

9/11

Cognitive Dissonance



- * Americans divided on 9/11
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Where do you stand?

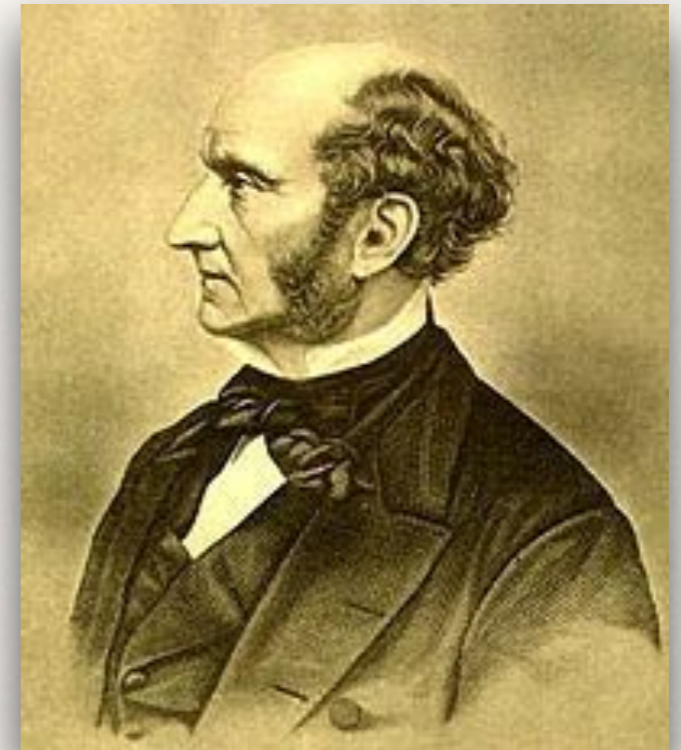
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Can you refute the opposite side?

- ❖ John Stuart Mill (1806 – 1873): The most influential English-speaking philosopher of the 19th century
- ❖ “He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that. His reasons may be good, and no one may have been able to refute them. But if he is equally unable to refute the reasons on the opposite side, if he does not so much as know what they are, he has no ground for preferring either opinion”





9/11 Commission “setup to fail”

Sen. Max Cleland (R-GA) resigned from the 9/11 Commission saying “it’s a scam”



In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility. I welcome it. — John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address Jan. 20, 1961

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220+ Senior Military, Intelligence Service, Law Enforcement, and Government Officials

1,500+ Engineers and Architects

250+ Pilots and Aviation Professionals

400+ Professors Question 9/11

300+ 9/11 Survivors and Family Members

200+ Artists, Entertainers, and Media Professionals

400+ Medical Professionals

Patriots question 9/11 account

Say Bin Laden was, at best, a “patsy”

