"... We'll come together, as a nation, to mark the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. We'll remember the innocent lives we lost. We'll stand with the families who loved them. We'll honor the heroic first responders who rushed to the scene and saved so many. And we'll pay tribute to our troops and military families, and all those who have served over the past ten years, to keep us safe and strong..."

President Barack Obama, Weekly Address, Saturday, August 27, 2011

President Obama and First Lady Join Services to Commemorate Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 - President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama mark the tenth anniversary of the worst attacks on our country in U.S. history by joining ceremonies at each of the three sites where the planes crashed on September 11, 2001.

A Debt We Can Never Repay - September 9, 2011- Vice President Biden was in Shanksville, Pennsylvania to participate in a dedication ceremony for the first phase of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

A Smart Power Approach to Counterterrorism by Secretary Clinton John Jay School of Criminal Justice, New York, NY, September 9, 2011.

"The United States has thrived as an open society, a principled nation, and a global leader. And we cannot and will not live in fear, sacrifice our values, or pull back from the world."

Full Text / Fact Sheet / Encouraging Service – Video

Remarks by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano at the Clinton School for Public Service, August 22, 2011.


"There are rare days, maybe once every few generations, that galvanize the collective hearts and minds of humanity; that dispel in a flash the billions of distractions of everyday life; that boil off - even if temporarily - the political, religious, national, and cultural pretenses that humans create to separate ourselves from each other; that resonate deep inside us - where the common core of our humanity exists - rather than on the surface where we live most of our earthly life. 9–11 was one of those days."

A SELECTION OF WEBSITES AND ONLINE PUBLICATIONS
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The President commemorates the 10th anniversary of 9/11 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. [Listen](#).

President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama visit Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Sept. 10, 2011. Section 60 is reserved for military personnel who have lost their lives while fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

**President Barack Obama's Weekly Address: Remembering September 11th** Sept., 10, 2011.

"Ten years ago, ordinary Americans showed us the true meaning of courage when they rushed up those stairwells, into those flames, into that cockpit. In the decade since, a new generation has stepped forward to serve and keep us safe. In their memory, in their name, we will never waver..."

**Serve and Remember** September 10, 2011.

September 11th has been designated as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. Throughout the weekend, Americans from across the country will be participating in service projects to honor those whose lives were lost in the horrific attacks on our country on September 11, 2011.

**The First Family Pays Tribute to 9-11 Victims by Joining a Service Project** *White House*, Sept., 10, 2011.

**Secretary Clinton at the Opening Bell of the New York Stock Exchange** *U.S. Dept of State*, Sept., 9, 2011.

Secretary Clinton and other dignitaries attended the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange to remember the victims of 9/11, their families and loved ones, and those who selflessly aided the rescue and recovery effort. The ceremony began with 1-minute’s silence. Secretary Clinton's [interview following the Opening Bell](#).

**Obama Says U.S. is a Stronger Nation after 9/11 Attacks** *IIP Digital*, September 11, 2011.

**Remarks by Vice President Biden at the Pentagon 9/11 10th Anniversary Comm., Sept., 11, 2011.**


**Combating the Financing of Terrorism, Disrupting Terrorism at its Core** [Fact sheet]. *U.S. Dept of the Treasury*, September 8, 2011.

**Remarks by U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Tim Geithner at Treasury’s Counter-Terrorist Financing Symposium** September 8, 2011.


**U.S. Treasury Department Fights Terrorism by Killing its Funding** *IIP Digital*, September 11, 2011.


**Immigration Enforcement Since 9/11: A Reality Check** *TRAC Reports*, September 9, 2011.

**Photo Gallery - The 10th Anniversary of September 11 – Indelible pictures...**

[National Geographic / The 25 Most Powerful Photos / Time Magazine](#)

**YouTube** - The events of September 11, 2001 changed the lives of so many people around the world. Since that day, thoughtful online efforts have provided an outlet for grief, for learning and a means for healing. Virtual spaces have helped us to remember the victims and honor the courage of those who risked their lives to save others. *YouTube* also worked with *The New York Times* on a [YouTube Channel](#) featuring archived news broadcasts and personal stories and reflections from the public.

**Remembering 9/11 in Google Earth, Ten Years After | Slashgeo.org** - While the official Google blog offers a generic entry on the events of September 11, 2001, the Google Earth Blog offers entries on the events in *Google Earth*. Entries focus on the past, with 3D modules and historical imagery; the present; and the future.

