



9/11: AN ANALYSIS OF THE EVENT THAT CHANGED THE ENTIRE WORLD

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Abstract: *THE AUTHOR EXAMINES THE 9/11 SUICIDE ATTACKS OF 9/11, ATTACKS ORCHESTRATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUP, AL-QAEDA AGAINST SEVERAL TARGETS IN THE UNITED STATES; THESE ARE THE WORST TERRORIST ATTACKS ON AMERICAN TERRITORY IN US HISTORY TO DATE, AND HAVE CAUSED BOTH A RECORD NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, IMMEASURABLE MATERIAL DAMAGE AND TRIGGERED A HUGE EFFORT BY THE US, TOGETHER WITH INTERNATIONAL COALITIONS TO FIGHT TERRORISM, IN A SO-CALLED "WAR ON TERROR". THE METHOD OF ANALYSIS IS CALLED "ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS" AND AIMS TO FILTER INFORMATION IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND COHERENT WAY TO DRAW RELEVANT CONCLUSIONS. THE AUTHOR EXPLAINS THE CAUSAL FACTORS THAT LED TO THE ABOMINABLE TERRORIST ATTACKS, ANALYZING SEVERAL CONSPIRACY THEORIES LAUNCHED IN PUBLIC SPACE ON THE MOTIVATIONS AND PERPETRATORS OF THE ATTACKS AND PRESENTING PERSONAL VIEWS ON A POSSIBLE GLOBAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM INDUCED BY THE TERRORIST PHENOMENON.*

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INTRODUCTION

The truth is of two types, the real truth and the personal one. Personal truth is subjective, it depends on the point of view from which we look at things; it defines the personal reality we live in every day. What matters is the perspective from which we look, who we are, what our values are. The Real Truth, according to the explanatory dictionary of the Romanian language (adevar, n.d.), means *"the concordance between the knowledge ours and objective reality; it means a faithful reflection of objective reality in thought; what corresponds to reality, what exists or has happened in reality."*

Often, personal truth is not the real truth. Then we distort reality with the help of imagination to create something according to our values. This is harmful, and contrary to the values of the society in which we live in.

We rely on the truth to build the reality we live in, to process information and to be able to coexist as a society. From the history of mankind we can see that the truth is an important element in our mentality.

Contrary to the truth, there is a concept we call conspiracy, that is, the concealment or prohibition of the truth against a mass of people, which is why I chose as a case study in this paper the conspiracy elements related to the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. In this analysis, I will carry out a study of the “Root Cause Analysis”, in order to arrive at a concrete answer related to this conspiratorial phenomenon, regarding the root of the problem. I will also analyze the predominant factors that determined this terrorist phenomenon to exist.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

The 9/11 attacks, called by the international press "9/11 attacks", are a series of terrorist acts carried out by suicidal gestures done by 19 militants associated with the Islamic group al-Qaeda against US targets; these are the worst terrorist attacks on American territory in US history to date. They caused a record number of casualties (around 3000), as well as destruction and panic, and launched a huge effort by the US, together with international coalitions to fight terrorism, in a so-called "War on Terror".

In the following I will briefly relate what happened, in order to create a complete picture of the series of events that existed on that day of September 11, 2001. In the account I make I rely on what was said by the author Nicholas Croce (Croce, 2014, pp.152-159), in his book entitled “Anarchism, revolution and terrorism” and what the online Britannica Enciclopedia (Kiras, 2019) considers as facts.

New York's police and fire departments have been hit hard, not in the direct attacks, but in the attempts to help those involved. Hundreds of people rushed to the scene of the attacks and more than 400 police officers and firefighters were killed.

On 11th of September 2001, four groups of attackers boarded four flights at three East Coast airports and, immediately after take-off, attacked the crews, hijacking the planes (Kiras, 2019). Some people including members of the crew, were stabbed with cutters that the terrorists secretly put on board. The attackers took control of the aircraft, all heading for the west coast having full loads of fuel.

At 8:44 AM, the first plane, “Flight 11” of the American company United Airlines, which was coming from the American city of Boston, flew and hit the WTC (World Trade Center - North Tower), an emblem of the New York City. People initially figured that it was an accident of aviation involving a smaller aeroplane.

The second aeroplane, which is remembered in the collective consciousness as the “Flight 175” from the same airline company, hit the south tower of the WTC 18 minutes later. At this time there was no doubt that the United States had been attacked. Each structure was severely damaged by the impact and burst into flames and smoke. In the article related to 9/11 attacks that I mentioned above, it is said that some people who worked in WTC, and were at the moment of impact on the floors above the accident, jumped from windows in desperation, which led ofcourse to their death.

The third plane, “Flight 77” of the American company, hit the military institution called Pentagon at 9:37 AM, causing an explosion. Federal Aviation Authority called all aircrafts on ground after this incident.

The fourth plane, which is remembered as "United Airlines Flight 93" hit a field in Pennsylvania, after people on board tried unsuccessfully to oppose the attackers.

At 9:59 AM, the second WTC tower collapsed on to the ground in a hell of debris and smoke, and the first tower went down at 10:30 approximately. New York was full of smoke and debris and the terrorist results were seen even from miles away. Office workers and locals panicked, and ran to hide from the danger. Other buildings in the vicinity of the WTC were seriously damaged, notes Britannica.com, and a few went down afterwards (e.g. the World Trade Center 7).

During the attacks from September 11th, US President at that time, George W. Bush was at a school in Florida, when his staff told him that an aircraft had hit the WTC. After the second plane hit WTC, Andrew Card, president's chief of staff, told (MSNBC, 2016) Bush the eleven very well known words that are related to this event: *"A second plane hit the second tower. America is under attack."*

At 8:30 PM, President George W. Bush addressed (US National Archives, 2015) USA from the Oval Office, a speech that will remain in history and will help him figure out his future path as president of the USA: "We will not make any distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them" (Historical Speeches TV, 2015).