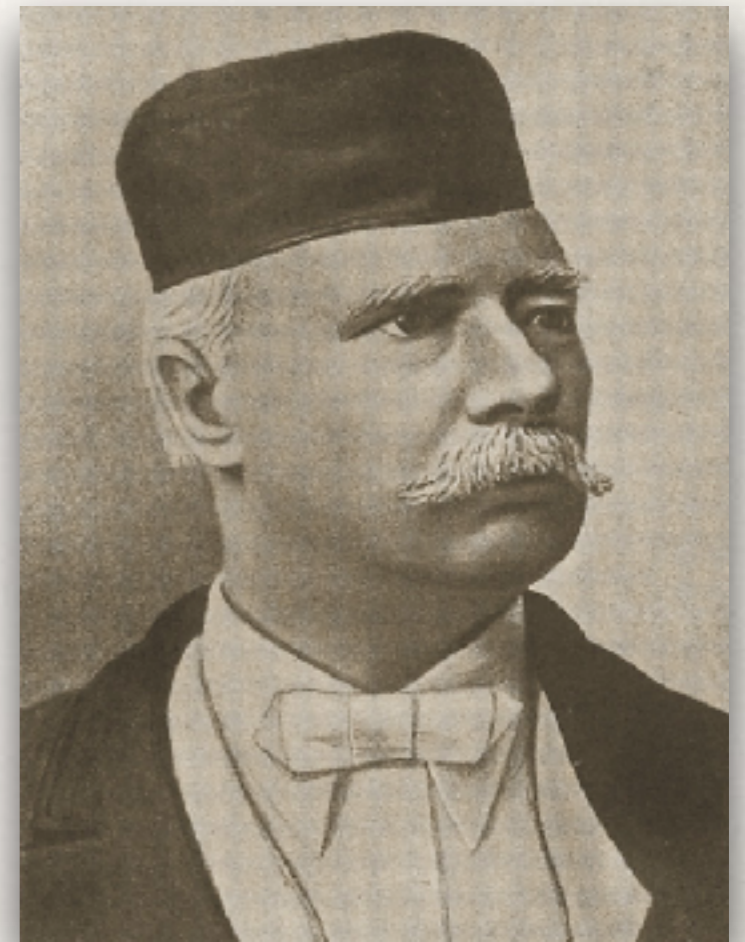


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Mental discomfort when faced with contradictory beliefs . . .

John Swinton (1829 –1901)

- ❖ Head New York Times editorial staff (1860), “guest of honour at a banquet given him by the leaders of his craft”.
- ❖ “There is no such a thing in America as an independent press, unless it is out in country towns. You are all slaves. You know it, and I know it. There is not one of you who dares to express an honest opinion. If you expressed it, you would know beforehand that it would never appear in print. . . . Our time, our talents, our lives, our possibilities, are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes.”
- ❖ It’s even worse now. Six media giants control 90% of what we read, watch or listen to.



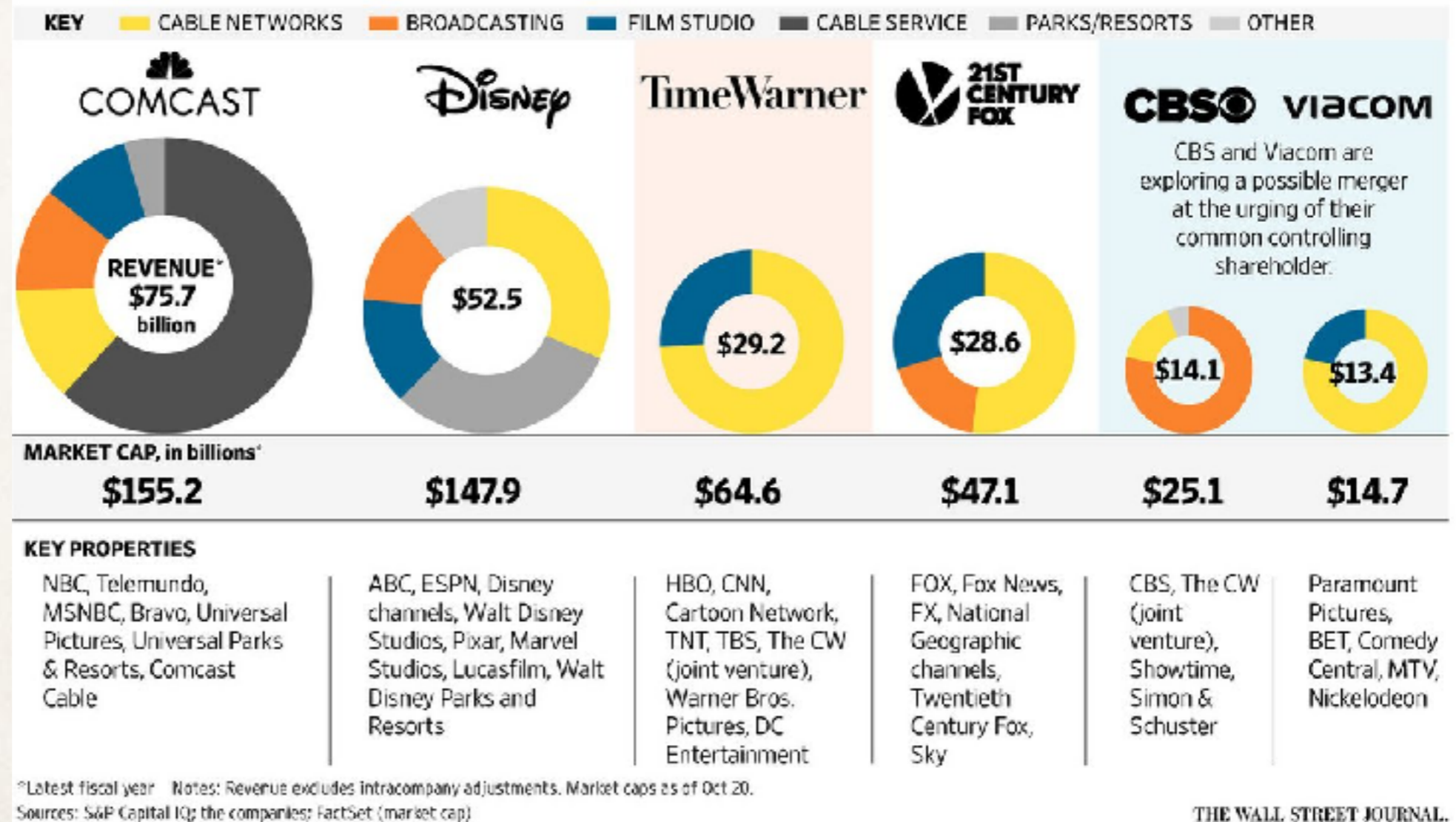
Who controls the media?

