**9/11**

General Facts:

* Killed 2,996 people, injured 6,000. 125 pentagon workers lost their lives.
* Planes were hijacked by 19 al-quaeda terrorist hijackers.
* 2 planes hit the world trade center buildings (North Tower and South Tower) and 1 hit the pentagon.
* 1 plane headed towards the white house failed to reach its target. Instead crashed near [Shanksville, Pennsylvania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shanksville,_Pennsylvania), due to passengers trying to subdue the hijackers.
* Attack was orchestrated by leader of group Osama bin Laden.
* Three buildings in the WTC collapsed due to fire induced structural failure. Aside from the two main buildings that suffered from plane collision, Building 7 being the third building, it collapsed due to catching fire from debris falling from the Northern tower.

Aftermath

* President George Bush’s rating soared up to 90%. he addressed the nation and a joint session of the United States Congress regarding the events of September 11.
* Numerous incidents of harassment and hate crimes against Muslims and South Asians were reported in the days following the attacks.

Health Issues

* Hundreds of thousands of tons of toxic debris containing more than 2,500 contaminants, including known carcinogens, were spread across Lower Manhattan due to the collapse of the Twin Towers.
* These toxins led to the fatal or debilitating illnesses among people who were at Ground Zero.
* Many residents, students, and office workers of the Lower Manhattan and nearby Chinatown were affected.
* Many legal disputes and court suits were filed against the city over costs of illnesses related to the attacks. On October 17, 2006, a federal judge rejected New York City's refusal to pay for health costs for rescue workers, allowing for the possibility of numerous suits against the city.

Economic

* The attacks had a significant impact on the US and world markets.
* The stock exchanges did not open on September 11 and remained closed until September 17. Reopening, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) fell 684 points, or 7.1%, to 8921, a record-setting one-day point decline.
* In New York City, about 430,000 job-months and $2.8 billion dollars in wages were lost in the first three months after the attacks.
* The economy’s export sectors were also affected.
* The city's GDP was estimated to have declined by $27.3 billion for the last three months of 2001 and all of 2002.

Governments, Country policies, and Airline infractructure.

* As a result from the 9/11 attacks, many governments across the world passed legislation to combat terrorism.
* In the United States, the Department of Homeland Security was created by the Homeland Security Act to coordinate domestic anti-terrorism efforts. EX. The Patriot Act (Which gives the right of the US Govt to detain foreign terror suspects for up to a week, monitor telephone communications, emails, internet usage, and prosecute suspected terrorists without any time restrictions.)

**Cultural Influence**

* Beyond geopolitics and policies, patriotism in the US raised.
* Higher church attendance
* More focus on home life and time spent with family.
* The radio industry responded by removing certain songs from playlists.
* the attacks have subsequently been used as background, narrative, or thematic elements in film, television, music, and literature.
* 9/11 conspiracy theories have become social phenomena, despite lack of support from expert scientists, engineers, and historians.