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Mainstream journalists expose 9/11 hoax

By Kevin Barrett

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Several leading American mainstream journalists say that the US government is lying about 9/11 and the so-called war on terror. Unfortunately, media owners and editors won't let them report their findings.

Recently, Seymour Hersh, America's top mainstream investigative reporter, broke the news that the US government's claim to have killed Osama Bin Laden on May 2nd, 2011 is "a big lie. There is not one word of truth in it."

Hersh went on to harshly criticize his long-time employer, the New York Times, and other big media outlets: "We lie about everything, lying has become the staple." He said all big US media outlets should be shut down for lying to the American people.

Other mainstream journalists agree that the US government's story of Osama Bin Laden and 9/11 is a big lie. Sherwood Ross, an award-winning journalist who has worked for the City News Bureau of Chicago, the Chicago Daily News, and for Reuters and other wire services, told me in a recent radio interview:

"It's very doubtful that Muslims were behind 9/11. Think about this for one minute: That President Bush's family had done business with the family of the man who allegedly made the terrorist attack, Osama Bin Laden. The Bin Laden family was actually on the board of Bush's oil company. How is it possible that of all the billions of families in the world, the one family that makes the attack on America has done business with the President of America. That sounds more like a favor than anything else. I don't think 9/11 was an Arab conspiracy or a Muslim conspiracy. I think it's an American conspiracy to overthrow the government of the United States and install what is becoming a police state, and also to advance the imperial ambitions of the United States, to swindle the Middle East out of their energy resources."

Ross explained that American journalists are no longer free to expose even the most outrageous official falsehoods and fabrications:

"You don't see any serious questioning by the mainstream media. I thought one of the tip-offs that it was a put-up job was when a cameraman from a little weekly in Pennsylvania went to the site where this airliner had supposedly crashed (on 9/11). And he said, 'I didn't see any airliner. I saw a hole in the ground. I didn't see any bodies. I didn't see any luggage.' All right, maybe that guy just made this up. But I don't think so. I think he was just doing his job. And then at the Pentagon, you had the claim that airliner hit it. But again, there was no wreckage. Reporters who worked in the Press Room at the Pentagon went out there on the lawn, and they couldn't see any airliner. So, over and over again, you have manufactured lies that the press largely is not

reporting.”

I asked Ross whether he is allowed to express such views in his articles for the Miami Herald, the Chicago Daily News, or the wire services. He answered:

“Absolutely not. When I used to write for Reuters, covering workplace issues, for ten years, my columns were picked up from the New York Times to the L.A. Times. But if you write about 'why did 7 World Trade Center collapse when it wasn't hit by an airplane,' nobody will pick it up. So, now my columns are used on the Internet by bloggers, and they're used by Middle East wire services. I get phone calls from Press TV, and you can read my interviews there. But you won't see me quoted by the Associated Press.”

Another leading American journalist, Paul Craig Roberts, has also been banned from US mainstream media for telling the truth about 9/11. Dr. Roberts served as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, won the French Legion of Honor and other awards for his contributions to economics, and has been a regular columnist for the Wall Street Journal, Business Week, and other mainstream publications. But since he spoke out about the controlled demolitions of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers on 9/11, Paul Craig Roberts has been put on the mainstream media's no-publish list.

In a recent interview on my radio show, Dr. Roberts explained why the US mainstream media, as Seymour Hersh said, lies about everything:

“One of the worst things that ever happened (to America) was when President Clinton allowed five companies to concentrate the American media. That destroyed its independence. And ever since Clinton permitted that, which was totally against all American tradition, and totally against the antitrust law ... but in the United States, as we've seen, law doesn't mean anything anymore. The minute these five conglomerates concentrated the media, the independence of the media disappeared. It's no longer run by journalists, it's run by corporate advertising executives. The value of these media conglomerates resides in their federal broadcast licenses. And so they can't dare offend the government. Their licenses may not get renewed, and the entire multi-billion-dollar value of the companies would disappear. So, the so-called mainstream media is no longer the media. It doesn't tell you anything. It's a propaganda ministry - the Ministry of Propaganda. Gerald Celente calls them 'presstitutes.’”

Rather than writing for the mainstream media, Paul Craig Roberts is now exposing the fake killing of Osama Bin Laden and deconstructing the 9/11 false-flag operation for an independent outlet called the Institute for Political Economy. In a recent article published on the 12th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, Dr. Roberts wrote:

“The neoconservatives who advocate America's hegemony over the world called for 'a new Pearl Harbor' that would allow them to launch wars of conquest ... No evidence exists that supports the government's 9/11 story ... On this 12th anniversary of a false-flag event, it is unnecessary for me to report the voluminous evidence that conclusively proves that the official story is a lie. You can read it for yourself. It is available online. You can read what the architects and engineers (for 9/11 truth) have to say. You can read the scientists' reports. You can hear from the first responders who were in the WTC towers. You can read the pilots who say that the maneuvers associated with the airliner that allegedly hit the Pentagon are beyond their skills and most certainly were not performed by inexperienced pilots. You can read David Griffin's many

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Group Plans to Send Letters to Troops in Iraq on How U.S. Government Planned 9/11

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U.S. troops serving in Iraq may be getting more letters during mail call, but they won't be care packages — one group is sending them letters and DVDs claiming 9/11 was an "inside job" and that they should rethink why they're fighting.

