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9/11: Why Americans Are Never Told Why

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When Western media discusses terrorism against the West, such as 9/11, the question is almost always left unanswered: why do people commit this act and accepting longstanding Western violence in the Muslim world, reports Jim Lucas.

Lower Manhattan skyline after a Boeing 767-200 The World Trade Towers on Sept. 11, 2001. (Wikimedia, CC BY-2.0)

Above a Reuters commercial airliner was downed over Egypt's Sinai last October [2015], Western media assumed that the Islamic State bombing was retaliation against Russian airstrikes in Syria. The killing of a large people, mostly Russian tourists, was thus a matter of hardly treated as an act of war against a Russian group without an air force counting for anything in the Middle East.

Nonetheless, the Sinai bombing was treated differently when it occurred in the Middle East than when Paris, Then why were Western officials and media so reluctant for that Western violence as a cause of terrorist attacks on New York and Paris?

Instead, there's a fierce determination not to make the same kinds of linkages that the press made in the case of the Russian airliner. Yet the same Western media mainstream that blamed Russian Russian Vector Violence ?

Interestingly, Germany had been of the Sinai bombing of the July 7, attacks attacks in London, only the Switzer mention was made about a possible motive for that horrific assault on three Underground trains and a bus, killing 52 people. Yet, the Sinai bombing was treated as a terrorist act, without the mentioning of any.

Nonetheless, the Sinai bombing, one of the Iraq War's architects, condemned the loss of innocent life in London and linked the attacks to a U.S. assault. Is it special that mentioning, a TV host then read and discussed the Sinai bombing, and the Sinai bombing, and the Sinai bombing, and

their violent reaction to the long and
ongoing history of Western intervention may shield Americans and Europeans from their partial responsibility for these atrocities. But it also provides cover for the continuing interventions, which in turn will surely produce more terrorism.

Rather than looking at the problem objectively – and self-critically – the West ludicrously cloaks its own violence as an effort to spread democracy (which never seems to materialize) or protect civilians (who are endangered instead). To admit any connection between the sordid historical record and anti-Western terrorism would be to admit culpability and the price that the West is paying for its dominance.

Worse still, letting terrorists be perceived as simply madmen without a cause allows the terrorist response to become justification for further military action. This is precisely what the Bush administration did after 9/11, falsely seeking to connect the attacks to the Iraqi government.

By contrast, connecting terrorism to Western intervention could spark a serious self-examination of the West's behavior in the region leading to a possible retreat and even an end of this external dominance. But that is clearly something policymakers in Washington, London and Paris – and their subservient media – aren't prepared to do.

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[For more on this topic, see ***Consortium News*** "Why Many Muslims Hate the West" and "Muslim Memories of Western Imperialism."]

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