

# “THEY MISUNDERESTIMATED ME”

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# Abstract

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**“They underestimated me”** by George W. Bush, 2017

“Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we.”

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“Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?”

# Publications

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This thesis is based on the following publications, submissions, and works in progress:

“The most important thing is for us to find Osama bin Laden. It is our number one priority and we will not rest until we find him.”

Other published work not contained in this thesis:

“I don’t know where bin Laden is. I have no idea and really don’t care. It’s not that important. It’s not our priority.”



## Chapter 1

# Introduction

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