Three days later, on September 14th, George W. Bush went to "Ground Zero", to sustain the people who were trying to help. Standing on top of debris, the president addressed the rescue crews who were working to find survivors, throughout a megaphone. When someone said he did not hear the president, George W. Bush made a famous remarks: *"I can hear you. The rest of the world hears you, and those who demolished these buildings will soon hear from us all."* (Fox 35 Orlando, 2019)

Bush's intervention on the terrorist attacks increased the ratings from 55% favorable before Sept. 11th to 90% (Reinhart, 2018) after the attacks in a matter of days.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ANALYSIS METHOD

The method by which we will analyze this event is called "Root Cause Analysis" (MindTools, n.d.). This analysis aims to filter information in the most efficient and effective way possible.

To perform this analysis, we must follow a few steps, as described by MindTools team: Step 1 involves defining the problem and its specific symptoms; Step 2 involves gathering evidence of the problem and measuring the impact of the problem; Step 3 involves the analysis of possible causal factors, the analysis of the events leading to the problem, the analysis of the conditions that allow the problem to occur and also other problems surrounding the occurrence of the central problem; Step 4 involves analyzing the cause of the problem and the real reason why the problem occurred; Step 5 involves the analysis of the winning and losing camps as well as the history of the two camps, along with the analysis of the ultimate goal and the winner's plan; Step 6 involves recommending solutions to help prevent the recurrence of the problem and implement these solutions.

This analysis offers the possibility to broaden the horizon through which we look at this event. We can take important data and organize them in such a way that the meaning of the event is complete, so that we have no doubts about it and its realization.

Through this analysis, we can find out not only who committed the deed, but also who is really behind the event, following the path / trace of money and more. We will also study both who wins and events related to it, being able to draw logical, rational conclusions based on concrete facts.



ANALYSIS

Step 1. Defining the Problem and it's Specific Symptoms

Unlike subchapter 1 of this chapter, where we could observe the event in its minimal descriptive form, in this subchapter we will define the theory that the September 11, 2001 attacks were an "internal work / staging" of the US government. The question is not whether or not the people who were directly involved in this attack were members of terrorist extremists, but through this analysis we want to find out if the US orchestrated, working with them, the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and / or if it helped in somehow the attackers, or simply if the US allowed these attacks to be committed.

Specialists in various fields, as well as ordinary American or foreign citizens, accuse the USA of organizing and orchestrating this event, in order to create the motivation to launch a large-scale military action in the Middle East. This theory fuels the idea that the US would like to infiltrate the Middle East, both through the banking system to gain control of the natural resources of that area, and also by military force, to combat the activities of foreign powers (Wormouth, 2019) in the area and create an outpost in the region for global hegemony.

At the same time, this theory claims that the 9/11 attacks were a political coup, thus strengthening President's George W. Bush position in the election campaign ahead of the upcoming presidential election. According to the theory, the September 11 attacks occurred to divert the attention of the public and the American authorities from a "hole" in the US budget of 2.3 trillion dollars (CoveringDelta, 2011), which had been announced the day before the attacks by the US Minister of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld. He claimed that the previous year, the Pentagon, as a major US military institution, could not justify spending \$ 2.3 trillion.

This theory is often similar to the theory that a group of very financially powerful people have taken control of US institutions and are using them to gain even more wealth by controlling the entire world economy. The international press calls such theories "conspiracy theories", and they are often attributed to people about whom the world may doubt their moral or mental integrity. Former US Governor Jesse Ventura claims (Talks at Google, 2011) that the US state has misled / lied its population countless times in recent decades, and has created countless so-called "*false flag operations*" to hide the real truth, trying to impose personal truth. The conspiracy, by its definition given in the explanatory dictionary of the Romanian language (conspiratie, n.d.), represents "*a secret agreement between two or several persons, with the common purpose of carrying out an illegal, immoral or negative activity for society, respectively a secret and illegal conspiracy directed against state institutions (head of state, government, etc.) or public order.*"

Through this paper, we try to establish the real truth, which is represented by well-documented facts, and the destabilization of the personal truth / truths, launched to create a false reality.

Step 2. Evidence of the problem

There are numerous articles / studies (e.g. Hughes, 2002) and numerous authors (such as D.Icke and J. Ventura) that have focused their work in the last two decades to finding the real truth behind this world-renowned issues. There are also researchers (Smithsonian Channel, 2015), who through their work, have shown that the collapse of towers is impossible as a result of a collision with an airplane.

Firefighters (Steeper33, 2010) who attended the search and provided support to the victims on the day of the attack say they heard explosions inside the towers. At the same time, through the analysis and internal investigation (Know More News, 2016), claim that the US government's \$ 16 million investigation into the causes of the attacks was subjective and interested. They also claim that



there were three separate explosions after the bombing that collapsed the towers, claiming that *"it's as incredible as if we were present on a filming scene."*

Another aspect of the conspiracy theory is that the twin towers were secured (DAVID TRAVIS, n.d.) shortly before the attacks, amounting to \$ 7 billion. Larry Silverstein is the one who collected the amount of 7 billion dollars following the collapse of the towers, he being an important businessman from the USA. Larry Silverstein is also the person who participated in the rebuilding of the new World Trade Center, which was built in the place where the two towers stood. This developer is found controversial by both the international press and American citizens who are followers of conspiracy theory.

The report (BubbaLouis, n.d.) of Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of the Department of Defense, claims that about 2.3 trillion dollars cannot be found in the accounting reports of the Pentagon presented on 10.09.2001, the day before the attacks, is further evidence of the support of this theory. Rumsfeld was critical towards the Pentagon, saying that this is a catastrophic thing for the Pentagon, and that it has no right to ask for a budget increase for next year. After the 9/11 attacks, the Pentagon not only received additional funding, but it was given the green light to create projects and programs to prepare for the invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan.

The US invasion of the Middle East and the ensuing riots in that region are further evidence of this theory. The model followed by each revolution in the Arab countries is one according to the book (Sharp, 2011) written by American author Gene Sharp in 2011. The author presents 198 methods by which a country can gradually move from dictatorship to democracy. These tacit methods have been put into practice in countries such as Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Syria, Bahrain with the help of the CIA and key people infiltrating these countries, who have helped the rebels.

