

UNIT 6 – MILLENNIUM & WAR ON TERROR

DAY 3



THE WAR ON TERROR

*"For the people of the United States, there will be no forgetting September 11th... we will remember."
– President George W. Bush*



OBJECTIVES

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 - Terrorism
 - 9/11
 - Al-Qaeda
 - Osama bin Laden
 - Taliban
 - Saddam Hussein
 - ISIS

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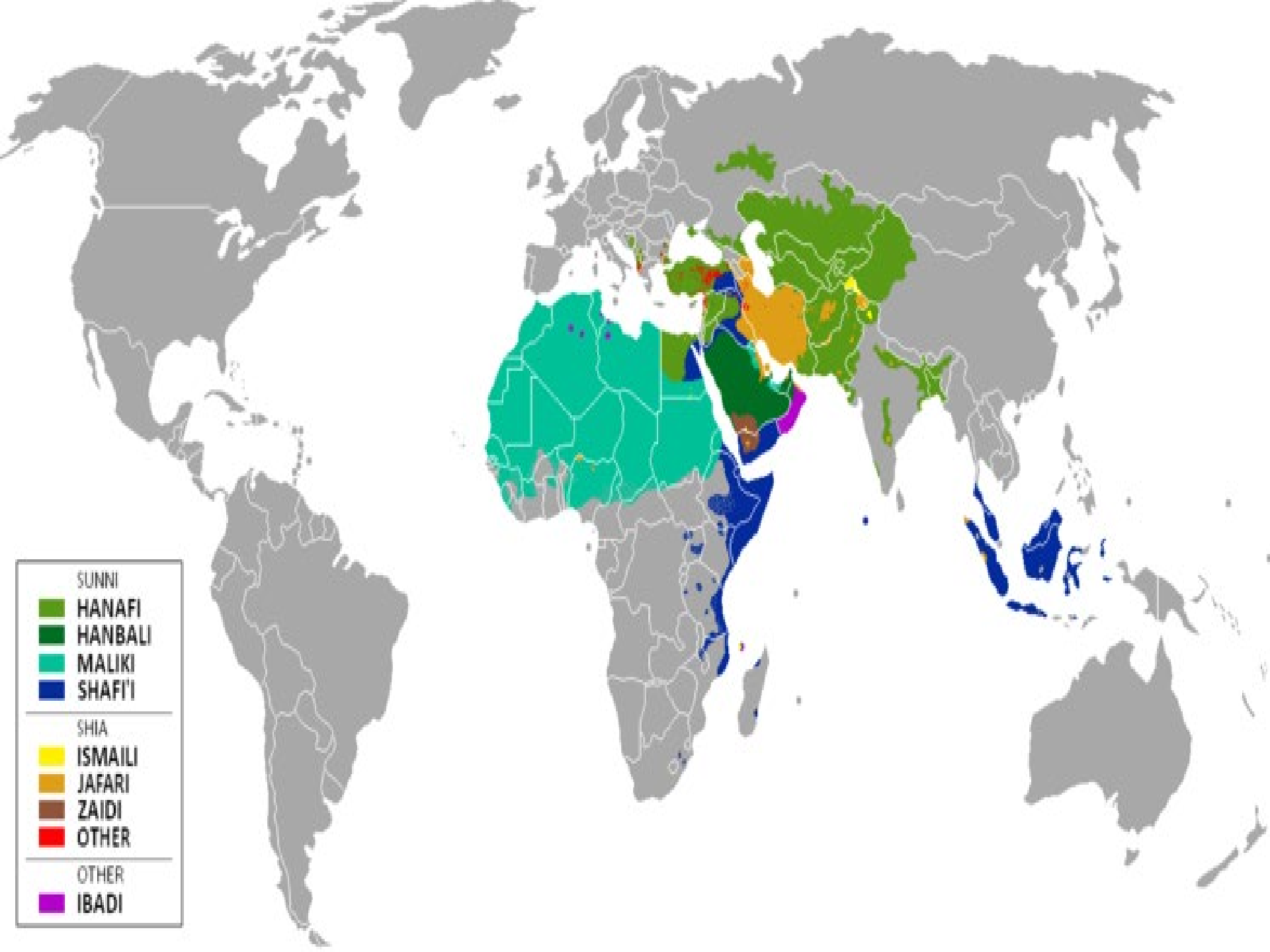
- What was the result of the “Cold War”?
- What is America’s role in the world today?
- What types of groups and protests are part of Civil Rights?
- How has technology changed our world and communication?
- Finally, what do we know about Islam?