Mark Dice, founder of The Resistance, which he calls a media watchdog group, says that the U.S. government was responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and that the armed forces should know it.

"People want the facts. The Marines are hungry for the truth — what got them there [in Iraq], why are they risking their lives — and we're going to help them understand that," he told FOX News.

Dice plans to send letters and declassified government documents that he says can prove the government's responsibility for the terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people — and he's urging others to do the same.

But not everyone is thrilled that troops on the front lines may be bombarded by mail from Dice, a conspiracy theorist who believes that Freemasons worship Satan and that "the United States military has built enormous underground cities for the political elite."

"These letters will end up in the toilet or on the firing range," said Capt. Pete Hegseth, executive director of Vets for Freedom and a veteran of the Iraq War. "They just laugh off this kind of stuff."

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Hegseth told FOX News that American troops don't need help from Dice to figure out why they're in Iraq.

"The fact of the matter is most soldiers and Marines understand why they're fighting," Hegseth said. "These are volunteers who believe in their service — they believe in the mission they've been sent to do."

Dice told FOX News that he's trying to help troops by giving a voice to people "afraid to speak up out of fear of punishment" from their superiors.

"We're trying to create a climate that's safe for these people to ask real questions . . . so we can get our boys back as soon as possible, safe and sound," he said.

Dice says he is convinced that many servicemen share his views. "The Marines that I know say that 20-25 percent of the Marines believe that 9/11 was an inside job and they're very angry," he said.

Hegseth, however, wasn't convinced. "We represent 24,000 veterans at Vets for Freedom," he said. "We believe in finishing this mission, we believe in what we're doing and that's how most veterans and troops on the ground feel."

Hegseth wasn't worried that the troops would be deterred by the mailings. "I don't think they're going to want to take the time to open the mail from some fringe political sect," he said. "They're too busy winning the war in Iraq."

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Why the 9/11 Conspiracy Theories Won't Go Away

By LEV GROSSMAN Sunday, Sep. 03, 2006

Take a look, if you can stand it, at video footage of the World Trade Center collapsing. Your eye will naturally jump to the top of the screen, where huge fountains of dark debris erupt out of the falling towers. But fight your natural instincts. Look farther down, at the stories that haven't collapsed yet.

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In almost every clip you'll see little puffs of dust spurting out from the sides of the towers. There are two competing explanations for these puffs of dust: 1) the force of the collapsing upper floors raised the air pressure in the lower ones so dramatically that it actually blew out the windows. And 2) the towers did not collapse from the impact of two Boeing 767s and the ensuing fires. They were destroyed in a planned, controlled demolition. The dust puffs you see on film are the detonations of explosives planted there before the attacks.

People who believe the second explanation live in a very different world from those who believe the first. In world No. 2, al-Qaeda is not responsible for the destruction of the World Trade Center. The U.S. government is. The Pentagon was not hit by a commercial jet; it was hit by a cruise missile. United Flight 93 did not crash after its occupants rushed the cockpit; it was deliberately taken down by a U.S. Air Force fighter. The entire catastrophe was planned and executed by federal officials in order to provide the U.S. with a pretext for going to war in the Middle East and, by extension, as a means of consolidating and extending the power of the Bush Administration.

The population of world No. 2 is larger than you might think. A Scripps-Howard poll of 1,010 adults last month found that 36% of Americans consider it "very likely" or "somewhat likely" that government officials either allowed the attacks to be carried out or carried out the attacks themselves. Thirty-six percent adds up to a lot of people. This is not a fringe phenomenon. It is a mainstream political reality.

Although the 9/11 Truth Movement, as many conspiracy believers refer to their passion, has been largely ignored by the mainstream media, it is flourishing on the Internet. One of the most popular conspiracy videos online is Loose Change, a 90-min. blizzard of statistics, photographs, documents, eyewitness accounts and expert testimony set to a trippy hip-hop backbeat. It's designed to pick apart, point by point, the conventional narrative of what happened on Sept. 11, 2001.

For all its amateur production values—it was created by a pair of industrious twentysomethings using a laptop, pizza money and footage scavenged from the Internet—Loose Change is a compelling experience. Take the section about the attack on the Pentagon. As the film points out—and this is a tent-pole issue

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Commentary: The CIA's Gift to Conspiracy Theorists

By **ROBERT BAER** Friday, Dec. 07, 2007



The south tower of New York's World Trade Center, left, begins to collapse after a terrorist attack on the buildings as shown in this Sept. 11, 2001, file photo. Gulnara Samoilova / AP

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The CIA has proved, once again, that the cover up is worse than the crime. Or at least let's hope that's the case.