The way the US makes billions of dollars in its economy following the continuing conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan is a factor that can lead the population to conspiratorial thinking. It is well known that the USA imposes its own model of democracy, obtaining immediate material advantages. For example (according to a former Romanian soldier in Afghanistan in the period 2004-2010), the construction of a police station in Afghanistan costs no less than 7 million dollars, an amount that is collected by American companies (the management is American and the companies are registered in the USA), and the labor is from Afghanistan because it is cheap. This is just one example of the unorthodox practice used by the US that could trigger some conspiracy theories. Another example of US involvement in the Middle East is the covert CIA operation in Syria, in which the Americans helped and armed the anti-Assad rebels. This action is described by the Washington Post, a major US newspaper that states (Jaffe et.al., 2017) that the current American president, Donald Trump, would have put an end to this operation.

The indirect war with Russia, Syria and the Arab countries (an example is Afghanistan, where the US helped create a force led by Bin Laden to break up the Russian occupation), but also the huge amount of money the US has at its disposal for this war, are elements that can confirm the fact that an American military outpost is being tried in the Middle East, not just the punishment of the culprits of those who produced the analyzed terrorist act. This outpost, in theory, would occur for the "sprouting" of Russia and the advance towards China. The military bases in these conflict zones are numerous and can be a thorn in the side of Russia and China.

The very strict laws (H.R.10, 2017; Congressional Research Service, 2019; H.R.3162, 2001) that followed are, according to those who support this conspiracy theory, a method by which the US government turns into an authoritarian and totalitarian government, trying to create a global empire, and trying to remove any possible competition from foreign powers (Russia and China in particular). This imperialism would lead to a forced globalization, where the US is the international decision-



maker and arbiter, and, as Napoleon said, may be the power that writes history, because "*the winners write the history textbooks, not the losers.*" Also, according to Edward Snowden (Seifert, 2013), The American "whistleblower", former employee of the NSA (American intelligence agency National Security Agency), large companies such as Facebook, Google, Apple, Microsoft would be part of the so-called PRISM program "*Which allows the US NSA to check everything a citizen does on the internet*", this is due to the permissive legislation discussed above (especially the USA PATRIOT ACT).

This theory, if it turns out to be true, would undermine the entire American culture and economy. The impact of this theory is huge, and does not stop only at the American people, but is reflected also at their partners: strategic, economic and military partners. If this theory is true, not only is the US government guilty of terrorism, but it is also guilty of crimes against its own people, crimes against humanity, money laundering, acts of war against many countries, treason and crimes of aggression.

These accusations can dismantle the American state and its position it enjoys. These accusations can completely change the world we live in, with effect immediately if they could be proven true.

Step 3. Possible causal factors, events leading to the problem, conditions that allow the problem to occur and other problems surrounding the occurrence of the central problem.

If in the previous subchapters we analyzed some possible causal factors that can lead to the conspiracy problem, in this subchapter the focus will be on the determinants of the terrorist phenomenon, which led to the 9/11 attack. The author Peter Bergen, lists in his online published article (Bergen, 2006) some major causes of terrorism, which I will analyze and I will develop in this step of the analysis, drawing a final conclusion on the possible causal factors of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. Article written by Peter Bergen and the book (Henningfeld, 2014, pp.50-63) written by the author Diane Andrews Henningfeld represent the head pieces and leaflets used in the analysis of the detection of terrorist causes described and analyzed in this sub-chapter.

No recent event has produced as much global discussion as the attacks of 9/11, which remain imprinted in the world's collective memory as the attacks that challenged and struck freedom and liberty to its very foundations. "*Within an hour, al-Qaeda members caused more direct damage to the United States than the Soviet Union did during the Cold War*", said Bergen, a global event witnessed by billions. Watching this event on a global scale has had an impact on the global collective mentality, representing a turning point when discussing security rules. After 9/11, security measures around the world have tightened, and the UN has imposed 19 international measures or solutions (UNODC, n.d.) aimed at strengthening the fight against terrorism, in terms of legislative. Much of the free democratic world has joined these solutions, imposing certain rules in domestic law that could prevent terrorism.

It took only a few terrorists, armed with small knives, to do so much damage and kill so many people. This has led some people to look for various explanations to try to explain this phenomenon. Some theories suggest that the Jews were behind the attacks, which was claimed (DW Documentary, 2015) even by leaders of Islamist madrasas; other theories claim that the US government developed them; or, for example, the Cheney-Bush combination planned them so that they could enter the oil fields of Central Asia.

In addition to the hypotheses previously circulated, note that Osama bin Laden himself claims (AP Archive, 2015) that al-Qaeda is responsible for 9/11. In a video release (Al Jazeera English, 2011) he explained his relationship with the leader of the attack, Mohammed Atta. Following the investigation, the US government commission stated (The 9/11 Commission Report, n.d.) that al-



Qaeda was solely responsible for the attacks from the 9/11. A video (AP Archive, 2015) released by the Pentagon, shows how Bin Laden talks about planning the attacks from 9/11. Assigning the 9/11 attacks to the Al-Qaeda group makes us to formulate the following question: "What prompted Al-Qaeda to launch the attacks?"

First of all, we will analyze and develop several causal factors proposed by Peter Bergen in order to answer the above question.

Poverty. People in power believe that poverty in the Middle East is a factor in exacerbating terrorist attacks, even though there is no evidence to support this statement. Attackers from September 11th were upper-middle or middle-class people from the Middle East, they were not originated from poor families. Even since Russian anarchists, terrorism has been a “bourgeois” effort. Al-Qaeda members that were part of 9/11 were the same. Of course, terrorism in general includes poverty as a cause, but this factor is neither the main nor the causal factor in the attacks of September 11th 2001.