Their interest is profit. What's yours?

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Media Behemoths

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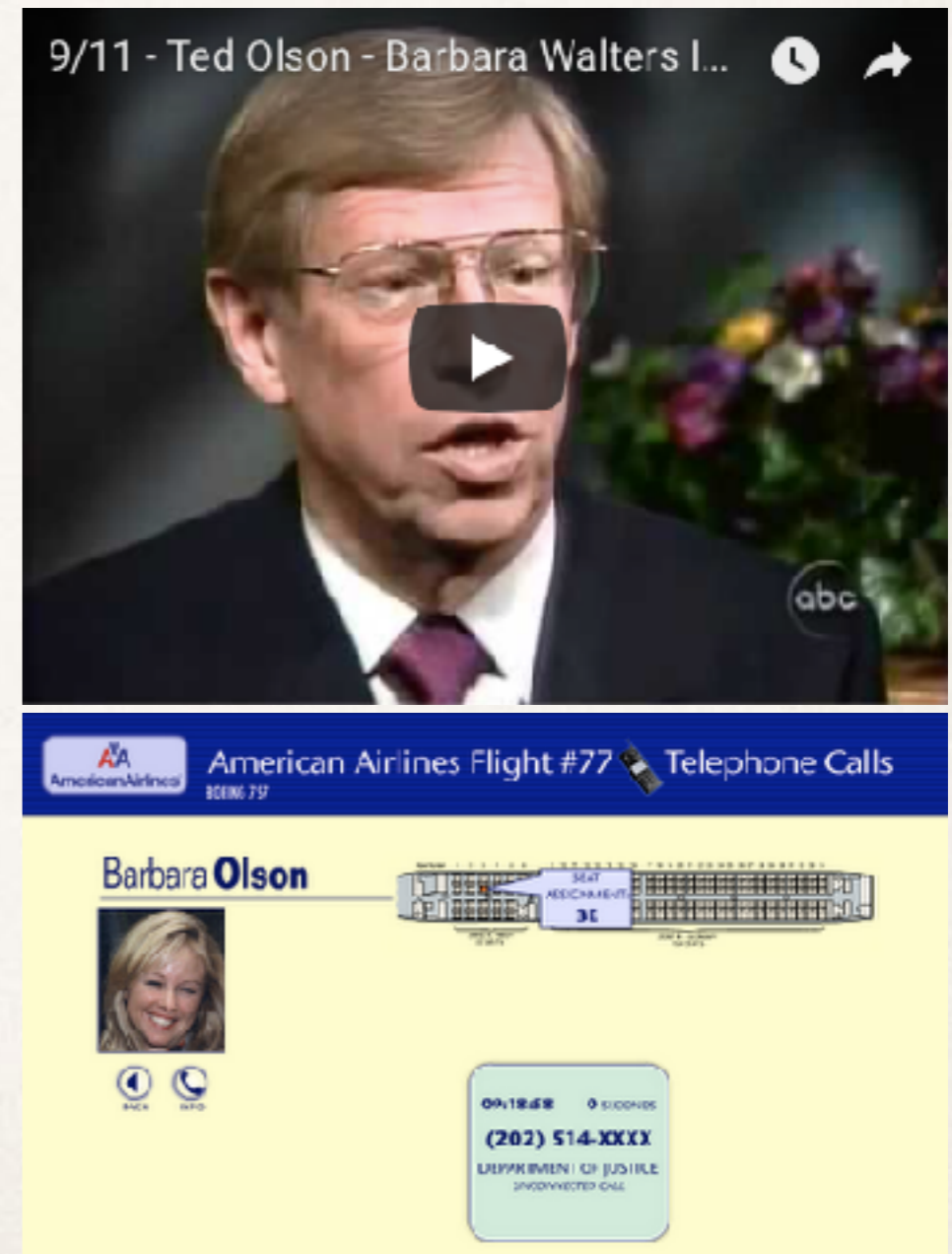


THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Ted Olson contradicts FBI

Did your favorite news source report this?

- ❖ “She called from the plane while it was being hijacked,” Ted Olson said. (Wash Post, September 12, 2001)
- ❖ The two conversations each lasted about a minute, said Tim O’Brien, a CNN reporter and friend of the Olsons (see letter to Wash Post)
- ❖ Moments later, his wife called again. And again, she wanted to know, “What should I tell the pilot?”



BBC: Hijack 'suspects' alive

Did your favorite news source report this?

- ❖ “Saudi Arabian pilot Waleed Al Shehri was one of five men that the FBI said had deliberately crashed American Airlines flight 11 into the World Trade Centre”
- ❖ “FBI Director Robert Mueller acknowledged on Thursday [September 20] that the identity of several of the suicide hijackers is in doubt.”

The image is a screenshot of the BBC News World Edition website. At the top, the BBC logo is followed by 'NEWS WORLD EDITION'. Below this, a navigation menu lists various regions: Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Middle East (highlighted in red), South Asia, and UK. Further down, there are links for Business, Entertainment, Science/Nature, Technology, and Health. The main content area shows the date and time: 'Sunday, 23 September, 2001, 12:30 GMT 13:30 UK'. The headline reads 'Hijack 'suspects' alive and well'. To the right of the headline is a photograph of a man, identified as Waleed Al Shehri. Below the photo, a caption states: 'A man called Waleed Al Shehri says he left the US a year ago'.

Attack 7 countries in 5 years

Did your favorite news source report this?

- ❖ September 20, 2001:
Pentagon had begun planning **“to take out seven countries in five years, starting with Iraq, and then Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and, finishing off, Iran.”**
— General Wesley K. Clark, former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Europe
- ❖ “Chaos as Strategy”



Where's the evidence?

