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9/11 A government plot

9/11 was one of the darkest days in the history of the United States America. On Tuesday 11 September, there were a series of four terrorist attacks that caused massive causalities and as a result, many people lost their lives. The destruction of the twin towers also known as a world trade center was the spotlight of the attack. The attackers hijacked four domestic aircraft and took control of the planes as soon as they took off. The first plane was piloted into the World trade center while the second struck the south tower in Boston. The third plane struck the southwest side of the pentagon and the fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania. This cause huge chaos in the whole country as the clouds of smoke quickly filled the streets within minutes (Pelkmans).

As the attacks were of a wide spectrum, they captured the attention of every person not only with in the country but also of people all over the world. Initially, people all over the world were under shock and were consoling the people who lost their loved ones. However, after some time, several conspiracy theories started to emerge. Even today, after so many years have passed, people are still making several conspiracy theories regarding the attack. Most people think that it was an insider job. Michael Meacher who was a former British environment minister claimed that the United States government knew about the attack and advertently failed to prevent the attack. Many theorists claim that the US officials already knew about the attack and were also involved in the planning of the attack due to which they didn’t try to stop it. According to different theorists, a significant amount of ‘put options’ were placed on both the United and American Airlines stocks which means that insiders were already aware of the attacks. This unusual stock exchange market activity clearly indicates that the attack was an insider job. Additionally, the Chicago board options exchange recorded the total 4744 put options and almost 4516 were put on the American Airlines day before 9/11. This cannot be a coincidence as no other airline company has received this much amount of put to call ratio. Moreover, several insurance companies saw irregular trading activities as well. Many government officials have their businesses so they can get a huge benefit from investing in the stock market. All these facts pointed out that many government officials were indirectly involved in the attacks (Bell).

 The theorist claim that to execute an attack this big is only possible if a people involved in the attack have high-security clearance or people have the authority to stage a drill simulating the attack. Also, to execute the attack, someone must have designed a highly efficient software and a pilot testing would have been conducted in real life. So how was the government unaware of the testing conducted within the airspace of the country? Also, only the government can authorize the security clearance of the hijackers and other tools that were bought to plan the attack. Furthermore, the attack happened before the elections so this provides an opportunity for all politicians to come under the spotlight and can gain benefits by sympathizing with the people. This will make them more popular thus the attack can benefit them in getting more votes. Also, many theorists claim that the US wanted to invade Iraq and Afghanistan so they planned the attack and blamed Islamic terrorist organizations. Oil was a major factor that the US government wanted to invade Iraq to initiate a war with several Muslim countries. By blaming Muslims, the US government can increase the anger of people against Muslims and would make it easy for them to invade Iraq and Afghanistan and later invade Iran.

Despite several controversies surrounding the 9/11 tragedy and the role of government, many people think that the government was not involved in the execution of the attack. This is because soon after the attack, Al-Qaeda took the responsibility of the attack. Also, according to the FBI, reports identified some of the hijackers who were all Muslims and had letters in their luggage written in the Arabic language. The letters contained information regarding the attack and the identity of hijackers. This indicated that Saudi Arabia was involved in the attack. Although they must have US allies as well yet the whole financing and planning was done by the Saudi government. The reason Al-Qaeda stated for the attack was due to the involvement of the US government in supporting a war against Muslims in Somalia, Kashmir, and Palestine (Powell). This clearly indicated that the government was not involved in the attack. Also, religion was another factor due to which the attack happened. These are the reasons that people believe that the government was not involved in plotting 9/11. Media also played a very important role in the whole scenario. The media portrayed Al-Qaeda and Muslims as terrorists making people of the US believe that the attack was entirely planned and executed by Muslims. Not only electronic media but also print media portrayed the same thing (Kellner). Additionally, FBI agents and all law enforcement agencies also provided several pieces of evidence towards Muslims. Due to this reason people never actually bothered to think regarding government involvement in the attacks.

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