Madrasas (schools where people learn about Islam). Another argument is that madrasas, religious schools that learn the Koran by heart and sometimes teach a different and wrong view of Islamic world, are places where terrorists form. Even though none of the 9/11 attackers studied in such a place (most attended college in developed countries), a lot of other terrorists were formed by these types of schools. Bin Laden studied at Al Thagr High School influenced by the modernist vision of Europe, and later studied economics at King Abdulaziz University. Although he studied in Jeddah, some members of the Madras community claim (DW Documentary, 2015) that Bin Laden was a student at such school. Bin Laden personalities are also seen as heroes, both nationally and globally. Madrasas graduates become both politicians and local spiritual leaders, trying to spread the Muslim vision. According to the theory of madrasas, Islam as a religion should be imposed on everyone, because we are all created by Allah. Non-Muslims are seen as intruders and called "infidels." According to these madrasas, people studying here are indoctrinated to hate the West and infidels, and are given examples taken from the Koran, the holy book of Islam, which are torn out of context to encourage students to be part of Jihad (holy war). An example of such a text, as reported by a captured terrorist (SBS Dateline, 2011) and a former student of a madrasa, is “*Be not compliant to unbelievers and hypocrites...*”, another example is “*... of force and steeds*” (refers to struggle between mujahideen and infidels which are supposed to carry the mission with whatever they can). The same captured terrorist relates texts from the Koran in which Mohammed sends soldiers to battle and they kill dozens of infidels with their spears; in the end the soldier dies and compares this situation with modern times, where, even if he loses his life, a mujahedin (soldier who leads the holy war) is honored to kill dozens of infidels. From this interview, it appears that the terrorists who follow these madrasas rely (according to this terrorist) very much on their teachers, who have read the Koran and spread this ideology. Obviously, these so-called teachers are not always in good faith, and are sponsored by terrorist groups to recruit and train new members, ready at any time to give their lives for their ideology, as an investigation ran by France 24, a French television channel, on the faculties in Pakistan shows (France 24 English, 2017).

The same French investigation states that one in four people accused of terrorism in Pakistan has a bachelor's or master's degree, which favors the argument that terrorism has no fundamental roots in poverty (according to Asif Arif - the Pakistani lawyer who helped this investigation, poverty translates into a lack of ability to study at a college or master). Of course, poverty may be a factor for some terrorists, but it is not a key element in promoting terrorism; in other words, not all poor people become terrorists, but some poor people, who also face a personal problem, as the psychologist and author Ahmad Mansour shows in an interview (DW News, 2017) on DW News (German channel). Ahmad Mansour sets an example for himself, who has been a supporter of the Islamist movement in



the past, but studying it he came to the conclusion that terrorism is dangerous and Koran is not at all what madrasas teach.

In terrorists eyes, "Holy War" is the same with defending Islam. Bin Laden justified his actions on Koran texts, and as Peter Bergen said, Bin Laden "*frequently quoted from 'sword' verses of Koran*". These verses are only part of the Koran, and when taken out of context, their interpretation may vary from the original texts. The credibility of the Koran in the face of terrorists is incredibly huge, with this factor becoming a major issue when a person becomes radicalized.

An example of imposed radicalism and recruitment is in the person of Mohammed Khalid, of Pakistani origin who entered a terrorist network, helping with information. He was charged and sentenced to 15 years in prison for assisting terrorists. He was recruited online at a delicate time in his life. He read and listened to various teachings about al-Qaeda and other terrorist factions. According to him (VICE News, 2019), He started listening to any story from the online environment and considering those online as "his brothers and sisters." Khalid was in contact with Colleen LaRose (aka JihadJane), who linked him to Ali Charafe Damache (aka The BlackFlag), people involved in the assassination attempt on Lars Vilks, the famous Swedish animator. Khalid's role was to raise funds, recruit other potential collaborators and hide a passport that LaRose sent him. In 2009, LaRose was arrested and the FBI began prosecuting Mohammed Khalid, which led to his arrest in 2011. His sentence for terrorism was 15 years in prison, but he was released sooner, in 2017 because he collaborated with the authorities. We note, therefore, that madrasas play a key role in creating future terrorists through continuous indoctrination and incitement to hatred of the West. I consider this factor (madrasas) to be a key factor in the development of terrorism at international and global level, and I sustain Bergen's opinion, that madrasas are a key factor that contributed to 9/11 attacks.

Terrorists hate freedom, it is another factor to analyze in the context of the spread of terrorist attacks, as Bergen proved in his article. President George W. Bush was the leading perpetuer of such theory. Bin Laden answered Bush with a rhetorical question: "*If true, why not attack Sweden?*" (Bergen, 2011, p.342). To say that terrorists hate freedom is absurd, because terrorists themselves are considering themselves as "free" people, fighting against imperialism. Interestingly, however, terrorists, although they do not hate freedom, they want a "limited" freedom, a freedom restricted by the laws and rules of the Koran.

US security agencies. The idea that Bin Laden was given power by the CIA and that the attacks from 9/11 were "hits" staged by this agency is an idea that we may find among left-wing radicals all over the planet and is one of their favourite "conspiracy theory". Writer Peter Bergen (Bergen, 2006, p.61) quotes Indian author Arundhati Roy who wrote "*that Bin Laden was among jihadists who moved to Afghanistan in 1979, when the CIA began operations there. Bin Laden has the distinction of being created by the CIA.*" This idea is supposed to be true, but has no supporting evidence, notes the author. An EuroNews report (euronews (in English), 2011), states that the Saudi secret services sponsored Bin Laden in 1979, to create an army of mujahideen fighting Soviet forces. Other authors (Farley, 2013; Bergen, 2011; Burke, 2011) argue that Bin Laden is created by the American information services (mainly CIA). The truth is that there is no solid evidence to support this factor. Even Peter Bergen argued in his article that "*although there is no direct evidence that the CIA prepared or financed Bin Laden or his successors, the Afghan war against the Soviet Union radicalized a generation of Arab militants.*" The experience that the terrorists gained while fighting with the Soviets, had a semnificative part in the establishment of al-Qaeda in 1988, which boosted the spread of jihad all over the world. The key point of modern terrorism was in this period, when al-Qaeda was created. We can say that it has evolved systematically since then, becoming a global problem.