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CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden has admitted that in 2005 the CIA destroyed two videotapes of interrogations of al-Qaeda prisoners, including a central figure in 9/11, Abu Zubaydah. Hayden said the tapes were destroyed to protect the identities of the CIA interrogators from members of al-Qaeda and other terrorists who might try to retaliate. He also claims that the tapes were made to safeguard against unlawful treatment of detainees, and that they were only destroyed after it was confirmed that suspects were not being tortured.

At a time when Congressional Democrats are trying once again to pass a torture ban, it's a given that the revelation is going to further inflame the torture debate — since the tapes apparently showed harsh interrogation techniques. The assumption will be that the CIA did not want the tapes seen in public because they are too graphic and could lead to indictments.


But more to the point, the revelation will raise another question: What other evidence has the CIA destroyed? And can the CIA be trusted to tell us? The CIA had told the 9/11 Commission, when it formally requested such materials, that there was no taping of interrogations. CIA lawyers also told federal prosecutors trying the Zacarias Moussaoui terror case that the agency did not possess recordings of interrogations sought by the judge and Moussaoui's defense lawyers. The CIA insists that the tapes destroyed were not the ones in question.

I would find it very difficult to believe the CIA would deliberately destroy evidence material to the 9/11 investigation, evidence that would cover up a core truth, such as who really was behind 9/11. On the other hand I have to wonder what space-time continuum the CIA exists in, if they weren't able to grasp what

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Was 9/11 an 'inside job'?

By THOMAS HARGROVE AND GUIDO H. STEMPEL III
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More than a third of the American public suspects that federal officials assisted in the 9/11 terrorist attacks or took no action to stop them so the United States could go to war in the Middle East, according to a new Scripps Howard/Ohio University poll.

The national survey of 1,010 adults also found that anger against the federal government is at record levels, with 54 percent saying they "personally are more angry" at the government than they used to be.

Widespread resentment and alienation toward the national government appear to be fueling a growing acceptance of conspiracy theories about the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Suspicious that the 9/11 attacks were "an inside job" -- the common phrase used by conspiracy theorists on the Internet -- quickly have become nearly as popular as decades-old conspiracy theories that the federal government was responsible for President John F. Kennedy's assassination and that it has covered up proof of space aliens.

Seventy percent of people who give credence to these theories also say they've become angrier with the federal government than they used to be.

Thirty-six percent of respondents overall said it is "very likely" or "somewhat likely" that federal officials either participated in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon or took no action to stop them "because they wanted the United States to go to war in the Middle East."

"One out of three sounds high, but that may very well be right," said Lee Hamilton, former vice chairman of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (also called the 9/11 Commission). His congressionally appointed investigation concluded that federal officials bungled their attempts to prevent, but did not participate in, the attacks by al-Qaida five years ago.

"A lot of people I've encountered believe the U.S. government was involved," Hamilton said.

"Many say the government planned the whole thing," he said. "Of course, we don't think the evidence leads that way at all."

The poll also found that 16 percent of Americans speculate that secretly planted explosives, not burning passenger jets, were the real reason the massive twin towers of the World Trade Center collapsed.

Conspiracy groups for at least two years have also questioned why the World Trade Center collapsed when fires that heavily damaged similar skyscrapers around the world did not cause such destruction. Sixteen percent said it's "very likely" or "somewhat likely" that "the collapse of the twin towers in New York was aided by explosives secretly planted in the two buildings."

Twelve percent suspect the Pentagon was struck by a military cruise missile in 2001 rather than by an airliner captured by terrorists.

University of Florida law professor Mark Fenster, author of the book "Conspiracy Theories: Secrecy and Power in American Culture," said the poll's findings reflect public anger at the unpopular Iraq war, realization that Saddam Hussein did not have weapons of mass destruction and growing doubts of the veracity of the Bush administration.

"What has amazed me is not that there are conspiracy theories, but

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Corrs guitarist: 9/11 was an inside job

Friday, 30 May 2008

Corrs guitarist Jim Corr has claimed that there was overwhelming evidence that the 9/11 attacks in America were carried out by "rogue elements" of US President George Bush's "neo-con administration".

In a rare intervention into the political arena, the male singer with The Corrs band also came out against the Lisbon Treaty claiming that it is "tip-toe totalitarianism in the West".

In an interview with Matt Cooper on Ireland's Today FM's 'Last Word', Corr made the case for voting 'No' to Lisbon, claiming it could introduce the death penalty to Ireland and contribute to a "new world order".

Corr's opposition is based on his three years "studying the New World Order which the European Union is a part of".

He said "the EU is a stepping stone towards a world government, they will merge it with the Asia Pacific Union, the African Union and the North American Union". The Lisbon Treaty itself will introduce "a scientific technocracy" to Europe which will erode national sovereignty.

Corr claimed that The Charter of Fundamental Rights allows for the introduction of the death penalty.

"It makes provision for the introduction to law for the death penalty in times of war or imminent threat of war.

"What we are seeing is tip-toe totalitarianism in the West with 9/11 the key to understanding this.

"When you study 9/11 it becomes very apparent... it was a staged terrorist attack, what they call a false flag operation."

Corr said overwhelming evidence suggests 9/11 "was carried out by rogue elements in the Bush neo-con administration".



