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WITH A TRAGEDY THEY BARELY UNDERSTAND**

CREATING AND FAILING THE 9/11 GENERATION

**Examines the Attacks, the Disastrous Policies that Followed, and
9/11's Sustained Impact on America, Its Youth, and the World Today**

In **CREATING AND FAILING THE 9/11 GENERATION**, I present a detailed assessment of what may be the most momentous event in history since World War II. I frame my study of 9/11 on its sustained impact on America's youth.

In 2011, in an attempt to explore my own feelings about September 11, I researched and began teaching a history course called "The 9/11 Generation" which I still teach today. Students who enroll in my course arrive with a variety of conceptions and misconceptions about what September 11 means. They discover that the true story of September 11 is much bigger than they imagined.

The insights I gained, dealing with each new class of students, have deepened my belief that the alienation and fear that young people experience today can easily be traced back to the fall of the Twin Towers and its aftermath.

In my book, I share the topics that we discuss in class, showing how decades of U.S. foreign policy set the stage for the attacks, and how the senseless war in Iraq further destabilized the Middle East, leading to today's crises.

Overall, though, **CREATING AND FAILING THE 9/11 GENERATION** is a book of hope. My purpose is to help the 9/11 Generation (and others) understand the “why” of what happened and to debunk the myths and unfortunate policies that followed. As I write in the book’s conclusion, “The 9/11 Generation is only beginning to exercise its power – in protests – and hopefully in elections. They are readying themselves to take the reins of leadership, and if they can learn the difficult lessons of September 11 maybe they can help rebuild America and reclaim its reputation as a nation that is a force for good in the world. U.S. economic and military power may be unmatched, but it’s our unique optimism, our sense of justice, even if delayed, and our willingness to seek change that provides hope.”