SCARING THE SHIITE OUT OF ME

- *When Muhammad spread the teachings of the Archangel Gabriel (Islam) the Muslim religion was united under him as their “one true prophet”, and military leader*
- *However, in 632 AD he died (or ascended into heaven) and the question of “who should succeed Muhammad” arose.*
- **This** led to a split between Shiite and Sunni (“people of the ““blood” or “tradition”)
 - *Much like the split in Christianity between Catholicism and Protestantism*

YOU ARE MY SUNNI-SHINE

- So, the primary difference between these two types of Muslims is leadership, but there are others...
- **Shiite –**
 - Authority by bloodline / birth
 - More progressive (*adapting to modern ideas*)
 - Minority of Muslims (*Only 10-15%*)
 - Primarily in Iran, Iraq, and Syria
- **Sunni –**
 - Authority to the “most worthy”
 - More orthodox (*traditional*)
 - Resistant to change / modern interpretations
 - Majority of Muslims (*85-90% in the world*)



TRIAL AND TERROR

- *So what's the big deal? Sunni and Shiite are all Muslim, who even cares?*
 - What's happened between different Christian Faiths in history?
- Well, difference of opinion is one thing, but when you cross that line and believe violence to be the answer...
 - What's that called again?
- You now have terrorism
 - Use, or threat, of violence against civilians to achieve a political goal
 - *The VAST majority of violence committed by Muslims has been against... OTHER MUSLIMS!*

THE TERROR OF YOUR WAYS

- *So... what do we notice about the definition of “terrorism”?*
- *What are some examples of acts of terrorism in history?*
- *Is it unique to only one nation, religion, group, or time?*
- *Is it possible to have something that some would call terrorism, and others see as “noble”?*
- *Finally... how do you fight such an idea?*

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATED TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS:

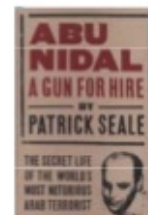
- HAMAS
- Hezbollah
- Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)
- Palestinian Islamic Jihad
- PFLP-General Command
- Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AAMB)
- Palestine Liberation Front
- Al-Qaeda
- ISIL

*Partial list sourced from U.S. State Dep



Current List of Designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations

- Abu Nidal Organization (ANO)
- Armed Islamic Group (GIA)
- Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)
- Communist Party of the Philippines/ New People's Army (CPP/NPA)
- Continuity Irish Republican Army
- Harakat ul-Mujahidin (HUM)
- Lashkar-e Tayyiba (LT) (Army of the Righteous)
- Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)
- Al-Qaeda
- Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)
- Revolutionary Nuclei (formerly ELA)
- Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/ Front (DHKP/C)
- Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso, SL)
- United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC)



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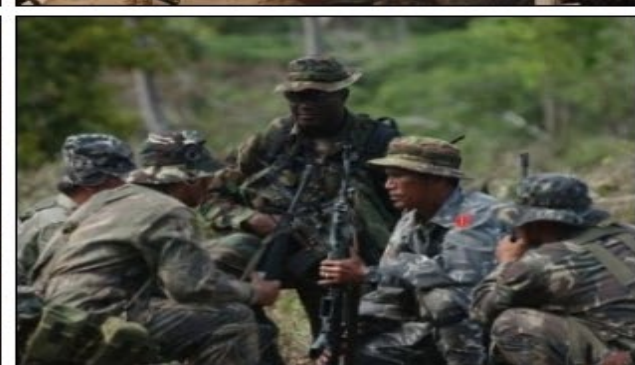
WE WILL NEVER FORGET