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Insights of a Canadian Lawyer: Was 9/11 an Inside Job?

by Hal. C. Sisson, QC

In mid January 2008 united 9/11 Truth Movements across Canada, spearheaded by Victoria and Vancouver branches, sent a petition letter to the heads of all Canadian political parties and to every Member of Parliament. The letter requested two things:

- a. A call for a new investigation into the events of September 11, 2001 by an independent and impartial tribunal, plus
- b. Open discussion in Parliament of, or a national referendum on, the proposed integration of Canada, the United States and Mexico into a North American Union, under the Security and Prosperity Partnership agreement, (originally signed in 2005 in Waco Texas by then Prime Minister Paul Martin); an Agreement that has never been discussed outside of a cabal of senior government officials and military and corporate leaders.

The first request **(a)** follows in the wake of questioning in the Japanese Parliament (Diet) by Yukihiisa Fujita of the Japan Democratic Party, as to the conspiracy theory of 9/11 presented by the U.S. Bush Administration. He asked just how terrorists could possibly have attacked the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

Six years ago the U.S. Administration and their intelligence agencies stated they would present convincing evidence that foreigners of a Muslim Arab persuasion were the perpetrators of the tragic crime of 9/11. This evidence has never yet been forthcoming. People ask why? Can't the United States prove their allegations in court? And why does the FBI say they have no hard evidence of the involvement of Osama bin Laden?



On the other hand, millions of people around the world have amassed a great deal of solid evidence of incomplete investigation, missing evidence, unsubstantiated conclusions and outright lies as to the facts and the full story of 9/11. So much so that it is impossible not to conclude that at the very least the events were in some measure allowed to happen - the motive being the persuasion of the American public to condone the wars with Afghanistan and Iraq -- and is Iran next?

The Japanese queries were presented at about the same time as former Italian President Francesco Cossiga told Italy's oldest and most widely read newspaper, the *Corriere della Sera*, that the 9/11 attacks were an inside job and that all the intelligence services in America and Europe know it was an inside job of a false flag nature.

Who else is of the same opinion? Twenty-five former U.S. military officers have severely criticized the official account of 9/11 and called for a new investigation. They are among the rapidly growing number of military and intelligence service veterans,

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9/11 Conspiracy Theorist to Leave Brigham Young

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PROVO, Utah, Oct. 21 -- A Brigham Young University physics professor who suggested that the World Trade Center was brought down by explosives has resigned, six weeks after the school placed him on leave.

"I am electing to retire so that I can spend more time speaking and conducting research of my choosing," Steven E. Jones, a physics professor, said in a statement released by the school.

His retirement is effective Jan. 1.

Jones recently published theories about U.S. government involvement in the events of Sept. 11, 2001, including one suggesting that explosives inside the World Trade Center -- not airplanes striking the twin towers -- brought the complex down.

BYU stripped Jones of two classes and put him on leave in early September. It also began investigating his research.

The school abandoned its review Friday after reaching a retirement agreement with Jones, BYU spokeswoman Carri P. Jenkins said.

Jenkins said the school did not pressure Jones to retire.

Jones, who in 2005 helped found a group called Scholars for 9/11 Truth, said he plans to continue researching and speaking about his Sept. 11 theories. That includes completing an analysis of soils and metals from the towers that led him to the conclusions in his paper "Why Indeed Did the WTC Buildings Completely Collapse?"

Jones began teaching at BYU, which is owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in 1985.

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Charlie Sheen demands Obama investigate 9/11; says attack was masterminded by Bush admin.

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Charlie Sheen is asking President Obama to open an investigation into the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which he believes were masterminded by the Bush Administration.

Charlie Sheen has great timing.

Just as the country stopped to mourn the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Sheen, in an interview, urged [President Obama](#) to launch an investigation because the actor believes the Bush Administration masterminded 9/11 to justify invading Iraq.

Sheen's screed appeared in the form of an imaginary interview titled "Twenty Minutes with the President" posted on [prisonplanet.com](#), the website of radio host and extremist [Alex Jones](#) on whose show Sheen appeared Friday.

Sheen, the star of CBS' "Two and a Half Men," has made similar charges before. As he's done on previous occasions, Friday he claimed the official version of 9/11 is "an absolute fairytale, a complete work of fiction and not a very good one."

The 44-year-old, who is the highest paid actor on television, even hinted that [Osama Bin Laden](#) was working for the CIA up until that fatal day.

Mixing spurious pieces of proof with wild accusations, Sheen's beliefs fall in line with the Truther movement, adherents of which have been labeled 9/11 deniers for their claims that the U.S. government staged the attacks.

Sheen is recruiting, as well, urging other skeptical Americans to demand the "truth."

"We cannot allow the governments to continue to advance their political agendas by exploiting forged pretenses," he said, charging that "the establishment is upset that the population is waking up to false flag terror."

Sheen questions whether the planes were actually passenger jets and wonders how the passports identifying the hijackers survived the infernos.

Coming on this day of days, Sheen's vitriol may carry more weight than it did in the past.