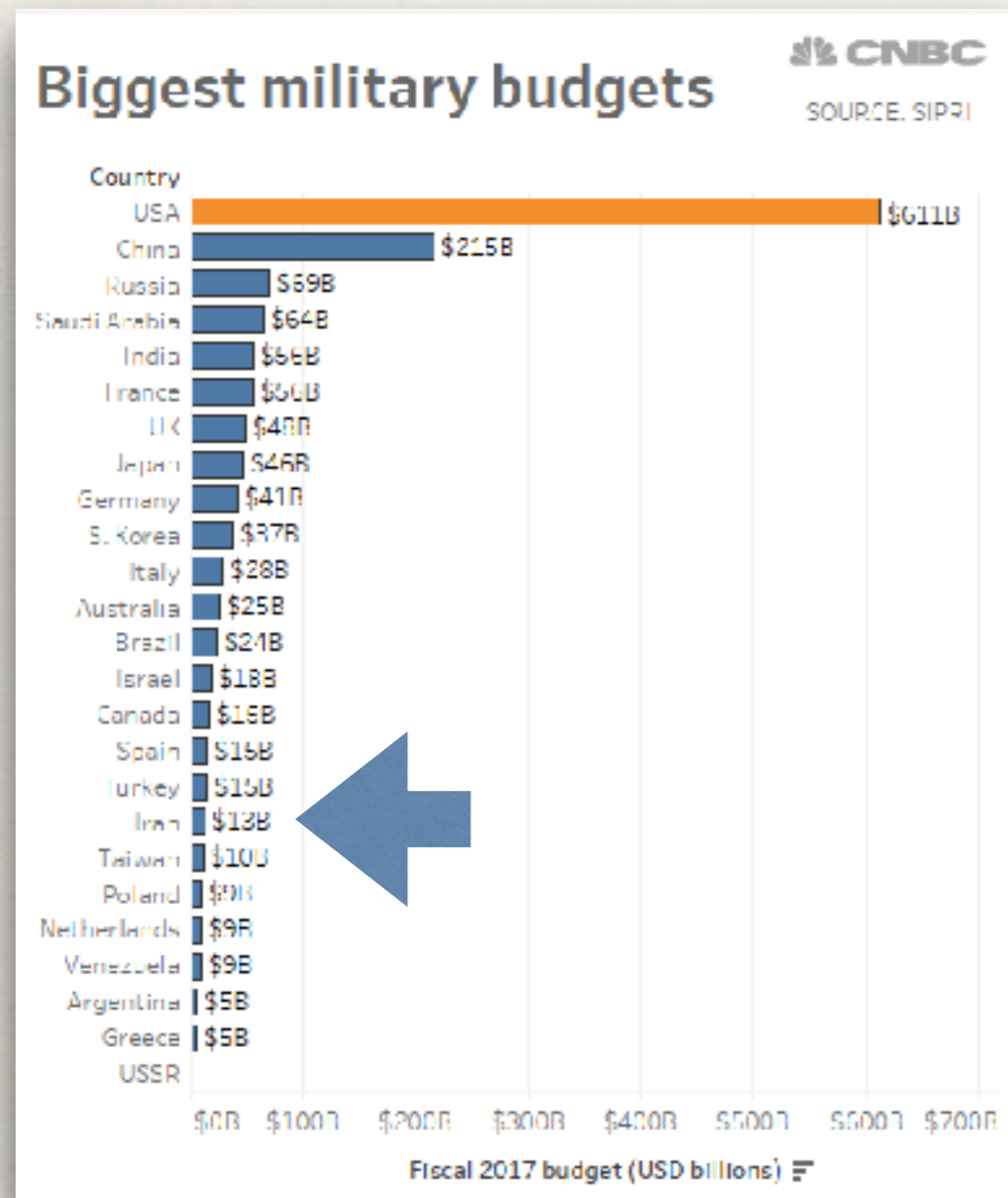
Did your favorite news source report this?

- ❖ The evidence against Bin Laden, promised by Secretary of State Colin Powell on September 23, 2001, **has yet to be made available to the public.**
- ❖ “I am absolutely convinced that the al-Qaida network, which he [Osama bin Laden] heads, was responsible for this attack,” Secretary of State Colin Powell said on NBC's “Meet the Press.”
- ❖ Powell said the government would “put before the world, the American people, a persuasive case that ... it is al-Qaida, led by Osama bin Laden, who has been responsible.”



Why 9/11 is still the issue

The 99% are being short-changed



- * US plus allies account for 2/3rd world military spending
- * Senate gave US \$82 billion boost
- * Russia entire budget is \$66 billion
- * China to spend \$175 billion
- * Military budget raised to \$716 billion
- * US total military budget (including for nuclear weapons and foreign wars) is about \$1 trillion . . . black budget?

President Eisenhower's warning

Military extravagance is depleting your wealth

- ❖ On Jan. 17, 1961, President Dwight Eisenhower warned us about the military-industrial complex
- ❖ In the Eisenhower era, the United States, a creditor nation, produced at home the essentials — oil, cars, televisions . . .
- ❖ Today, we import far more than we export, with ever-increasing debt
- ❖ Military extravagance is depleting rather than adding to the nation's wealth



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