- *Those Muslim Fundamentalists who not only opposed fellow Muslims, but also ALL “Western Influence” and culture especially directed anger at the United States of America*
- *After all, the Soviets were gone, and we emerged victorious in the Cold War*
- *We also were members of a Security Council that felt the “four freedoms” were universal*
- *Plus, well, we have bikinis, Oprah, and bacon*
- *From 1970-2000 several small acts of terrorism, from plane hijackings, to bombings, to kidnappings had taken place, but then, in 2001, everything changed...*

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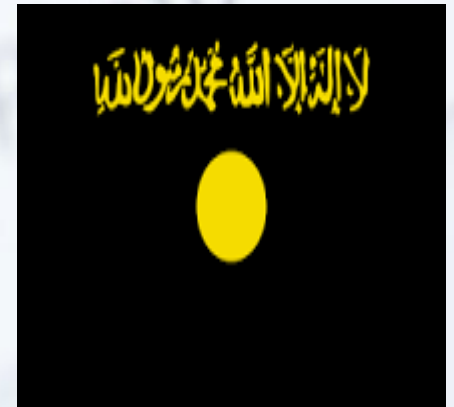
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

- 4 planes hijacked by 19 men
 - 2 were flown into the World Trade Towers, 1 into the Pentagon, and the 4th was crashed in a Pennsylvania field
 - *The last was due to brave passengers overpowering hijackers*
- Roughly 3,000 deaths – the worst terrorist attack in American history
 - Greatest single day loss for American firefighters, American policeman, or civilians
- Became the defining moment for President George W. Bush and the start of a new global “war” – on terrorism



JIHAD ME AT HELLO

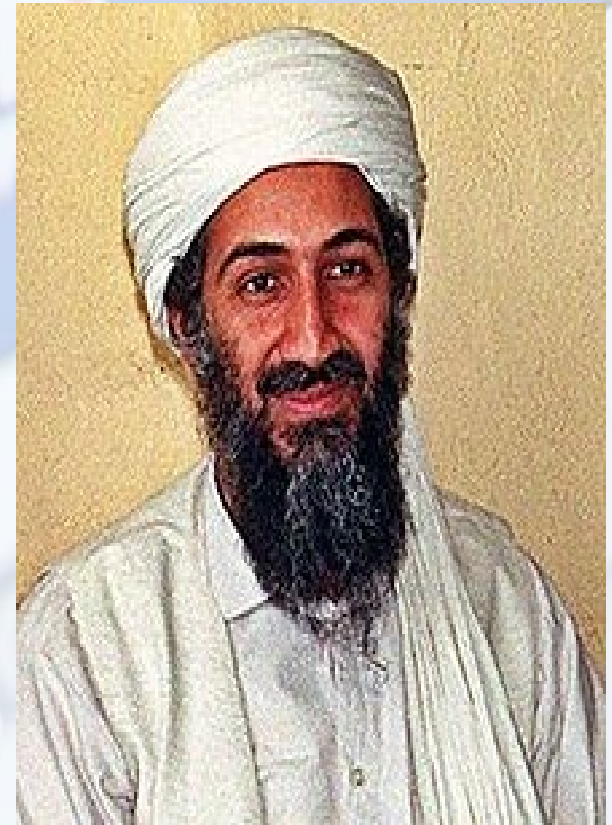
- The hijackers of 9/11 were all members of an organization called Al-Qaeda
 - *Literally “the Base”*
 - Militant Sunni Fundamentalist group
 - Originally fought the Soviets in Afghanistan (1980s)
 - Waging a “jihad” (holy war) on Christians and Jews worldwide
 - Because of belief that a Christian-Jewish alliance is trying to destroy Islam



WHERE YOU BIN HIDIN?