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Today is a sad day for comedy fans everywhere. Patrice O'Neal died in a NY City hospital today from complications stemming from a stroke he suffered on Oct. 19, according to his agent, Matt Frost.

Today is also a sad day for truthers everywhere. Patrice also happened to be a truth activist who was not too shy to talk about his theories about 9/11 conspiracies, Barack Obama, the New World Order and many other topics generally considered taboo by the New World Order controlled establishment media.

Patrice made multiple visits to conspiracy related radio shows over the past couple years. In Sep. 2010 he made his second visit to the 2nd most popular conspiracy radio show in the world, the Alex Jones Show, where he accredited Alex Jones' documentaries for his awakening to the New World Order.

Patrice said the toughest part of learning about the New World Order was coming to terms with elite eugenics programs. "Eugenics is the most difficult to digest out of any of it," he told Alex Jones. "I think the fact that there are some people out there trying to kill human beings is the hardest thing for people to believe."

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New Tape Stirs Up 9/11 Conspiracy Theories

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May 16, 2006

The minute the Pentagon released images of the Sept. 11 attack on its building, the message boards at ABCNEWS.com lit up with conspiracy theories.

Some blame it on an inside job by members of the Bush administration to benefit their business interests. Some say it was planned by neoconservatives to advance their worldview. Others don't know what happened but doubt the official story put forward by the government.

The world of conspiracy theories surrounding the Sept. 11 attacks is vast, and more than four years after the worst terrorist incident on U.S. soil, countless scenarios are put forth on the Internet, in academic forums and on talk radio each day. Some are of the "MIHOP" variety, which claim people in power made it happen on purpose, while others are of the "LIHOP" kind -- they let it happen on purpose.

With Tuesday's release of video footage of American Airlines Flight 77 crashing into the Pentagon building, an attack that killed 184 people on Sept. 11, questions rage again.

"It doesn't clarify anything -- I don't see a plane in that image," said Michael Berger, spokesman for 911Truth.org. "In fact, I thought that was underwhelming."

Berger said 911Truth.org "would like to see various conspiracy theories laid to rest as well" and does not believe the government has addressed "inherent contradictions" in evidence and testimony surrounding the events of that day.

"We would like to know what happened," he said. "Four-and-a-half years later, we still don't have definitive proof that a plane hit that building."

Berger said the group "has never said one way or another what happened at the Pentagon," but it did support the Freedom of Information Act requests that led to the Pentagon releasing the footage.

But 911Truth.org does believe Sept. 11 has been used as the "justification for broader policies," both foreign and domestic, he said.

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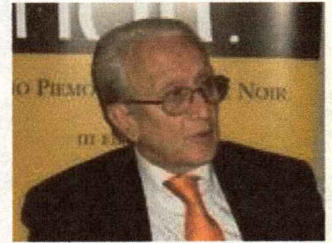
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Italian Supreme Court head calls for international 9/11 inquiry

Posted Sep 11, 2012 by [Elliott Freeman](#)

Fernando Imposimato, the President of the Italian Supreme Court, has raised the call for a criminal investigation of 9/11, comparing the terror attacks to the declassified "false flag" incidents carried out by the CIA in Italy under Operation Gladio.

"The 9/11 attacks were a global state terror operation permitted by the administration of the USA, which had foreknowledge of the operation yet remained intentionally unresponsive in order to make war against Afghanistan and Iraq," Imposimato declared in a letter published on Sunday by the [Journal of 9/11 Studies](#).



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As a former state prosecutor, Imposimato has extensive experience investigating high-profile crimes, including the kidnapping and assassination of Italian Prime Minister [Aldo Moro](#) and the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II. He also worked on the Anti-Mafia commission as a Senator, giving him a wealth of knowledge on the inner workings of organized crime syndicates.

Italian Supreme Court President
Fernando Imposimato

"Italy too was a victim of the 'strategia della tensione' (strategy of tension) of the CIA, enacted in Italy from the time of the Portella della Ginestra massacre in Sicily in 1947 until 1993," he wrote, recounting the decades of clandestine violence carried out by Western intelligence agencies in the Mediterranean. These [terror attacks](#), conducted under the codename "Gladio", were [condemned by the European Parliament](#) in 1990, but a criminal investigation has yet to be initiated.

Imposimato pointed to a number of facts that contradict the official 9/11 story, including the free-fall collapse of [WTC Building 7](#), the report that the [CIA met with Osama Bin Laden](#) in a Dubai hospital in July 2001, and the [overwhelming evidence of insider trading](#) before 9/11 that never led to criminal charges.

In addition, Imposimato made a stunning revelation. "I have collected in Italy evidence that the Iraq War was decided on by the U.S. Government before the 9/11 attacks with the help of the Italian Secret Service," he wrote.

"The only possibility for achieving justice is to submit the best evidence concerning the involvement of specific individuals in 9/11 to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and ask him to investigate," Imposimato concluded.

Will the families of the [ten Italian citizens](#) and thousands of other victims who were killed in the 9/11 attacks ever find justice? If the tragic events were assisted by criminal elements of the U.S.