**A blog about the Men's Inquiry, Women's Inquiry & Information Related to September 11**
September, 2011

- Sec. Clinton's Interview with Cheryl Casone of Fox Business Network
- Sec. Clinton's Interview with Margaret Brennan of Bloomberg
- Sec. Clinton on a Smart Power Approach to Counterterrorism
- State Department Briefing on Sec. Clinton's Counterterrorism Speech
- Ambassador Rice at UN Event for the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks
- Secretary Clinton Interview with Carl Quintanilla of CNBC
- Secretary Clinton Interview With Alison Kosik of CNN
- Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes on the September 11th 10th Anniversary
- Op-Ed by Attorney General Holder, Secretary Napolitano: We're Safer Post-9/11
- Treasury Under Secretary Cohen on Counterterrorism Strategy
- Secretary of Treasury Geithner on Combating Terrorist Financing Since 9/11
- Pres. Obama op-ed in USA Today: Let’s Reclaim the 9/11 Unity
- Statement by DHS Secretary Napolitano
- Ten Years Later: Progress and Challenges in Combating Terrorist Financing Since 9/11

August, 2011

- Press Secretary Carney Aboard Air Force One
- President Obama's Weekly Address - Observing 9/11 with National Service
- President Obama's Weekly Address - Coming Together to Remember (Transcript/Video)
- Sec. Napolitano Remarks at the Clinton School of Public Service
- President Obama at White House Iftar
- President Obama on 13th Anniversary of Embassy Attacks in Kenya, Tanzania
- Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States
- White House Press Briefing (includes 9/11 related events)

Fact Sheets

- Preventing Terrorism and Enhancing Security
- Global Counterterrorism Forum
- Combating Terrorist Financing
- Strengthening the Homeland Security Enterprise
- Enforcing and Administering our Immigration Laws
- Securing and Managing our Borders
- Ensuring Resilience to Disasters
- Safeguarding and Securing Cyberspace
- International Engagement

See also:

- DHS Progress Report: Implementing 9/11 Commission Recommendations
- Chronology: Measures Implemented Since 9/11
- DHS Report: Implementing 9/11 Commission Recommendations
- Remarks of John Brennan, Asst. to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, on Ensuring al-Qa’ida’s Demise June 29, 2011.
As America prepares to mark the tenth anniversary of the attacks on the twin towers and the Pentagon, the events of September 11th 2001 are still shaping history. The country’s fight back against al-Qaeda this past decade has been both relentless and, in many ways, successful.

Examines the ways in which counterterrorism policies implemented since the attacks on September 11, 2001, have fundamentally changed the international humanitarian system, and argues that these policies have impacted how the U.S. military and non-governmental organizations perform humanitarian work.

A faith-based coalition reminds Americans that the tragedy of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon was shared by people from 92 nations.

Following 9/11, the U.S. engaged in wrenching soul-searching, asking: "Why do they hate us?" One explanation posited a failure to communicate effectively with the Muslim world, rooted in profound misunderstanding.

Reclaiming hope from the embers of tragedy is a daunting task, but a non-profit group called Tuesday's Children helps people traumatized by terrorism connect with each other and rebuild their lives. Created to meet the needs of families who lost relatives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Tuesday's Children has broadened its scope to help teenagers worldwide.

A New York restaurant known for its sophisticated mix of international dishes has an unusual history, one that inspires it to take care of its customers and its workers. It was founded by surviving employees of the Windows on the World restaurant, which was located in the World Trade Center and destroyed by the attacks of September 11, 2001.

The September 11, 2001 attacks on New York and Washington prompted a "war on terror," launched two major military actions, and initiated a series of policy reforms and innovations across government. There has been no major attack on the United States in the ten years since 9/11. Ten Council on Foreign Relations ( CFR ) experts provide analysis and essential background on the central questions facing U.S. policymakers since the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The archive contains more than 150,000 digital items, including more than 40,000 emails and other electronic communications, more than 40,000 first-hand stories, and more than 15,000 digital images.

To commemorate the tenth anniversary of September 11, the National Museum of American History is providing visitors with a close-up view of more than 50 objects recovered from the three sites attacked that fateful day—New York, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pa.—as well as recent acquisitions that relate to how American lives have changed since then. This website highlights the objects that will be displayed at the Museum.

This is an online exhibit of more than 5,000 images related to September 11. Anyone everyone who took pictures relating to the tragedy was invited to submit their images to
the gallery, where they were digitally scanned, printed and displayed on the walls alongside the work of top photojournalists and other professional photographers.


America Remembers 9/11: PBS Video Quilt

Ahead of the tenth Anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the NewsHour and PBS station have launched a new project called the 9/11 Video Quilt. They have collected reflections from Americans across the country about what's changed since 2001.

Understanding 9/11: A Television News Archive

This content about 9/11 for social media distribution includes thousands of hours of U.S. and international TV news coverage hosted by the Internet Archive.

Newseum 9/11 Gallery - This online gallery explores the horrendous events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the extraordinary challenges that faced the journalists trying to report the news to a shaken nation and world. The gallery includes a tribute to photojournalist William Biggart — a journalist who died covering the attacks — and some of the final photographs he took. Also featured are front pages from newspaper around the globe about the attacks and first-person accounts from reporters and photographers who covered the story.

