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## Reflection About September 11 And Its Effects

America has bravely kept things in order for many centuries no matter what may be the cause. Over the past 19 years, we have been through so many things in the past couple of years that it is hard to keep up exactly what is going on. Like many other countries, there has been a huge hatred in between the United States and other countries. It does not even help now that President Trump is in the office and taking over. As long as the United States does not have another 9/11 attack like we have had before. For those of you who do not know, 9/11 was one of the worst terrorist attacks known in the history of mankind. This event left americans with sickness from the exposure. In September 2006 an investigation of 9,500 specialists on call led by the Mount Sinai Medical Center demonstrated that 70 percent of those overviewed had new or exacerbated respiratory issues with 33% of those reviewed having strange aspiratory work. The investigation had the option to associate that responders who showed up first at the scene had the most incessant respiratory issues. One responder described the air as being 'as thick as pea soup' ([www.mesothelioma.org](http://www.mesothelioma.org)). Nobody comprehends what the real creation of the air was on the grounds that the most punctual checking/testing didn't happen until seven days after the assault when airborne materials had the option to settle. Toward the beginning of January 2008, it was accounted for that 204 specialists on call had passed on since the September 11 assaults. Of those 204, 98 deaths certificates had been acquired and demonstrated the following outcomes: 55 deaths from cancer, (19 from lung cancer), 2 deaths from sarcoidosis, an immune system disorder commonly affecting the lungs, 1 death from interstitial lung disease, 1 death from granuloma pneumonitis, 39 deaths from other causes (vehicle accidents, and killed in the line of duty, heart attacks). It has been said that this event has changed the way Americans think and the way we judge certain characteristics of a person. This may be the case, but it is more than meets the eye with this tragic event.

For those of you who do not know about terrorist or what they are, terrorist are, "the systematic use of terror especially as a means of coercion." ([www.merriam-Webster.com](http://www.merriam-Webster.com)). In many cases, terrorists make certain sacrifices in order to please either their country or because of a certain religion that they take. It does not mean that they do this for a living, no it's most likely that they train from a young age to do these unnatural things. Terrorist do not tend to look apart from the average citizen, so you really could not know the difference between all of them. For example, "FBI-led Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs) across the country are essential to the nation's success in combatting terrorism. ([www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)). Even the government has tried their best to get through these kinds of situations. People have often tried to stand out and look for terrorist but it's been a while since the last attack. Hopefully, we can get everything under control and there won't be another crisis.

When you think about the event that happened 19 years ago. The tragedy that we have endured, we saw certain things that will haunt America till this day happened. As you should know that on September 11th things took a turn for the worst when originally four airplanes was headed for four different locations. Two of them hit the twin towers while the other one hit the pentagon. The fourth airplane was originally headed for the White House, but for some bravery reason it crashed not too far from it. All of these events wouldn't have happened if there was some kind of security measurements. It is a known fact that, "A total of 2,996 people were killed in the 9/11 attacks, including the 19 terrorist hijackers aboard the four airplanes. Citizens of 78

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countries died in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.” ([www.history.com](http://www.history.com)). This event will always be remembered as one of the most deadly events known to mankind. They worked under the impression that the air around the site was safe to breathe. They had been reassured by the EPA that they were safe and that sense of safety was in the back of their minds as they continued their search.

But nearly seven years after that fateful day, many have begun suffering from lung conditions including the rare cancer mesothelioma and some of those first responders have ultimately lost their lives as a result of their work. The last thing rescue workers wanted to think about as they searched for survivors were the hazardous materials that lingered in the air and on debris. Asbestos, mercury, lead, barium, zinc, and other heavy metals would settle on protective equipment and come into contact with rescuers. The contaminants would linger for weeks and in some cases very high amounts. One worker's shirt contained 93,000 times more asbestos than the average ambient air concentration in major US cities.

Asbestos was to be used for fireproofing the towers with initial estimates calling for nearly 5,000 tons of the material. During their construction as the health problems of asbestos quickly became known and construction companies were pressured to phase out the material, builders stopped using asbestos at about the 64th floor. Later on some of the asbestos was removed but an estimated 2,000 tons of the material was still present when the towers were attacked. People did not take this well at all. It was so many loved ones dead all because of a couple of terrorists. Once this event happened, America was all ok high heels due to this.

One of the major factors that was bound to play out was that the United States was bound to upgrade their security everywhere they would go. In many instances, people often take that measure as to checking bags at airports and even major events in the United States. In the past years we have developed highly advanced technology that will take out anyone by any means necessary. That is the reason the United States has had an eye opening military that will do whatever it takes to make sure it's citizens are safe. Yet we still do mourn the losses of those people who passed due to this crazy event.

Even though this event happened, the United States did have an idea who was behind this tragic event. He goes by the name, “Osama Bin Laden.” Laden was one of those people who did not care about humanity at all. He despised the United States and did not like the way we operated in our country. He attended many universities and schools which made him both street and educational smart. In many other cases, you never know what you may expect when it comes from him. He's a National known assassinated terrorist, but when he was alive, he was involved in another terrorist act also. This act was known as, “...mastermind of numerous terrorist attacks against the United States and other Western powers, including the 2000 suicide bombing of the U.S. warship Cole in the Yemeni port of Aden.” ([www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)). This on top of what happened with the events on the 9/11 made him a possible target for the United States. Then when the infamous President Barack Obama was in office, he sent in a group of troupes to kill Bin Laden and they were very successful. Here's some facts to back up my statement, “On May 2, 2011, bin Laden was killed by U.S. military forces after U.S. intelligence located him residing in a secure compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, 31 miles (50 km) from Islamabad. The operation was carried out by a small team that reached the compound in Abbottabad by helicopter. After bin Laden's death was confirmed, it was announced by U.S. Pres. Barack Obama, who hailed the operation as a major success in the fight against al-Qaeda. ([www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)). Therefore, these events changed the way the United States

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operates as a unit and we could continue to love our daily lives as one according civilized citizens.

With all the events that went down from September 11th and you look at the kind of country we have become today, you really cannot be happy enough to learn the type of bounce back that the United States has really taken place. In many other cases, think about certain kinds of situations people have gone through without the years. In conclusion, more than 600,000 people were exposed to the attack. The government set aside \$90 Million to monitor the health of workers. We have united and became stronger as citizens. I know some families are still going through a rough time, especially with the events that did occur following September 11th. That still has not made the United States a weaker country. This made us stronger and grow together with the help of the presidents and military, we have become an unstoppable force in nature. So the next time you think your in a threat, always remember that the United States is one of the safest countries known to mankind. I'm sure America will not let those events ever happen again.