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Victims' Families Say Gov't Secrecy Keeping 9/11 Truth Hidden

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WASHINGTON — Families of those killed in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 said Thursday that excessive secrecy by the government is keeping from them what went wrong before the hijackings.

"All we want is the truth," said Michael Low of Batesville, Ark., whose daughter Sara was a flight attendant on one of the airplanes that flew into the World Trade Center. "We believe in freedom and open government, but at times it seems like we're getting the old Soviet Union."

A handful of family members held a news conference in the Capitol to push for a law that would unlock secrets kept by the **Transportation Security Administration**.

The TSA was given broad authority to protect sensitive security information — known as SSI — when it took over transportation security after the attacks.

The families are especially angry that the TSA refuses to give them information that was given to the lawyers for convicted Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, including about 150,000 FBI interviews of witnesses and several thousand CDs.

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During Moussaoui's trial, U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema twice ordered the government to turn over the information to the families.

"It's quite extraordinary that TSA has a tougher policy

on disclosure than the CIA or the FBI or the NSA (National Security Agency)," Brinkema said.

TSA spokeswoman Yolanda Clark said the agency is cooperating. It just gave the families' lawyers the operations guide for security checkpoints, and they were about to get the aircraft standard security program, she said. Both date to before the attacks.

"TSA has always been sensitive to the Sept. 11 families' issues," Clark said. "But we've determined that the public and transportation security as a whole are best served by limited access to information."

Information that needs to be kept secret, she said, includes:

— How TSA selects airline passengers for random screening.

— The vulnerability of important tunnels to terrorist attack.

— How bomb-detection machinery works and how it can be contaminated.

"We hold close those things that need to be kept close," Clark said.

Some of the families are hoping to get information about security standards before Sept. 11 because they are bringing a negligence suit against American and United airlines, which operated the hijacked

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9/11 widow among Buffalo flight victims

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- President Obama says Beverly Eckert was "tireless advocate"
- Eckert was the widow of a September 11 terrorist attack victim
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CLARENCE CENTER, New York (CNN) — President Obama on Friday praised Beverly Eckert, the widow of a September 11 victim and a prominent post-9/11 activist, who was one of the passengers who died in a plane crash outside Buffalo, New York.



Sean Rooney and wife Beverly Eckert in an undated photograph.

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"Beverly lost her husband on 9/11," Obama said, "and became a tireless advocate for the families whose lives were forever changed on that September day."

A resident of Stamford, Connecticut, Eckert was the widow of Buffalo native Sean Rooney, who died at the World Trade Center.

Obama's words underscored the shock and grief from friends, family and acquaintances over the news that Eckert was aboard the Continental Connection Flight 3407. The turboprop plane crashed Thursday, killing all 49 aboard and one person on the ground.

"Tragic events such as these remind us of the fragility of life and the value of every single day. And one person who understood that well was Beverly Eckert, who was on that flight and who I met with just a few days ago," Obama said in brief

remarks.

Obama met Eckert at a gathering of September 11 victims' families on Friday.

Valerie Lucznikowska, a member of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, said she, Eckert and another woman traveled to Washington for the meeting.

Lucznikowska said Eckert asked Obama whether the group would have ongoing meetings with his administration. Obama said there would be, even though they wouldn't necessarily be with him.

Crash of Flight 3407



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After the 2001 terrorist attacks, Eckert co-founded Voices of September 11, an advocate group for survivors and families.

Eckert had a reputation as a strong campaigner of September 11 families, involved in protests leading to more land for a ground zero memorial, working on the September 11 Commission's Family Steering Committee and pushing for a victims' families compensation fund.

She was traveling to Buffalo for a celebration of what would have been her husband's 58th birthday.

Eckert planned to take part in presenting a scholarship award at Canisius High School that was established in honor of her late husband, who was an alumnus, according to the school's president, John Knight.

Obama mentioned the scholarship plans in his remarks Friday.

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"In keeping with that passionate commitment, she was on her way to Buffalo to mark what would have been her husband's birthday and launch a scholarship in his memory. She was an inspiration to me and to so many others, and I pray that her family finds peace and comfort in the hard days ahead," Obama said.

Lucznikowska, whose nephew died in the World Trade Center attacks, said she was "horribly saddened by this news."

"I would very much like to honor her. She was truly a wonderful person. She was someone who was trying to make society better."

Eckert backed Peaceful Tomorrows' effort to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and end the military commissions there, Lucznikowska said.

The group elaborated on this stance in a signed letter to Obama, and Eckert gave a presidential aide a separate letter listing her own concerns, Lucznikowska said.

Knight said Canisius High postponed the scholarship presentation, set to occur at noon Friday, for two

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Gerry Niewood was an instrumentalist who played with artists such as Sinead O'Connor and Frank Sinatra.

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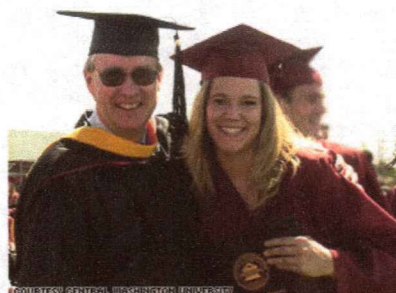
School of Music in 1998. He went on to play with numerous artists and acts before joining Mangione full time.

