

The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. (The 9/11 Commission)

The 9/11 Commission Report is purported to be the definitive explanation of the events of 9/11.

Yet it is unable to meet basic investigative standards of integrity or honesty: While Commissioners complained of obstruction from The White House and government agencies (page 1), The Commission itself ignored witnesses, covered up evidence, avoided or dismissed critical issues and created a false narrative (page 2)

It took 422 days and intense pressure from victims' relatives before **Bush finally agreed to create a 9/11 Commission which he had long opposed.** (CBS, 5/23/02) (Compare this to about 7 days for the Warren and Space Shuttle Commissions.) He gave it a **mere \$3 million**, (\$50 million each went for the Columbia Shuttle disaster and Clinton's sex life), and **a year and a half deadline** to do its work. (Time, 3/26/2003) He tried to **prevent giving it subpoena power and insisted on appointing its chairman.** (CNN, 11/15/02)

Though the press called it "The Independent Commission", the members of the 9/11 Commission were hardly independent investigators. Their ties to the Bush Administration, the Pentagon, the CIA, the Airline Industry, International Finance, Defense Contractors and Oil represented conflicts of interest for every one of them. Commission executive director Phillip Zelikow had so many conflicts of interest that he had to testify before his own Commission! (In closed session.) (UPI, 3/23/04) (As did Commissioner Jaime Gorelick.)

Though the 9/11 attacks officially constitute the worst intelligence and air defense failures in US history, Commission Vice Chairman Lee Hamilton made it clear at the beginning of the investigation that it **was not the Commission's responsibility to assess any blame.** (UPI, 2/6/03)

Eventually the Commission did get (limited) subpoena power and an additional \$12 million. But:

- Two months into the Commission most members had still not received security clearances, (Washington Post, 3/27/03) even though they were hand-picked for the job, and many had long histories with intelligence issues. This stalled the investigation even as its deadline kept edging forward. (Seattle Times, 3/12/03)
- The White House refused to turn over papers showing what Bush knew before the attacks. (NY Times, 10/26/03, Newsweek, 9/22/02) Congressional investigators claim the DoD and the Justice Department denied Congressional requests, the CIA was antagonistic, the FBI attempted to block their inquiry, and they had to subpoena the FAA. (New York Times, 10/5/02, [Commission Memo, Commissioner Cleland in Salon, 11/22/03](#))
- Bush and Cheney only agreed to testify before the Commission if they could do so together, in closed session, with no audio or written transcripts, and they refused to be under oath. (BBC, 4/9/04, [CNN 4/30/04](#)) They also mandated that all notes be examined and approved by the White House.
- The Commission finally agreed with White House stipulation that only 3 of the 10 Commissioners could see the President's daily intelligence briefs, that the briefs they looked at would be chosen for them, not by them, and the three would first confer with the White House about what they would tell the other Commissioners. (Slate, 3/22/04)
- The Administration refused to allow Condoleezza Rice to testify in open hearings until forced to by intense public pressure. (BBC, 3/30/04, [CBC News 3/30/04](#)) Rice's testimony about the secret August 6 memo "Bin Laden Determined to Strike In US" (leaked in May 2002), was full of lies and distortions about the contents and nature of the memo. ([National Security Archive, 4/8/04, August 6 memo](#))

The Executive Director - The White House selected **Phillip Zelikow** as executive director. The Family Steering Committee asked for Zelikow's removal because of his large [conflicts of interest](#), but he wasn't removed. In addition to writing a book with Condoleezza Rice, Zelikow was part of Bush's transition team in 2001 and helped set up his National Security Council. He played a role in demoting the on-going 'Terrorism Czar' from the Clinton administration, Richard Clarke, who kept his title, but lost some of his power and cabinet level access. (UPI 4/10/04) A New York Times reporter suggests that Zelikow had anonymously penned the White House's post 9-11 war doctrine before being appointed (and he failed to tell the Commission). ([Philip Shenon, The Commission](#)) The doctrine claims the US was justified in *pre-emptively attacking countries that don't pose an immediate threat*. This is significant because many men in Bush's cabinet had been calling for intervention throughout the middle east and especially in Iraq for years leading up to the attack, citing hegemonic dominance and access to vital resources. ([ABC Nightline, 3/5/03, The Guardian 3/20/14, RAD pp 17, 51](#), et al.)

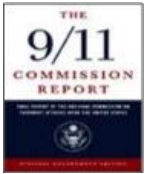
Thus, Zelikow had the ultimate day to day control over the Commission which would look into his and his partners actions, and into an event that would be used to justify military actions those partners had vocally sought.