Poorly developed and divided countries. There is a theory (Cinar, 2017, pp. 87-121) that argues that underdeveloped states are perfect places for terrorists and criminals to develop. Al-Qaeda developed under a poor leadership of the Taliban regime. Hamburg, Germany, is the place, according to Bergen, where most pilots and secondary planners of the attack "*became more radical than they were while living in their home countries*". Even if the attackers were raised in Afghanistan, the time period which they spent in Hamburg radicalised them into pursuing their attacks. It is well known that terrorism triumphs in underdeveloped areas and where factions are diversified and divided. For this reason, we can assume that terrorism has as its main factor the division of the population, in order to be able to lead it more easily, or for the pressures exerted by them to be as strong as possible.

French scholar Gilles Kepel has shown in his book "Jihad: The Path of Political Islam" that "*... despite what many commentators immediately claimed, the attack on the United States was a desperate symbol of isolation, fragmentation, and decline.*" (Kepel, 2002, p. 375) The idea of division is found as the main factor in the emergence of terrorism. This factor helps to create terrorist networks, as it is the case in some poor countries in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabia sponsored terrorism. No real, solid evidence has been proposed that Saudis sponsored al-Qaeda. The September 11th report (NIST, n.d.) established and found no evidence that the financing of terrorism comes from Saudi Arabia, which is more, "*money is not the oxygen that runs terrorism*", according to author Peter Bergen. Terrorism is not an expensive form of war. "*According to court documents filed in the trial of the alleged hijacker, Zacarias Moussaoui, the September 11th operation cost just over \$ 200,000, a minimal amount, taking into account the damage caused by it*" - says the author Diane Henningfeld in her book, when she prospects Peter Bergen. The attackers considered the suicide gesture as an act of heroism, they being revered by Islamist propagandists. The power of the Al-Qaeda group consists in their beliefs and human resources. Some researchers (Riedel et.al., 2008, pp.33-46) claim that al-Qaeda development is the product of Saudi sustain. This is also the statement and case of the families of the victims of the 9/11, who signed an action lawsuit against a number of Saudi institutions and individuals (NYTIMES, n.d.). In this regard, it is alleged that the Saudi royal family is blamed to sponsor the terrorists. However, since one of al-Qaeda's goals is to destroy the Saudi royal family, it is therefore an exaggeration to say that the Saudi state had any implications in sponsoring the terrorist group for its attacks.

Religion. Historian Bernard Lewis noted (Lewis, 2003, p.130) that: "*Custody of holy places and oil revenues have had a global impact on of what would otherwise have been an extremist edge in a marginal country.*" Indeed, terrorism, if we exclude the religious side, is an extremist movement, which can be linked to Hitler's Nazi movement in its attempt to create a pure, Aryan race. We conclude that terrorism is so popular due to its religious character. Therefore, religion is a key factor in motivating and potentiating terrorism, a factor that contributes to the existence of international, global terrorism.

Martyrdom. In his book (Pape, 2005) "Dying to Win", American author Robert Pape analysed this phenomenon and concluded that the perpetuators are not driven by religious zeal, but by foreign occupations, as Bergen stated in his article. Pape's theory would lead us to think why 15 out of the total of 19 attackers from 9/11 were Saudi, by the fact that at that time there was a substantial US presence in the Saudi kingdom, as Bergen explains in his theory on the major factors of terrorism. We conclude that, due to the US involvement in the Middle East region, extremists are radicalized and take actions (sometimes fatal even for them) of the terrorist type. Suicide terrorism is a desperate attempt to kill as many enemies as possible, even at the cost of life. The goal is not death, the goal is to eradicate perceived enemies, as we discussed before. Death is the means by which



these terrorists carry out their purpose. Their death is also somewhat supported by Muslim ideology, or rather by Islamist madrasas, as I mentioned above. The events from Iraq do not sustain Pape's statement which is as follows: *"foreign occupation is the driving force behind suicide attacks, especially in the Islamic world."*, concluding that the suicidal attackers in Iraq are mostly not locals, and over 50% are Saudi. Only 10% of Iraqi suicide bombings are carried out by Iraq people, Pape says in his book. Martyrdom leads to suicide attacks in the muslim world, concludes Bergen after analyzing Pape's theory and how it connects with the facts from the Middle East. Therefore, another essential factor of terrorism is martyrdom, caused by hatred of the West, due to foreign occupation, and which is carried out by suicidal bombings.

The confrontation of civilizations / ideologies. Samuel Huntington (Huntington, 1997) accurately predicted that conflicts between civilizations would replace the rivalries of the Cold War, and 9/11 justifies his theory. Most Muslims condemned the 9/11 attacks, and bin Laden's orchestrated attacks sparked a clash of civilizations and ideologies. Rather, it is American interventionism in Iraq (after the fall of Saddam Hussein) that started anti Americanism movements among the muslims of that region. Another great perpetuator of this idea is Paul Berman (Berman, 2003), who thinks that movements such as "binladenism" resemble totalitarian ideologies, such as fascism and communism: *"9/11 was an event of the twentieth century. It was the clash of ideologies. It was the war between liberalism and the apocalyptic and phantasmagoric movements that rose against liberal civilization since the calamities of the first world war"*. Binladenism is as much as a threat to the west as totalitarian regimes were in the last century. The difference, according to Paul Berman, between binladenism and totalitarianism is the notion of "God" that is involved in modern days terrorism, and lacked in totalitarianism ideology. Al-Qaeda has an old vision, and uses modern days technology to accomplish it's goals. This notion presented by Berman reinforces the previously presented point of view of Bernard Lewis, according to which, the particularity is given by religion. This view of Berman reinforces the conclusion that religion plays an important role in terrorism.

The "humiliation" of the ismalic world. Bernard Lewis (Lewis, 2003) is the one who exposes this idea the most. He argues that *"the Muslim world is in a crisis that is largely due to centuries of decline, symbolized by the fate of the once strong Ottoman Empire and the dismemberment of British and French empires and colonies after the first World War"*, as Bergen quoted him in his article. Lewis stated as well that socialism and secular Arab nationalism, were two major factors that played a role in the development of terrorism.