As of Saturday night, dozens of messages has been posted on his MySpace page expressing condolences and bidding him farewell.

"This can't be real. Rest in Peace my friend. I will never forget your soulful swinging sound and your larger than life personality," user Bill Sneider said. "You've touched so many in such a brief time. We are all richer for having you in our lives."

Rebecca Shaw

"We kind of keep expecting Becky to come around the corner and say, 'It's not real,'" Lynn Morris, Rebecca's mother, said through sobs.



Rebecca Shaw, shown with Professor Dale Wilson, graduated from Central Washington University in 2007.

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The family said they stayed up all night after learning that Shaw was co-pilot on the fateful flight. Her father said Shaw loved to fly and "couldn't believe she'd get paid" when she took the job.

Morris said her daughter was less than a year from college graduation when she took an interest in flying. "She said, 'What would you think about it if I told you I wanted to fly?'" Morris remembered.

Shaw excelled as a pilot and, "we couldn't be prouder of her as a family," Morris said.

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"She packed so much into her short life. God gave her 25 years. She found the man of her dreams. She experienced love. She experienced passion," Morris said.

When asked what she wanted the world to know about her daughter, Morris said, "That Rebecca's

the most amazing human being on the planet ... an amazing woman."

"She's perfect; perfect little sister," Billy Morris, Shaw's brother, said before breaking down.

News of Shaw's death hit the campus of Central Washington University hard, according to Amy Hoover, chairwoman of the CWU Department of Aviation.

Shaw, 25, graduated from Central Washington University in fall 2007, earning a bachelor's degree in flight technology with a minor in philosophy.

Hoover said the university would extend counseling to all those who express a need for it.

"We extend our deepest sympathy to 'Becca's family and friends," Hoover said. "Right now, we're coordinating with CWU Student Health and Counseling to provide support to our students who may need that during this time."

Alison Des Forges



Alison Des Forges was senior adviser of the New York-based Human Rights Watch's Africa Division.

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The senior adviser of the New York-based Human Rights Watch's Africa Division was one of the people on Flight 3407, the group told CNN on Friday.

Des Forges, who lived in Buffalo, spent four years in Rwanda documenting the 1994 genocide and had testified about that atrocity and the current situation in central Africa before U.N. and congressional panels, the group said.

Her biography on the group's Web site described her as a historian who also was an expert on Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Des Forges was a French speaker who earned her bachelor's in history from Harvard University and her doctorate in history from Yale University. [Read more about Alison Des Forges' life](#)

saxophonist, the Encyclopedia of Jazz said.

"The outpouring of phone calls, emails, text-messages etc is truly overwhelming. All I can say is, it's too bad Gerry isn't around to witness the impact he made on all of you," the Niewood family said in a blog post on MySpace.com

Coleman Mellett

Mellett was traveling with Niewood on Flight 3407 to play with Chuck Mangione and the Buffalo Philharmonic.

Mellett began playing with Mangione in 1999 as a substitute guitar player and joined him full time two years later, according to Mellett's profile on MySpace.com.

The Washington-area native studied jazz at William Paterson University and received a master's degree in jazz performance from the Manhattan School of Music in 1998.

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Beverly Eckert

Eckert was the widow of m Sean Rooney, who died in the World Trade Center in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

After Sean's death, Eckert co-founded Voices of September 11, an advocacy group for survivors of the attacks and families of the those killed. She had a reputation as a strong campaigner and was involved in protests leading to more land for a ground zero memorial, working on the September 11 Commission's Family Steering Committee and pushing for a victims' families compensation fund. [Read more about Beverly Eckert](#)

A resident of Connecticut, Eckert was traveling to Buffalo for a weekend celebration of what would have been her husband's 58th birthday. [Watch report on Beverly Eckert's life »](#)

Susan Wehle

A person who knew the 55-year-old cantor of Temple Beth Am in Williamsville, New York, described Wehle as "a very, very spiritual person."



Susan Wehle was cantor of Temple Beth Am in Williamsville, New York.

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"She just glowed with excitement and energy when she talked about her spirit and the spirit of religion that lives within her. She expressed that in so many ways," synagogue administrator Richard Ellis said.

Ellis had been planning to drive to the airport to pick up Wehle when she arrived in Buffalo on Thursday. But instead of getting a text message from her at the Buffalo airport, he saw the news that a plane from Newark, New Jersey, had crashed.

Before Wehle joined the Temple Beth Am, she was a cantorial soloist at Temple Sinai in Amherst, New York.

Wehle taught music workshops, conducted choirs and performed in concerts and with theater companies, according to a biography on the temple Web site. She released a CD called "Songs of Hope and Healing."

She is survived by two sons, one in Israel and another in Vermont.

Ellis said Wehle, who lived in Amherst, was well known across the religious spectrum through her interfaith work. People were shocked to hear about Wehle, he said.

"She's going to be so missed by the whole community, not just the Jewish community," Ellis said. "She was loved by everyone."

