yousef, for example, helped to plan and execute the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993. Yousef explained that the bombing was payback for U.S. meddling on behalf of Israel and U.S. interference

throughout the Middle East. He also warned that the 1993 bombing was merely the first if U.S. policy did not change.

The U.S. government trained Osama bin Laden.

Beginning in 1979 and for 10 years afterward, the U.S.S.R. waged war in Afghanistan. Like a junkie addicted to crack, the U.S. government could not resist the urge to become involved. Consequently, the CIA trained Afghans to fight the Soviets – working in tandem with Osama bin Laden. When the war ended, he turned his wrath on the other bully in the region – the United States.

Osama bin Laden conducted the 2001 attack for three reasons: (1) the death of 500,000 Iraqi babies due to U.S.-backed sanctions, (2) U.S. support for the apartheid state of Israel against native Palestinians, and (3) the presence of U.S. military forces in Islamic holy places. He did not, however, focus his attack on the presidents and members of Congress who were responsible for interfering in the Middle East. Instead, he acted just like the U.S. government. He attacked innocent civilians. Perhaps he thought that Americans should not have elected rulers who were so violent toward people in faraway places. But Osama also attacked people who did not participate in the democratic process of voting for dictators and war mongers.

Osama bin Laden's motive was not religious. As Professor Robert Pape explained in *Dying to Win*, 95% of suicide bombings are a political response to foreign occupation.

The government cannot protect you and will not change.

If the U.S. government did not have 700 bases in 120 countries, 3,000 Americans would still be alive, and we would be much wealthier and infinitely safer. Apparently, those who call themselves “the government” believe that the 3,000 deaths on 9/11 were “worth it” because they continue to misbehave as before. More Americans need to become aware that government officials are cynically using the image of the 9/11 victims to divert blame from themselves and their cruel foreign policy. Even worse, they have used these victims as an excuse to kill people in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Pakistan. They also are lying about Iran's nuclear capability – just as they lied about Saddam and the “mushroom cloud.” They have trampled our freedoms, spied on us, bankrupted the country with socialist military adventures, played on our fears, and continue to provoke anger worldwide. They have hijacked the meaning of 9/11, and they have been helped by the media whose licenses they control.

Were you surprised on 9/11? Some of the authors cited on the back of this pamphlet *were not surprised*. They warned us. Knowing what you know now, you should not be surprised by the next attack. And government officials have promised more.