



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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- Discuss American involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria
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- *Terms:*
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 - Sunni
 - Terrorism
 - 9/11
 - Al-Qaeda
 - Osama bin Laden
 - Taliban
 - Saddam Hussein
 - ISIS

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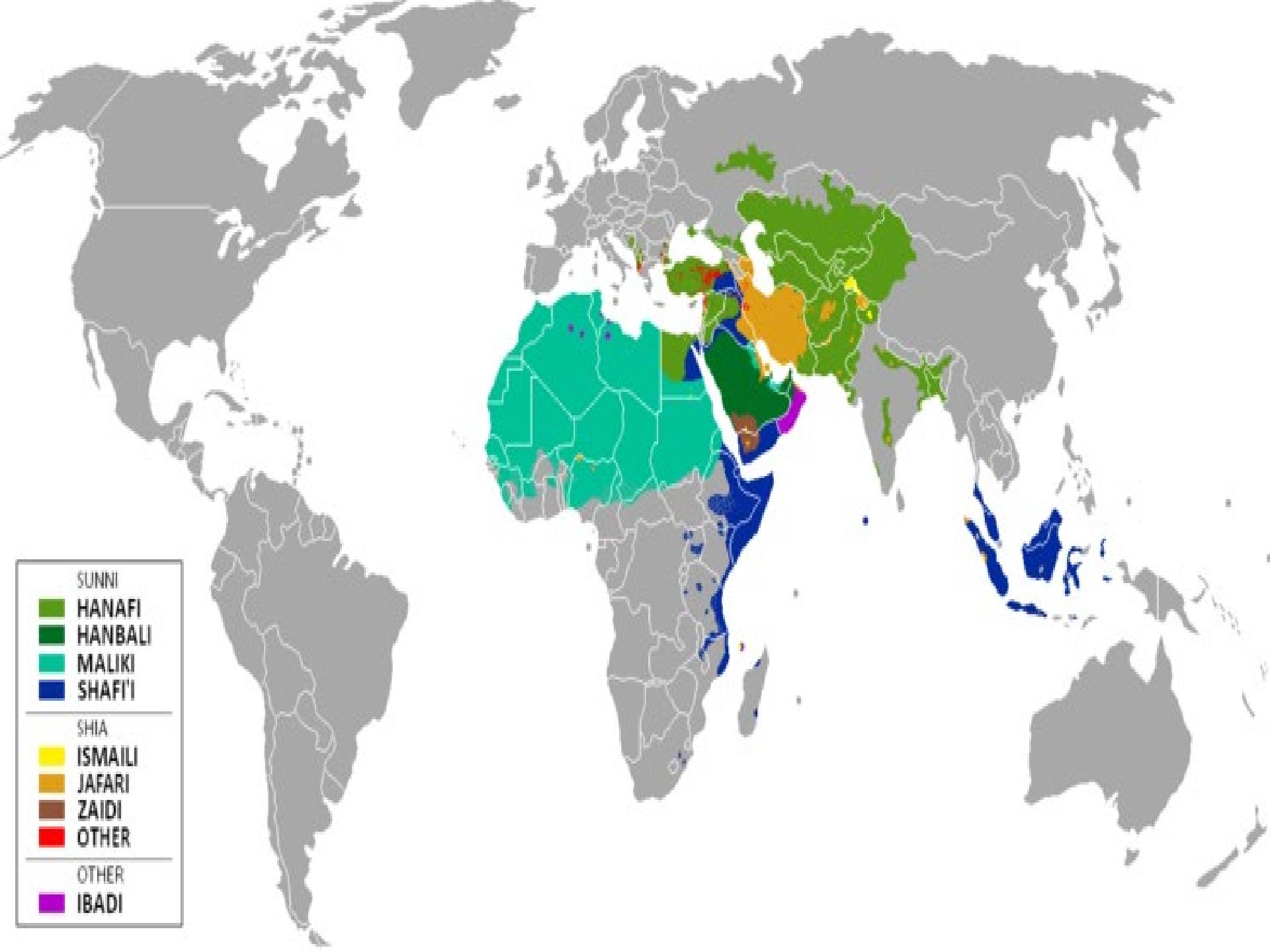
- **What was the result of the “Cold War”?**
- **What is America’s role in the world today?**
- **What types of groups and protests are part of Civil Rights?**
- **How has technology changed our world and communication?**
- **Finally, what do we know about Islam?**

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*)



SUNNI

HANAFI

HANBALI

MALIKI

SHAF'I

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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**

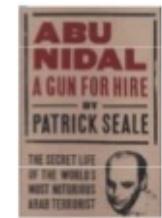
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Current List of Designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations



- 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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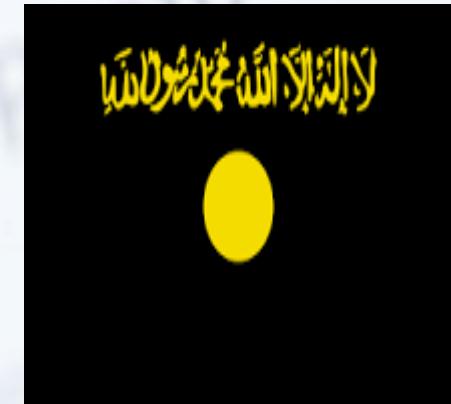
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

- 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



IRAN FROM IRAQ

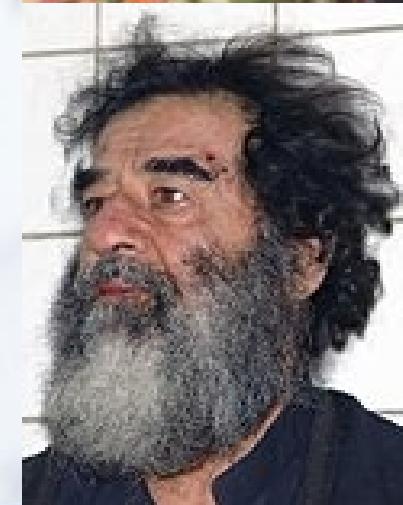
- *Meanwhile, to understand Iraq, we actually have to go back to President Bush SR*
- *In 1990, Iraqi President, Saddam Hussein, invaded their small neighbor Kuwait.*
- *For roughly 1 year Coalition Forces (U.S. led) pushed the Iraqis out of the country, and forced disarmament on Iraq*
 - *It was called 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*





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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