

Does anyone
have a family
member
who served
in Iraq or
Afghanistan?





War on Terror:
Changing of
the Modern
World



Agenda

- Intro
- 9/11
- Terror Attacks
- Beginning of War on Terror
- War Progression
- Ending?
- Question Period



9/11: Day the Earth Stood Still



- September 11, 2001
- Four planes are hijacked by Al-Qaeda militant group members during their respective flights
- Two struck the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center
- One strikes the Pentagon
- One crashes in route to the White House
- 2,977 American casualties
- 25,000 more injured



What is a
terror attack?



- A surprise attack involving the deliberate use of violence against civilians in the hope of attaining political or religious aims
- Used by militant groups for as long as humanity has had organized civilization
 - Militant group: group actively searching and participating in wartime activities such as engaging in combat or occupation of foreign lands
- Can range from only a couple injured to tens of thousands



- 9/11, Pearl Harbor, OKC bombing, and the 2001 NYC anthrax attacks are all American examples
- 1972 Olympic Hostage Crisis, Entebbe Airport Crisis, and 1992 Israeli Embassy attack are all worldwide examples

War on Terror



- Begins October 7, 2001, via invasion of Afghanistan by Coalition forces
- War expands in 2003 via the further invasion of Iraq and Syria
- Coalition forces are made up of the USA, England, France, and Canada primarily with dozens of others supplying troops, supplies, and weapons
- Objective of the overall war: detain or eliminate primary heads of state and militant groups
 - i.e. Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Osama Bin Laden in Afghanistan
- Majority of fighting wages from 2001- 2014
- The United States is the primary force in both nations

- Why Iraq and Afghanistan?
- Why Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden?
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- Saddam Hussein was the current President of Iraq
 - While president he:
 - tortures or kills rivals
 - invades neighboring countries whom we have allied with,
 - murders millions of his own people
- Osama Bin Laden was the leader of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda militant groups
 - Despised America
 - Orchestrated the 9/11 terror attack
 - Kills Afghani people who sympathize or agree with “Western Ideals”



Progression of Combat



- 2001 invasion of Afghanistan
- 2003 invasion of Iraq
- Mission: kill or capture Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden
 - quell radical militant insurgencies
- December 13, 2003, Saddam Hussein is captured
- November 5, 2006, Saddam Hussein is executed at Camp Justice, Iraq
- May 2, 2011, Osama Bin Laden is killed in a raid by U.S. Navy SEALs

The Possible End in Sight



- 2014 President Obama ends war in Iraq withdrawing troops
- 2021 President Biden ends war in Afghanistan and Syria
- 929,000 people killed
- 364,000 civilians killed
- 38 million people displaced
- 7,000+ American military deaths
- 50,000+ American military wounded



Questions and Recap

- What is a terror attack?
- What is an example of one?
- What countries did we invade in response to the attack?
- Why these nations?
- What is the overall time span of the War on Terror?
- How many casualties overall were a result of the war?
- How many people were displaced?