

The Bitter Legacy^o of 9/11

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2,973 Total number of people killed (excluding the 19 hijackers) in the September 11, 2001 attacks

72,000 Estimated number of civilians killed worldwide since September 11, 2001 as a result of the war on terror

2 Number of years since US intelligence^o had any credible lead to Osama bin Laden's whereabouts

2,932 Total number of US servicemen^o and women killed in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001

1,248 Number of published books relating to the September 11 attacks

\$119m Ticket sales for anti-Bush documentary Fahrenheit 9/11

\$40bn Airline industry losses^o since September 2001

2009 Date when the official memorial will open at the World Trade Centre site

0 Hours of intelligence training provided to new FBI agents before 9/11. Now they get 24.

91 per cent Terror cases from FBI and others that US Justice Dept declined^o to prosecute^o in first eight months of 2006

11 Weeks the 9/11 commission's final report was top of New York Times' non-fiction best-seller list

117 Number of UK service personnel killed in Iraq since invasion

40 Number of UK personnel killed in Afghanistan since invasion

7 per cent People in UK who think US-led war on terror is being won, according to YouGov^o

1 Those charged in US with a crime in connection with 9/11

455 Number of detainees^o at Guantanamo Bay

77 per cent Percentage of people in the UK who believe Tony Blair's Middle East policy has made Britain a terrorist target (YouGov)

4,000 Number of UK troops left in Iraq after British-controlled provinces handed back to Baghdad

18 The number of times that undercover investigators with fake IDs have breezed through^o US border checkpoints in a test by the Government Accountability Office

\$8bn The amount the US will spend this year on hunting Bin Laden and other terrorists

Vocabulary

legacy

a situation that exists now because of events, actions, etc. that took place in the past

intelligence

secret information that is collected about a foreign country, especially one that is an enemy; the people that collect this information

servicemen

a man or woman who is a member of the armed forces

losses

money that has been lost by a business or an organization

to decline

to refuse

to prosecute

officially charge sb with a crime in a court of law

YouGov

a high-profile British Internet-based opinion pollster (www.yougov.com)

detainee

a person who is kept in prison, usually because of his or her political opinions

to breeze through

to do sth successfully and easily