## There Are No Innocent People in a Democracy -- Only Victims

An Appeal for Additional Support of the A&E 911 Truth

Nork buildings collapsed in their footsteps. Only two of these structures were talked about very much, and all of the collapses were attributed to the tragic crashing of two American Airline jets into the sides of New York's two tallest buildings -- the Twin Towers.

Since then, it has become evident that the destruction of these buildings was likely due to causes different from what most of us believe. Indeed, a careful look at the evidence, as provided by a reputable group of architects and building engineers, is very disconcerting, as this group has discovered that the cause of collapse was unlikely the intense fire that resulted from the burning of highly volatile jet fuel, but rather by timed detonations similar to those used by expert demolition teams to clear away old structures for the purpose of erecting new.<sup>1</sup>

Important is that the people who performed these studies do not appear to be conspiracy theorists seeking to make a profit from sensational news such as that recently created by CNN's Wolf Blitzer and the Heene family.<sup>2</sup> In contrast, their motivation has much more to do with the course of human history and the way in which the American popular mind is sometimes manipulated

by our national government to achieve specific ends that may or may not be in the best interest of our nation's people.

Public opinion may be split on whether the Iraq War has been worth the loss of life and the hundreds of billions of dollars spent on a military engagement that never had to be, but there are few people who would insist that the 911 attacks were not a necessary precursor to the Iraq War. Indeed, without a second Pearl Harbor and the successful defeat of the Taliban/Al Qaeda dream team in Afghanistan several months later, how could Washington ever have amassed sufficient American public opinion for an invasion of Iraq -- with or without the presence of WMDs? Clearly the 911 attacks were used by the Bush Administration to push their own political agenda.

Indeed, there are no innocent people in a democracy, there are only victims of bad government. For, in a democracy government is the servant of the people, and its actions are the responsibility of the people. If we are misled by our government and national press corps, then it is up to us to set the record straight. Frankly, I do not want the blood of Iraq and Palestine on my hands, and you should not either.<sup>3</sup>

The Obama administration would have us look past the wrongs of our previous administration, because it does not wish to

<sup>1</sup> Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (A&E 911 Truth) [website | no reserve necessary] (downloaded on 20 October 2009).

<sup>2</sup> Scott Collins and Nicolas Riccardi. "My kid, the ratings bonanza: beyond the 'balloon boy' saga". Los Angeles Times. 19 October 2009. [online document | reserve] (downloaded on 21 October 2009).

<sup>3</sup> Roddy A. Stegemann. January 2009. Values and Pragmatism, Ideology and Principles. Article written for Moogoonghwa's Viewpoint. [online document | no reserve necessary]. Also, 2008. Mark My Words. [online document | no reserve necessary]..

detract our nation's attention away from other pressing issues, such as the current state of our national economy, national health care, the war in Afghanistan, and financial and educational reform. He also believes that holding the previous administration accountable for having steered us afoul would do nothing to heal the national divisions that have been stifling badly needed reforms in Congress for some time. On the one hand, I am sympathetic with the President's wisdom. On the other hand, I do not understand why a nation as complex as ours, and with as many resources as we have at our disposal, cannot focus on more than one issue at a time.

In the end, I am aghast that nine-yearold Falcon Heene receives more public attention than Major General Athar Abbas, the spokesperson for the Pakistani government, when he speaks about his country's recent incursion into South Wazuristan -- an important development in South-Central Asia's ongoing crisis and America's involvement therein. Indeed, when are the American people going to wake up to the fact that its government's overseas activities are a matter of utmost concern -- not just for America, but for all the places in which American money and weapons are utilized everyday to press some group's private overseas political and economic agenda?

In 2008 the United States government spent more than 70% of what the entire rest of the world spent on military equipment, personnel, research, and operations combined.<sup>4</sup> This and the fact that the United States is the world's largest debtor nation is most disturbing. Somehow, the image of a good samaritan trotting across the globe with the world's

largest billy club, while promissary notes dangle from his tattered pockets and his fellow citizens wallow in over consumption and poor health, is not my notion of a nation of which I can be very proud.

Let's get to the bottom of 911 and see what else we might discover. It may be difficult, and we may not like what we find, but at least we will have made every effort to restore our faith in our government, so that we can better deal with the other more pressing issues that are, "Well, yes!", our future.

<sup>4</sup> Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. 2009. SIPRI Yearbook 2009. Chapter 5 - Military Expenditure. Table 5.2 - The 15 Countries with the Highest Military Expenditure in 2008. [online document | reserve] (downloaded on 21 October 2009).