This factor has been an influence to Bin Laden as well. On a tape sent to Al-Jazeera, Bin Laden said (Davis, 2011): *"What America is tasting now is something insignificant compared to what we have tasted for decades. The Islamic world has tasted this humiliation and degradation for 80 years. Neither America nor the people living in it will dream of security before we live in it in Palestine and not before the unfaithful armies leave Muhammad's country."*

In the current presentation, we prospect the presentations made by Diane Andrews Henningfeld and Peter Bergen, mentioned above, to better outline the terrorist's ideal, in the vision of its main exponent - Bin Laden. From this analysis, I will draw conclusions about the main reason for the existence of terrorism. In a tape after 9/11, Bin Laden pointed out "the humiliation" of the Islam and the bad effects that US strategies had in the region. It seems that Bin Laden and Bernard Lewis are on the same level of thinkinf in this regard. According to Bin Laden - Israel - is one of the reasons al-Qaeda is attacking America. In Bin Laden's view, the invasion of Lebanon by the israelites from 1982 and the troops that USA sent after Saddam invaded Kuwait in 1990 were two other main factors. Terrorists, such as Bin Laden, often point out the "humiliation" suffered by Islam, humiliation that is done, according to them, by the western powers. Seeing the "humiliation" of the muslim world throughout history and not trying to see other's perspective, being radicalized, Bin



Laden's logical decision was to go on the path of terrorism. Due to the US withdrawal from Lebanon in 1983, Bin Laden thought that the US was a "paper tiger", not able to be efficient in a long time fight. The US direct answer towards the attacks from September 11th 2001, was sending a message of total destruction to the Taliban regime and al-Qaeda, and annihilate them from their foundations. Even if the attacks on 9/11 were successful, they signed their death punishment while executing them. However, Bin Laden the attacks on the United States have formed an ideological movement that will survive throughout the test of time. Binladerism has grown in intensity since the attacks on American soil, and how Bergen quotes the Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak "*the Iraq war would provoke 100 new bin Laden.*" Therefore, revenge, the "humiliation" of the Muslim world through the creation of Israel and the low standard of living in which the Arab countries live in are some of the important factors on which modern terrorism is based, including the attacks from 9/11.

"Three out of the four 9/11 pilots and two key planners, Ramzi bin al Shihb and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, were established militants in the West", sustains Bergen in his article. "Perceived discrimination and alienation seem to have radicalized them", he follows. We can say that discrimination and alienation of the Muslim population can fall into the category of "humiliation" of the Arab world, as I wrote above.

The Fast-Forward Globalization. The alienation of the Muslims is made easy with the fast-developing technologies and the fast-growth of the globalization factor. The apparition of both local/national or international television in the Middle East countries has been a factor that influenced the trend of terrorism, by promoting it and its attacks. More recently, through the use of both television and social media, the impact of terrorism is better felt around the world. This is a factor that helps to spread the terrorist ideology and to spread fear and terror among the general public, but also to recruit sensitive personnel who are in difficulty and who are ready to be radicalized by this ideology. Terrorists enjoy the freedoms of the democratic world, have unhindered access to the most sophisticated and modern civilian technologies, including military equipment. Globalization has been cleverly exploited by terrorist groups that have seized any operational opportunity (Peptan 2019, pp. 131-132). In this context, the media unwittingly helps to promote terrorism, and is a critical element in the fight against terrorism.

Although none of these theories and causal factors fully explain the situation, the real truth can be found when we combine these theories, and, as in mathematics, putting each situation together will result in a final result, a sum, which explains the nature of the reality in this case. This "amount" is the product of the factors listed above. We conclude that terrorism has the following main causal factors: **madradas** through religious indoctrination achieved through selective reading of the Koran, **martyrdom** that terrorists show in the eyes of the indoctrinated population and which through their experience causes an increase in trust in emerging terrorists, **mass-media**, the "**humiliation**" and **alienation** through discrimination of the Arab world - which brings with it the desire for revenge, the **human factor** (human resources) which are often in difficult life situations when recruited and radicalized and **geopolitical factors** (poorly developed regions and divided - containing conflicting populations or groups) are the main factors of modern terrorism.

Which is more, we can state that the terrorist's main goal is to produce as many deaths (damage to the 'enemy' side) as possible, with the resources that are available to them; one of the most valuable resource they have and are willing to sacrifice is their own life, if they can produce damage to the enemy side.

Step 4. Cause of the problem.

The theory in question must meet a set of conditions to be viable, a context in which tangible evidence must be provided to support each hypothesis.



If there is clear evidence in favor of the theory that terrorist groups exist independently of a Western power, the evidence to the contrary should be analyzed, namely that the main terrorist groups are controlled by Western powers.

One of the proofs is a video, in which the bin Laden family meets George Bush Sr., at a Carlyle group meeting. Although the Bush family denies these claims, there are numerous videos to support this. One such recording, which was later deleted, represents former US President George W. Bush at a meeting with Osama bin Laden, which appears to have taken place in 2010, according to sources who published this video.

Also in 2010, Fidel Castro said of Bin Laden that "he is an American spy, he is part of the CIA programs" (Rory et. Al., 2009). He cites as a source the famous "Wikileaks" site, which has documents on these things. Another propaganda mechanism that supports this is Russia Today, A Russian television station that It also has branches in Washington DC Also, Vladimir Putin (Walker, 2015) is vehement in its claims that the United States controls terrorists in the Middle East region to secure an outpost on Russia's coast.

Certain sources (Watson, 2017), Claim that Wikileaks entities, such as Julian Assange and other former college colleagues at the University of Melbourne, are said to be funded and influenced by Russia, which provides it with secret information so that it can be made public.

Another harsh critic of the US government is the former US governor, Jesse Ventura, who has published several books in the field, stating (Talks at Google, 2011) that "*the US government is constantly lying to the population and has countless false-flag operations.*" He also claims, this time quoting evidence (Wikipedia, 2020), that the US knew that al-Qaeda attacks would be imminent and immediate before they happened.

