

“Never say never” goes the old saying, but as we approach the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks I’m confident if we interviewed every person who lost a loved one in that act of mass murder we would *never* find one who thinks the Report issued by the “independent” 9/11 Commission tells the full story.

The fact is, the moment it was announced that political snakes like Republican James Thompson and Democrats Richard Ben-Veniste and Jamie Gorelick would be on the Commission it was apparent the Commission’s real job was to perpetrate a cover-up to protect the reputations of the high and mighty in the U.S. government. Only the most naïve believed that operatives such as these were put in place for any purpose other than concealing the incompetence and corruption of their pals in the Executive and Legislative Branches.

Suspicions were confirmed when during a public hearing one of the commissioners said: “we are not here to point fingers.” And none of the other commissioners disagreed! So you’re a government commission investigating the mass murder but you’re not here to point fingers. Then what is it you could possibly be “here” for? There’s only one possible alternative answer: you’re here for the purpose of making sure the guilty, your buddies, are not held accountable. (By the way, FBI Director Mueller used the exact same words to us in a meeting at Bureau headquarters. Imagine that, a police agency investigating a crime, but determined not to affix blame. Criminals *without* political connections aren’t likely to hear Mueller say that about *their* crimes.)

The 9/11 Commissioners proved true to their promise. In the end they held that the 9/11 terrorists were able to murder almost 3,000 people not because government officials were lazy, stupid, corrupt or incompetent, but because these highly paid desk jockeys suffered from a “failure of imagination.” In other words, no one in government was at fault.

Apply that reasoning to ordinary life: a guy drinks himself to oblivion, gets in his car, does seventy down Main Street and kills a dozen pedestrians. By 9/11 Commission logic he’s not guilty, by reason of “failure of imagination”: when he downed all those shots and got in his car he *never imagined* he’d kill anyone.

Despite the Commission’s commitment not to hold the guilty to account, it nevertheless exposed their crimes. Among those were three State Department officials: Maura Harty (from 1993 on, Chief of Consular Affairs, the visa issuing branch of the State Department); Mary Ryan, (deputy to Harty from 1999 on; Thomas Furey, Consul General in the US embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the guy who was in charge of issuing visas in that country.

In great detail the Commission showed how these people, in violation of federal law and Department regulations, implemented a policy of granting visas to young single men from terrorist sponsoring nations including Saudi Arabia without bothering to read their visa applications. The result: 19 terrorists applied for and instantly received the right to enter the United States despite all of them leaving blanks in their visa applications or providing obviously false answers.

In 2002, the Department's Inspector General confirmed the Commission's findings about this crew. What happened? The State Department gave cash performance bonuses to Ryan and Harty for their exceptional performance. Public outcry caused the retirement of Ryan, but Secretary of State Colin Powell *promoted* Harty and Furey.

No one should think that these were the only examples of criminally negligent conduct uncovered by the Commission. At many levels of the Clinton State and Justice Departments and in the Bush Administration, government officials, both career and political appointees, were incompetent and negligent. Yet, despite amassing the evidence that should have led to prosecutions the Commission exonerated them all, by reason of a "failure of imagination." The same crowd remains, infesting the offices of our government, collecting their paychecks or retirement.

Now to consider how our government treats those who actually prevented more terrorist attacks. I speak of course about the CIA agents who extracted information from Khalid Sheik Mohammed (KSM), the "mastermind" of the 9/11 attacks and its planned followups. These CIA patriots are now being hounded by the Obama Administration through Grand Inquisitor, Attorney General Eric Holder (the same guy who, at the end of the Clinton Administration, handled the pardon of tax criminal and Democratic Party contributor Marc Rich).

Their "crime" says Holder is that they were too rough in questioning KSM about his future terrorist attacks. Mind you, KSM refused to provide any information whatsoever about additional planned terrorist attacks until subjected to rough treatment. And former Vice President Cheney flatly affirms that this questioning obtained information which saved American lives.

But American lives means nothing to Holder and his fellow travelers at the ACLU, Center for American Progress, and other anti-American groups funded by the likes of George Soros and the Ford Foundation. They and the A.G. now want to punish the very men who obtained the information that kept more Americans from being murdered.

The ACLU et al., utilizing the standard procedures of the Far Left, have set up an unending chorus about alleged torture and the supposed moral failings of the United States. (Pres. Obama in his numerous Apology Tours around the world placed himself firmly in with this crowd). We are constantly reminded by the Left of the "terrible" crimes committed by those awful CIA types. This country is now, they claim, no better than Nazi Germany. The usual mouthpieces in the NY Times, NBC "News," then repeat this stuff.

But what is the true extent of the waterboarding? Evidently the total number of terrorists subjected to this method of questioning was: three. Just three! And they weren't the everyday run of killers picked up on the battlefield. These three were the worst of the worst of the worst, the masterminds in operational charge of the terrorist war.

Nevertheless to the Far Left the CIA agents who protected us from more attempts at mass murder are to be punished as criminals.

In the America of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, officials who negligently laid the foundations for 9/11 were promoted, rewarded and protected from punishment.

That was bad enough.

With Barack Hussein Obama in charge the effort to destroy America from within has advanced: Those who actually do their jobs and who protect our country, they will be targeted for punishment by the Holders and other dangerous people whom this president has foisted on us.

The next Congressional elections are fourteen months away. Let us hope that by then an aroused American population will elect a Congress with enough courage and resolve to begin the long overdue investigations needed to expose and thereby destroy these (to borrow a phrase from Nancy Pelosi) "un-American" groups who are now subverting the liberty and security of the United States.