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SOME of The COMMISSION'S FINDINGS:



MONEY. The first rule in large-scale criminal investigations is to **follow the money.** The depth and integrity of the 9/11 Commission Report can be summed up in two sentences from the report itself: "(T)he U.S. government has not been able to determine the origin of the money used for the 9/11 attacks. **Ultimately the question is of little practical significance.**" (9/11 Commission Report, p. 172) Contrary to the Commission's findings, the press identified several possible sources of terrorist financing, most of which lead back to people in, or connected with, high levels of the Pakistani and Saudi Arabian governments. ([Times of India, 11/13/02](#), [Guardian, 11/25/02](#); [San Diego Union Tribune, 10/27/01 & 10/22/02](#)) Most of the money passed through the United Arab Emirates. ([Newsweek 9/6/01](#); [MSNBC, 1/11/02](#)) All three countries are US allies.



TORTURE. The 9/11 Commission relied on torture interrogations for basic construction of the 9/11 plot. CIA interrogations of Al Qaeda members Khalid Shaikh Mohammad and Ramzi bin Al-Shibh, among other alleged detainees, make up about ¼ of all of the report's footnotes, including most of the story of the plot and the perpetrators! ([NBC 1/30/08](#)) But the Commission wasn't able to talk with the prisoners, and also didn't talk to their interrogators. The Commission writes: "Our access to them has been limited to the review of intelligence reports based on communications received from the locations where the actual interrogations take place. We submitted questions for use in the interrogations, but had no control over whether, when, or how questions of particular interest would be asked. Nor were we allowed to talk to the interrogators." (9/11 Commission Report, pp.146) The Commission claimed outrage to learn that video tapes of interrogations, that they were never told existed, were all destroyed. ([NY Times 1/2/08](#), [Op ed from Commission co-chairs, CNN](#))



FIGHTER JETS: The Commission reported that the North American Aerospace Command's (NORAD's) failure to intercept the hijacked planes with fighter jets was because they didn't know about the specific hijacks. What? The Commission fully exonerated the military for doing nothing to stop four planes over two hours in spite of standard practices and "operating procedures" by claiming that the military simply wasn't told by FAA about the last three planes until after they crashed. This contradicted *2 years of standing testimony* from NORAD that they'd been notified about each of them, *including published timelines*. Are we to believe that in the weeks following the 9/11 attack the military couldn't remember whether they'd been tracking the hijacked flights? Or that they kept lying in ways that made them look worse, not better (i.e. they knew and didn't stop them)? - The FAA confirmed NORAD's claim that they knew. The FAA wrote a memo to The Commission stating that they shared "real-time information" about "loss of communication with aircraft, loss of transponder signals...and other actions being taken by all the flights of interest". First the military told us they knew about the hijacks but didn't scramble jets; then they said they did scramble jets but the jets didn't make it in time; and finally, The 9/11 Commission announced that NORAD actually never even knew about the hijacks. Anyone telling the truth here, and if so who? It's illegal to lie to Congress, but no one's been held to account for it. (For accuracy, one or more pair of jets is said to have eventually scrambled, but never got near any plane.)



JERSEY GIRLS. The Family Steering Committee (the driving force behind the creation of the Commission) presented the Commission with over 300 critical questions which The Commission promised to use as a road map for their investigation. In the end, 70% of the questions were not only not answered, they were never even addressed. These questions go to the heart of the crimes and the failure to stop them. (See select questions at:

<https://www.911independentcommission.org/unanswered-questions/>

Called by some "The 9-11 Omission Report": The Commission failed to mention or adequately address fundamental issues such as: the multiple [war games](#) running on 9-11, the collapse of a third skyscraper, [WTC building #7](#) (not hit by a plane and officially admitted to come down in "free-fall" for over 100 feet); the hundreds of [eye-witness reports](#) of explosions including at the base of the towers on 9-11, or the [money ordered](#) from the Pakistani head of intelligence into Mohamed Atta's bank account. Meanwhile it noted as unimportant or as resolved the large scale ["insider trading"](#) in the days before 9-11, the reports about the alleged hijackers contradicting the official story (e.g. [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)), and the failure of many important figures to be where they should be and do what they should do during the attack (Pres. [Bush](#), Sec. of Defense [Donald Rumsfeld](#), head of NORAD General [Eberhart](#), Bush's [Secret Service](#))

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