We conclude that the real reason for this conspiracy is, in fact, Russia and its desire to oppose US supremacy and globalization.

It can be appreciated that the question "Is the USA guilty for 9/11?", turned into "Is Russia right in its propaganda against the USA?". If the answer to the last question, in the opinion of many political scientists, is 'yes', it means that, by logical reasoning, the answer to the first question is also 'yes'; but if the answer is 'no', and Russia is not right, then the question "Why would they do that?" comes up. And to answer this question, we should analyze the geopolitical situation of Russia in comparison with the USA, and, moreover, we will have to position ourselves in their place to see the real motivation.

An in-depth investigation leads us to the conclusion that Russia and the United States are governed by totally different principles and ideologies. The United States is a state declared democratic, with liberal principles, but whose government, according to the "enemy" (Russia) is an authoritarian one. Russia is a state declared democratic, with democratic principles, but which in the sense of the "enemy" (USA) are totalitarian, and is a state that has not yet passed the era of transition from dictatorship to democracy. We can observe the same cold war, brought on today, by the same camps, which this time are fighting for supremacy in terms of the total world domination.

Although Daniel Bell (Bell, 1960) and Francis Fukuyama (Fukuyama, 1990) argue that "*human society has passed the phase of the struggle between ideologies and entered a post-ideological era, where liberal capitalism no longer has an ideological competitor (...) and post-ideology is based on making improvements to existing ideology.*" - this modern power struggle, which is actually a new Cold War, between the same superpowers, but with a different shell, we show the exact opposite is true, namely, that human society has not yet passed the phase of the struggle between ideologies, but is right in the middle of the struggle (eye of the storm).

The ultimate question that arises from this reasoning is "Which of the two superpowers is right in its reasoning?" The answer is one that fits both camps: both and neither at the same time.



Russia is right to say that the United States is struggling to create outposts around the globe, even on Russia's shores, and the United States is right to say that Russia has not yet overcome the ideology of communism, and, in Putin's words, is trying to reform the Soviet Union. Regarding terrorism, there is no concrete evidence that the US has conspired against its own people, the balance leaning towards classic terrorism, independent of the US. But here comes the question we should all ask ourselves, namely: "What would be the ultimate proof of US involvement in the 9/11 attacks?" Following the logical thread, and from previous experiences, it follows that there is no clear and unequivocal evidence that the US orchestrated these events. Any kind of evidence that would appear, if the US had been to blame for the 9/11 attacks, it would have been vehemently challenged and other counter-evidence would be orchestrated to prove the exact opposite.

The answer to the question "Who is to blame for 9/11?" it's useless. Obviously, this question makes sense, and we - as human beings - want to find out who was wrong from the beginning, because we seek justice in everything we do.

Step 5. Who has to win, who has to lose?

Using the above reasoning, following the 9/11 attacks, the United States entered the Middle East by force, both economically and militarily (this was after the Battle of the Persian Gulf). Thus, the US has strengthened its position, and at the same time eliminated or tried to eliminate "competition" (Russia) from the region, although at the moment we are witnessing an indirect struggle between the two powers in Syria (Russia supporting the regime and US rebels).

Russia's response to events after 2001 can be seen as pragmatic: strategic, military and economic partnership with China; the annexation of Crimea, and the reopening of the Western Front, advancing towards Europe; destabilization of the European Union through various methods (both through unilateral and partisan negotiations with certain countries for gas and military resources); destabilization of Turkey; supporting the Syrian government, which has committed countless atrocities against the civilian population; continuous armament; the development of nuclear warheads in other Asian countries, as well as in the country, thus violating the international anti-nuclear agreement (Wikipedia, 2020).

Through the effects of globalization, which from year to year, are growing at an ever-accelerating pace, it can be said that the US has a momentary advantage over Russia.

It is clear that Russia has exceeded its limits in the struggles it is waging. Russia is involved on many fronts and does not have the strength to support them all at once. Although Russia outnumbers other NATO states, it is smaller in population. The active number of soldiers that Russia can supply is relatively limited, and the number of military assets that Russia can mobilize is impressive, but it is below NATO's powers. Therefore, a fight on several fronts at once is favorable to NATO. Much of Russia's power is also in its potential ally, China; provoking a discord between the two states, under the pretext of 'divide et impera' Russia may lose part of its advantage.

Although the history between the two sides dates back hundreds of years, even before the founding of the United States as a state, only the period after World War II and the situation between the two states will be analyzed.

As American and Russian influence and power began to grow after World War II, tensions were felt between the two countries (HISTORY, n.d.), which exacerbated with the race in the field of nuclear weapons. Both nations became capable of producing nuclear weapons, which was the culmination of their military power. The Cold War left its mark on relations between the two sides. While the two powers were not directly involved in military aggression, the United States actively campaigned to stop the spread of communism, with both countries trying to "outdo" each other with increasing nuclear weapons production and development. space programs.



Although Russian-American relations have certainly improved since the official end of the Cold War, growing tensions have begun to build over recent events in Syria. Once again, it seems that these two nations are in contradiction once again, as we explained in the previous subchapters. Fortunately, whenever Russia and the United States have had disagreements in recent decades, it has never been an act of open struggle between them.

In order to analyze who leads these camps, we must observe the internal organization of the two camps (USA and Russia).

According to the constitution, Russia is a semi-presidential republic with three powers: executive, legislative and judicial, where the executive is divided between the president and the government, while the US is a presidential republic, where the executive belongs to the president - he is the head of executive power.

The United States has engaged in a constant struggle for globalization and for technological, geo-strategic, economic and military supremacy. After briefly analyzing who leads the two states, we conclude that there is a struggle between capitalism and modern dictatorship, moreover, it is a struggle between different mentalities and between different ways of life.

Each camp attacks the other by various methods and tactics, trying as much as possible to destabilize it. The ultimate plan of both sides is total world domination, both economically and militarily, strategically, politically and geographically.