- *The “mastermind” behind 9/11 was*
Osama bin Laden

- Founder of Al-Qaeda
- Originally from Saudi Arabia
- From a very wealthy family
- Led victory against Soviets in Afghanistan
 - *Thus, believed Global Superpowers could be beaten*
- Believed “Western” influence was corrupting Islam
- Killed by U.S. Forces **on May 2, 2011**
 - *Rest in Pieces...*



THROWING IN THE TOWEL-IBAN

- So... if bin Laden and Al-Qaeda are responsible for 9/11, what are we doing IN Afghanistan, Iraq, or Syria?
- For starters, bin Laden received asylum in Afghanistan, as he was seen as a hero there.
- Furthermore, there is a group there known as The Taliban (Pashto for “students”)
 - Group in Afghanistan
 - Seeking to drive all western influence from the country
 - Extreme fundamentalists
 - Follow Sharia Law to a sexist, racist, and violent point

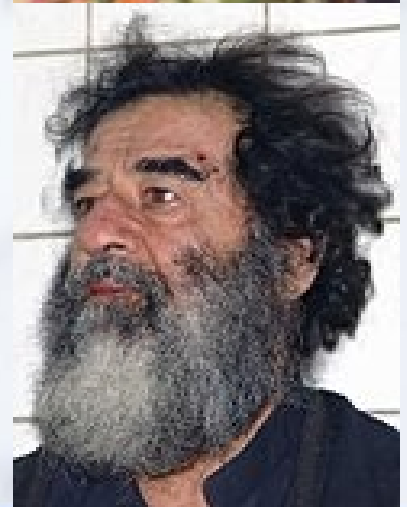


I RAN FROM IRAQ

- **Meanwhile, to understand Iraq, we actually have to go back to President Bush SR**
- **In 1990, Iraqi President, Saddam Hussein, invaded their small neighbor Kuwait.**
- **For roughly 1 year Coalition Forces (U.S. led) pushed the Iraqis out of the country, and forced disarmament on Iraq**
 - **It was called the “Gulf War” (Operation Desert Shield)**
- **At the same time a Kurdish (different ethnic group from Arabs in Middle East) uprising against Hussein failed**
- **Then we get to the 2000s...**

AS I WAS HUSSEIN

- *Post 9/11 America was looking for someone to blame, and watching the Middle East closely*
- **Saddam Hussein**
 - Iraqi President
 - Invaded Kuwait
 - Committed genocide on Kurds
 - Also committed several war crimes
 - *Chemical weapons, targeting civilians, etc.*
 - Suspected of possessing WMDs
 - Weapons of Mass Destruction
 - Captured in 2003
 - *Iraq was invaded by U.S. Forces in 2001*
 - Tried by World Court, found guilty, and executed



WHY SO SYRIA-S?

- *Finally, we have the current problem, and issue, of Syria*
- *Basically, Syria is in a Civil War right now, but instead of “North” and “South” there are FOUR key players*
 - ***Bashar al-Assad – Tyrannical leader of Syria***
 - *He uses chemical weapons on his own people, and commits genocide*
 - *Russia and Iran back him*
 - ***The Rebels – Those seeking to oust Assad***
 - *Saudi Arabia, and the U.S. support them*
 - ***Syrian Kurds – Ethnic minority (and Shiite)***
 - ***A fourth, new, group, that hates all three of the others, and wants an Islamic State...***

WATER'S NOT SO BAD, BUT ICE IS

- **ISIS** (*Alternatively ISIL, or Daesh*)
 - “Islamic State of Iraq and Syria”
 - Extreme jihadist (**Puritanical Islam**)
 - *Any form of violence is justified – to include beheading of civilians, rape of enemy females, and worse.*
 - Have captured much in Iraq and Syria
 - Seek to set up a Sunni Islamic State
 - *A theocracy – religion-controlled government*

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AND SO...

- *We have seen in this course how America became a military force, an economic one, a political one, and a world-leading one*
- *But, as Spiderman was taught, “With great power comes great responsibility.” And being at “the top” also makes you a target*
- *What’s important is that we continue to set a standard in civil rights, in technological advancement, and in NOT letting acts of terrorism interrupt our way of life, or go against our ideals.*
- *That, after all, is the only way terrorism can win.*



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