RELATED LINKS

- 9/11 National Memorial Guide
- Library of Congress 9/11 Web Archives
- USA.gov – 9/11 Commissions and Information
- Serve.gov – 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Tribute World Trade Center Visitor Center
- Scholastic.com: Educational Resources for 9/11
- September 11 Digital Archive
- Yale Law School’s Compilation of 9/11 Official Statements and Documents
- Smithsonian Institute’s 9/11 Collection
- Homeland Security Digital Library
- September 11th – 10th Anniversary Briefing by Ben Rhodes, Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications, at the Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept. of State, September 8, 2011.
- Ten Lessons Since the 9/11 Attacks Views of ten experts. CFR, August 26, 2011.
- Program Helps Kids Heal from Terrorism’s Traumas IIP Digital, August 10’11 (See: Tuesday’s Children).
- Gallup Poll Finds Muslim Americans Hopeful, Trusting U.S. Depart. of State, IIP August 10, 2011.
- Understanding 9/11 – A Television News Archive
- The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial
- The National Flight 93 Memorial, Pennsylvania / Live Webcam
- America and the World After 9/11 – Brookings
- September 11 Chronology – Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its many partners across the Federal government, public and private sectors, and communities across the country and around the world have worked since 9/11 to build a new homeland security enterprise.
ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS


The United States has made significant progress in securing the nation from terrorism since the September 11, 2001 attacks that killed nearly 3000 people in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. Nevertheless, work remains as the terrorist threats facing the country have evolved in the last ten years, and continue to change...


Resilience After Terrorism

As the United States commemorates the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, people in the United States and around the world have shown resilience and courage in the face of terrorism. Here are some of their stories. U.S. Department of State, IIP. See also: Resilience After Terrorism 2


This e-journal examines how the United States has rebounded and how the international community has rebuilt and come together to condemn terrorism in the five years since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

9/11 Memorial

❖ On Monday September 12, the 9/11 Memorial opened to the public within the original footprint of the twin towers. A relationship with the 9/11 Memorial team dates back to 2009, when the organizers of the memorial collaborated to build their Make History site. This web archive allows people to place and share their photos and videos in geographical context, collectively piecing together the history that was witnessed, one photo or video at a time.
❖ The 9/11 Memorial has also produced a commemorative album called Ten Years On, a musical tribute featuring well-known musicians and performers. The album has inspired a video archive project on YouTube of the same name which encourages people to submit video tributes to those affected by the events of 9/11.

HEARINGS


The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years after 9/11: Perspectives from Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Armed Services, September 8, 2011.

Defending the Nation Since 9/11: Successful Reforms and Challenges Ahead at the Department of Homeland Security Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, September 7, 2011.


A decade after the attacks of September 11, 2001, national security opinion leaders are converging around the ideas that the threat of terrorism has been substantially reduced over the past 10 years, and that al-Qaeda is on its death bed." Gartenstein-Ross argues that Al-Qaeda isn't anywhere near defeated, and that "for all our triumphalism, it appears to be winning."

Let's Reclaim the Post-9/11 Unity Op-ed by President Barack Obama in USA Today, September 8, 2011

Al Qaeda's Challenge by William McCants in Foreign Policy, Sept/October, 2011.

On 9/11, the global jihadist movement burst into the world’s consciousness, but a decade later, thanks in part to the Arab Spring and the killing of Osama bin Laden, it is in crisis. With Western-backed dictators falling, al Qaeda might seem closer than ever to its goal of building Islamic states. But the revolutions have empowered the group’s chief rivals instead: Islamist parliamentarians, who are willing to use ballots, not bombs.


Burngarner is chief technology officer, at the U.S. Cyber Consequences Unit (US-CCU), an independent, non-profit research institute that provides assessments of the strategic and economic consequences of possible cyber-attacks and cyber-assisted physical attacks. In his position, he describes methods in which countering extremism on the internet requires innovation. As terrorism, illicit activities and provocations by rogue states such as North Korea threaten to disturb the peace that America’s allies and partners work so hard to secure; both the authorities and the terrorist networks have had to deal with an important component that previous terrorist incidents lacked: the use of 21st-century technology. This development allows the attackers and the extremist groups to plan the assault and the government agencies, in return, to fight them.


In recognition of the 9/11 Commission Report and the tenth anniversary of 9/11, this report describes how DHS has addressed specific 9/11 Commission recommendations over the past ten years, making America stronger and more resilient. While challenges remain, the Department continues to focus on minimizing risks while maximizing the ability to respond and recover from attacks and disasters of all kinds. This is a challenge that the men and women of DHS commit themselves to everyday.


This paper “is an effort to capture CSIS’s collective wisdom of the changing international security picture. Authors were asked to write short essays on topics of their choosing that could speak to the newly emerging security landscape from a national, economic, regional, and global perspective. Some crises have arisen so quickly and with so little warning that national security professionals have had difficulty responding in ways that maintain strategic balance. Other challenges have emerged slowly. How to determine in real time what is a tectonic shift and what is merely a low-magnitude tremor. How to anticipate events and set clear policy goals at a time of such dynamism?” The forecast is divided in 4 parts: (I) National Security in an Era of Contested Primacy; (II) Economic Security Three Years after the Financial Crisis; (III) Regional Security after the Arab Spring; (IV) Global Security after the Japanese Disaster.“

American Reference Center, U.S. Embassy, P.O. Box 1190, Wellington
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