Returning to the question in the previous sub-chapter, "Which of the superpowers is right in its reasoning?" we get, according to the analysis, the invincible answer, but at the same time totally impossible: "Both and neither.", the question turning once again into "What exactly do you prefer?", being a situation worthy of a film script or an interesting reading (Sorescu, 1968; Kafka, 1925), for each of us to make a decision.

Regardless of the decision, the fight between the USA and Russia for global supremacy is of no use to anyone, all of them having to lose. In a war, direct or indirect, there are no winners, there are only losers. Even if in the short term, there are profiteers who can benefit from the existing situation, we cannot say that there can be a final winner.

Step 6. Recommendations and solutions.

Sometimes, the best choice is not between the answer options. Sometimes not choosing is the best choice. Sometimes the best option has not yet been found.

Recommendation (note that it is an idealistic solution, very difficult, if not impossible to implement):

1. The creation of a Global State, without a president, made up of the current countries of the world and each state represented by its chosen one in the form of a Governor, elected once every 4 years.

2. The creation of a Global Army, whose sole purpose is the safety and protection of the citizens of each country.

3. The creation of a global constitution, in which the world is free to choose religion, and in which religion does not play a role in the laws of the country - but only in families where this is desired(see muslim ideology and Shuria Law), no one can be forced to adhere the religious ideologies without their own will.

4. The creation of a new, unique currency around the globe, which has no links (conversion rates) with those currently existing, so that it can be used in trade and barter, and it should ne linked to the time that people use working, rather than the current conversion (trying to eliminate economic differences between East and West).



5. *Creation of a global public plan for the progress of humanity (research, development, health budgets, etc.)*

Implementing the solution would be the biggest problem humanity has ever faced, namely avoiding the extinction of the human species, by saving it from its own decay. To implement the solution, a world council should be set up, consisting of all currently existing partnerships (UN, NATO, EU, etc.) and to establish the formation of a new alliance, between all countries of the world, encompassing current alliances (Orwell, 1948). There would be the partner alliances, mentioned above, which would regulate the new status of the new alliance, under the umbrella of which they are all. Practically, each country would become a county of a region, which in turn is part of a larger country (to draw a parallel with the modern world).

All these already existing alliances, through its elected representatives, could create a system of government and a set of general laws, certain directions that each province should approve with small modifications, depending on preferences.

Apart from the loss of national identity over time (not bad at all, if we take into account the new global multicultural identity that would form), there are no other new risks that humanity could face. Of course, there would be opposition from the extremists, but it would be a step that humanity, sooner or later, will have to take to avoid its own extinction.

CONCLUSION

The measures taken by the United States, as can be seen, are some that indicate a fear of spreading the spread terrorist phenomenon globally. International law has changed in terms of terrorism, as well as at the state level. At the international level, in 2001, the UN Assembly decreed 19 measures to protect against terrorism, measures aimed at cyber, maritime, air and land security, and the financing of terrorism.

For example, the USA PATRIOT ACT has been introduced in the USA, which gives a huge freedom to the intelligence services, which can intercept any alleged terrorist, both American citizenship and any other citizenship. Another measure taken by the United States to dismantle terrorism was the invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq, trying to put an end to it right at home. The main measure in the analyzed issue was the implementation of the legislation regarding the declaration of the people who attack the USA as being associated with terrorism. Another means of abolishing terrorism in the United States has been, for example, the attempt (still in progress) to declare drug cartels in Mexico as external terrorist factions. A key measure was also cooperation with NATO and UN countries on intelligence in the Islamic region, which is of great importance for US decisions regarding the war on terror. In fact, the role and necessity of intelligence in the global security equation is well known (Peptan, 2019).

As I mentioned before, a way to abolish terrorism is to create a common front between Russia, the USA, NATO countries and China, to act in concert. Until the Russian factions that support terrorism are abolished, we cannot say that we have a common front to fight. There are hidden interests from Russia and China (usually economic and geopolitical) to support terrorism in the region and create insecurity (as we showed in the analysis, Russia is indirectly involved in financing terrorism). This is because Russia and the United States are still waging a Cold War, which did not end with the dissolution of the former USSR.

We can say that terrorism is a struggle between ideologies - a struggle in which several actors adhere, some main, some secondary. Binladenian terrorism is one of the results of the struggles between the two ideologies that have manifested themselves: communism and capitalism. We can say that there is no single culprit in the 9/11 attacks. Of course, if we follow the logic “whoever pulls the trigger is guilty”, then we can say that the 19 participants in the 9/11 attacks are the only guilty



ones; but, things are not so simple, there are many more factors that caused this event to happen. Binladienian terrorism has several key factors, as emerged from the analysis in this chapter, such as: madrasas through religious indoctrination through selective reading of the Koran, the martyrdom that terrorists show in the eyes of the indoctrinated population and which through their experience causes an increase in trust in the emerging terrorists, the mass-media, “humiliation” and alienation through discrimination of the Arab world - which brings with it the desire for revenge, the human factor (human resources) that are often in difficult life situations when geopolitical factors are recruited and radicalized (poorly developed and divided regions - containing conflicting populations or groups) are the main factors of terrorism, implicitly the factors that caused the attacks of September 11, 2001, to which is added the poor preparation of the political panel which ignored signals from US security services.

In order to abolish terrorism of any kind, once and for all, it is necessary to create a common front; only through cooperation can a common enemy be defeated.

Humanity is at a culmination in its evolution, a test, which it either overcomes together, or falls apart as individuals. The answer can be found if we meditate on the fact that “... *despite the amazing things people are able to do, we remain unsure of our goals and seem to be as unhappy as ever. We've advanced from canoes to galleys and from ships to space shuttles, but no one knows where we're going. We are stronger than ever before, but we don't really know what to do with all this power. Even worse, people seem to be more irresponsible than ever. Arrived by their own gods who are only kept by the laws of physics, we must not answer to anyone. Consequently, we wreak havoc among other animals and in the surrounding ecosystem, looking for nothing but our own comfort and entertainment and yet never satisfying. Is there anything more dangerous than some dissatisfied and irresponsible gods who do not know what they want?* ” (Harari, 2015)



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