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### **CAIR and the 9/11 Conspiracy Theorists**

As the father of a 9/11 victim I want to add my perspective on Luke Sheahan's column on the Ohio State professors and the Counsel on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) promoting the theory of the "9/11 Truthers."

It does not surprise me in the least that CAIR would participate in spreading the lie that the attacks of 9/11 and the 3000 resulting murders were planned and carried out by the US government. After all, CAIR is an outfit devoted to misleading the American people about the goals and methods of radical Islam so it is quite in line with its goals that it would want Americans diverted from the facts of the 9/11 conspiracy, which are these: Nineteen Moslem men, citizens of Moslem nations, with the help of Moslem terrorist organizations headquartered in Moslem nations, entered the United States, were supplied funds by those Moslem terrorist organizations, and hijacked four commercial airliners. These Moslem terrorists succeeding in flying three planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. In the fourth plane, the passengers, having been alerted to the mass murder committed with the other planes, thwarted the Moslem terrorists and caused the plane to crash in a field in Pennsylvania. Afterward, Osama binLadin, a Moslem terrorist, claimed responsibility, and hundreds of thousands of people, mostly in Moslems, publicly celebrated the "successful" attacks committed by their Moslem co-religionists.

Thus, is it any surprise that CAIR (which has been named by the government as an unindicted co-conspirator with a known terrorist organization, the Holy Land Foundation) would promote myths about the attacks in order to divert Americans' attention from the fact that Moslem terrorists were responsible? It's easy to understand that the people at CAIR don't like these facts. Mass murder committed by Moslems makes it difficult for CAIR to sell the idea that there's no Moslem terrorist war against America, the West and all Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Baha'i, atheists, etc.

The granddaddy of these "the US government did it" fairy tales is called "Loose Change," manufactured by a fellow by the name of Dylan Avery. A film he admits was inspired by the film Austin Powers, and conceived while he was "high." The fastest way anyone can debunk this film is to read the Canadian Broadcasting Company's interview with Avery at <http://www.cbc.ca/sunday/911avery.html> In that interview you can see for yourself that Avery admits lack of foundation or proof for his assertions, and admits the

existence of reliable opposing scientific opinion, admits that much of what he says is speculation, and backtracks when confronted with facts (e.g. after saying NORAD intentionally sent planes in the wrong direction in the search for the hijacked planes he then says: "I don't want to implicate anybody without hard evidence, but it seems that NORAD and the FAA and a lot of key institutions of our government simply dropped the ball." Most of us understand that "dropping the ball" is quite different from intentionally allowing 3000 people to die.)

You can see for yourself the logical gaps (actually they're logical canyons) in this man's reasoning.

Avery claims that it was a missile and not a plane hit the Pentagon. Now, I myself have spoken with people who were there and SAW THE PLANE HIT, and so has Dylan Avery, as he admits. His 'proof' for his claim that it was a missile is that some who were on the scene did not see the plane. In support of his claim he cites a Pentagon survivor who supports his theory but who, as he says, "crawled out of" the Pentagon *after* the attack and didn't see the plane.

Avery also claims that the Pentagon flight, after not hitting the Pentagon, landed in Cleveland with its passengers. (Question for Mr. Avery: Was their mass disappearance accomplished with the aid of the proverbial monster that devoured Cleveland coming to Hopkins Airport to swallow the plane, crew and passengers?)

Again, those who want to see Dylan Avery destroy his own theories should read the interview as well as the Popular Mechanics point by point rebuttal of the "US government did it" theorists.

The great tragedy of films like "Loose Change" is that they prevent Americans from understanding the federal government's *true* role in 9/11, which was the widespread incompetence, corruption and criminal negligence of elected officials and bureaucrats that created the conditions that permitted Moslem terrorists to develop their strength and invade our borders. In five and a half years of involvement on this issue I have learned one lesson all too well. That our government is incapable of carrying out the responsibilities assigned to it by our Constitution. That failure is not because, as Dylan Avery would have you believe, people like Bush or Clinton made a decision that they would allow binLadin to kill Americans by the thousands. Rather that failure is the result of people like Bush, Clinton, Kennedy, Schumer, Hillary, McCain and their underlings in the bureaucracy, responding to special interests that profit from policies that increase our exposure to hostile forces. (A prime example of this is the recent

expansion of the Visa Waiver Program, from its current 27 countries to an unlimited number. The Program permits citizens of other nations to visit the US without first obtaining a visa. Zacarias Moussaoui, the 20<sup>th</sup> hijacker, and Richard Reid, the Shoe Bomber, were eligible under the VWP. Expansion of VWP was successfully lobbied for by the travel industry.)

I want to make quite clear that I agree with Mr. Avery about one point: there are people in our government to whom the lives of innocent Americans have no value whatsoever. The fact the Pres. Bush, supported by Kennedy, Reid, et al. has continued to allow violent illegal aliens to kill and injure Americans during his term of office is proof enough of that. However, the point that Mr. Avery and his cohorts miss is that if 9/11 were an 'inside job' the number of people working for the government to perpetrate this crime would have to have been enormous. Yet, the government of the United States is simply too incompetent and corrupt to: 1. carry out such a mission; 2. carry it out without being exposed beforehand; or 3. keep such an enormous number of co-conspirators from leaking to the press after the event. (This is, after all, a government which, even when it was run by competent and relatively honest people in the 1940's, couldn't even keep the atom bomb secrets from being stolen by Soviet agents.)

In short, with his ludicrous claims of "the government did it" Mr. Avery is diverting the attention of the American people from the true causes of 9/11 which are Moslem hatred and U.S. government incompetence and corruption. That is the real danger of the "9/11 Truthers."

Under the circumstances, CAIR would be stupid if it didn't join his bandwagon; any scheme that will shift blame from CAIR's fellow Moslems to someone else is okay by them. "Hey dumb Americans," says CAIR, "don't believe your own eyes. We Moslems didn't do it, you did." And Mr. Avery and those Ohio State professors are carrying their message.