Lorin Maurer

Officials at Princeton University, where Maurer worked, said the former collegiate swimmer was "full of promise and vitality."

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She was a 2001 graduate of Rowan University, where she was a three-time Academic All-American in swimming. She was the 2000 New Jersey Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Year.

"We are stunned, grief-stricken and angry that someone so young and full of promise and vitality was taken from us so suddenly and unexpectedly," Princeton Director of Athletics Gary Walters said in a written statement.

"What made Lorin so special to all who were lucky enough to meet her even once was her infectious enthusiasm and the joy she found in literally every facet of her life," said West Coast Conference Commissioner Jamie Zaninovich, who brought Maurer to Princeton in his previous role as senior associate athletic director.

Maurer, who turned 30 almost two months ago, worked for Princeton University's Department of Athletics and Office of Development as the athletics friends manager.

Madeline Loftus

A former Buffalo State College student, Loftus, 24, was returning to the school to play in a women's hockey reunion game scheduled for Saturday.



This picture of Madeline Loftus playing for Buffalo State was taken from the school's Web site.

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Loftus, a native of Parsippany, New Jersey, played two seasons at Buffalo State from 2002 to 2004 before transferring to St. Mary's University in Minnesota after her sophomore year.

"The Buffalo State Athletics family is deeply saddened by this tragedy," Athletic Director Jerry Boyes said in a statement on the school's Web site. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to Maddy's family and friends."

School administrators are consulting with former players to decide whether to proceed with tomorrow's game. The school will observe a moment of silence before Friday night's varsity women's hockey game in memory of Loftus and the other victims of the crash, the Web site said.

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(CNN) — Trailing what would become a fatal flight by some 27 minutes, the same kind of aircraft operated by the same airline traveled the same route last week and landed safely, the NTSB said Monday.



Only a few pieces of the Continental Connection Dash 8 turboprop were recognizable after the crash.

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The pilot of the second Continental Connection flight from Newark, New Jersey, to Buffalo, New York, reported "moderate icing" during the trip and "made it to destination in Buffalo," said Steve Chealander of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The second plane was a Bombardier Dash 8 Q400, like the plane that crashed Thursday night near the Buffalo airport, killing 49 people on board and one person on the ground. Also like the fatal flight, the aircraft was operated on the Continental Connection route by Colgan Air, Chealander said.

Possible icing — and how the aircraft and the flight crew performed if icing was an issue — has become a focus in the aftermath of the crash of Flight 3407. The pilot and first officer of the flight discussed "significant" ice buildup on the aircraft's windshield and wings before the crash, the NTSB said after listening to the cockpit voice recorder.

Chealander said Monday that he had been asked about possible icing on the aircraft's tail.

"If there's icing on the wings, there's icing on the tail," he said. "The significance of that is yet to be determined."

The flight data recorder indicated the plane's deicing system was activated 11 minutes after takeoff from Newark and remained on until the crash, according to the NTSB. Chealander said investigators have recovered most of the pieces of that system and will examine those materials to determine whether the system was operating properly.

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On Monday, he said about half the aircraft wreckage had been removed from the crash site and taken for detailed examination.

Giving an indication of the explosive nature of the impact and subsequent fire, Chealander said wreckage is being taken away "in bins and on trailers."

He said investigators hope to have all wreckage removed from the crash site by Wednesday, when a snowstorm is forecast for the area.

Authorities have not discussed the status of the removal of victims' remains since Saturday night, when they said 15 bodies had been recovered. [E-mail to a friend](#) | [Mix it](#) | [Share](#)

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Ministers 'using fear of terror'

A former head of MI5 has accused the government of exploiting the fear of terrorism to restrict civil liberties.

Dame Stella Rimington, 73, said people in Britain felt as if they were living "under a police state".

In an interview in a Spanish newspaper, published in the Daily Telegraph, she also accuses America of "tortures".

The Home Office said it was vital to strike the right balance between privacy, protection and sharing of personal data.

It said any policies which impact on privacy must be "necessary and proportionate".

Dame Stella, who stood down as the director general of the security service in 1996, has previously been critical of the government's policies, including its attempts to extend pre-charge detention for terror suspects to 42 days and the controversial plan to introduce ID cards.

"It would be better that the government recognised that there are risks, rather than frightening people in order to be able to pass laws which restrict civil liberties, precisely one of the objects of terrorism - that we live in fear and under a police state," she told the Spanish newspaper La Vanguardia.

She said the British security services were "no angels," but they did not kill people.

"The US has gone too far with Guantanamo and the tortures," she said.

"MI5 does not do that. Furthermore it has achieved the opposite effect - there are more and more suicide terrorists finding a greater justification."

'Take stock'

Dame Stella's comments come as a study is published by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) that accuses the US and the UK of undermining the framework of international law.

Former Irish president Mary Robinson, the president of the ICJ said: "Seven years after 9/11 it is time to take stock and to repeal abusive laws and policies enacted in recent years."

"Human rights and international humanitarian law provide a strong and flexible framework to address terrorist threats."

The Conservatives said the government's push to extend the detention



Stella Rimington has often been critical of the government

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