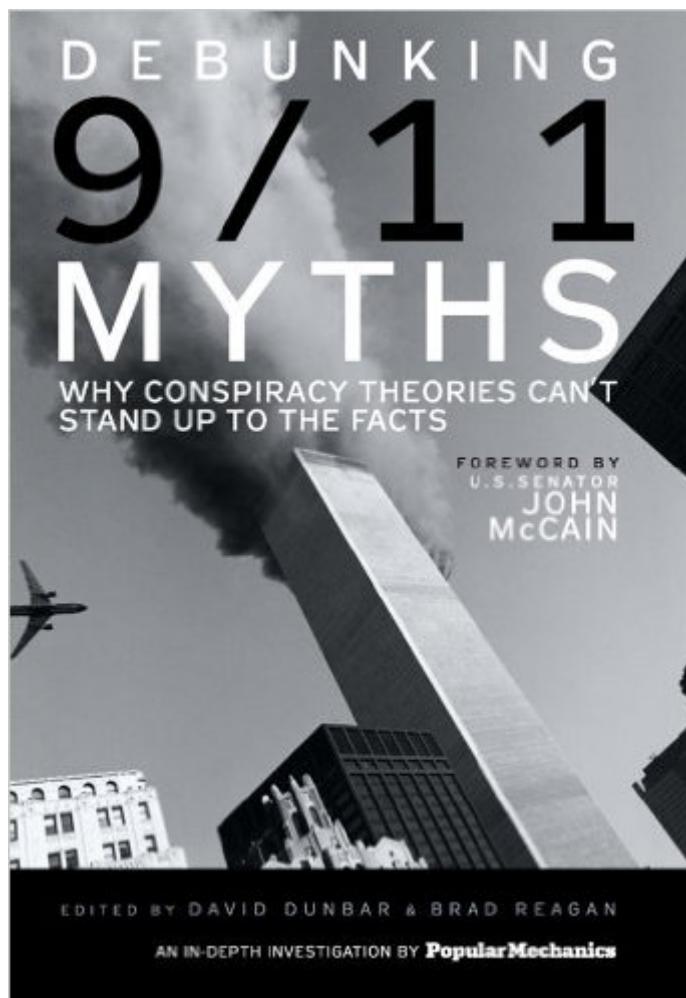


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Synopsis

Conspiracy theories about Sept. 11, 2001 continue to spread. Now, in a meticulous, scientific and groundbreaking new book, Popular Mechanics puts these rumors to rest. The magazine's editors analyze the 20 most persistent claims underlying 9/11 conspiracy theories; and conclusively disprove each one. The result is a triumph of hard fact over conspiratorial fantasy.

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This is an excellent book that follows up on the articles in Popular Mechanics in the aftermath of 9/11.

(<http://www.popularmechanics.com/military/a6384/debunking-911-myths-world-trade-center/>) It's sad that the "9/11 Truther" movement "lives on," despite having been destroyed by the science its adherents insisted would support their claims...that the U.S. government and NOT jihadists was responsible for the destruction on 9/11. Initially the "Truther" movement seemed to have sprung from what was called BDS, or "Bush Derangement Syndrome," but it seems to have taken on a post-GW life of its own. Sadly, this "new life" STILL seems geared to blaming America and exonerating the jihadists (Atta & his crew). Its most strident adherents seem to revel in the visceral reactions they get from survivors and family members of victims, which kind of puts many of them in the same camp as Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church folks. Interestingly enough, the Westboro clan is also fond of quoting science that DOESN'T agree with, or support their views....science they don't seem to understand. The "Truthers" seem to be seeking out a few aberrations and purporting to use them as, "proof" of a highly suspect supposition. That's antithetical to science, it is the opposite of

skepticism. To accept even an accepted idea, or "general consensus" as "definite," is NON-Skeptical and NOT at all open-minded, but to base a conviction on unsupported supposition is even less rational.

I agree with another reviewer who states "Ridiculous That This Is Even Necessary," but all voices must be heard especially when it comes to writing history. Besides, we all have a right to freedom of speech and I doubt any of us would oppose that. With that said, on to my review...I believe it is most important in maintaining some type of academic standard. On the other side of the coin, just because someone has a PhD, it does not mean they represent this standard. In an era where anyone can pick up a video camera and produce an amateur, although professional looking piece of cinema, it becomes easier and easier for just about anyone to draw conclusions and distribute information throughout the internet and other media venues. It is also irresponsible of us to pass off organizations such as Popular Mechanics as having biased government ties as rationalization for critiquing a work such as this. Leave those conclusions with corporations like GE, GM, FOX, Disney, and Viacom. If you want to learn more about the political economy of the mass media, I would recommend some of Chomsky's work. Not all of what the opposition states is incorrect. As a student of International Politics, it is obvious to those in academia that Bush and the administration did, in fact, use 9/11 to push their Iraq agenda. Look no further than the Downing Street Memoes to find pre-9/11 evidence of a plan to invade Iraq. There are also significant correlations between the government's use of fear-mongering through terrorism and the types of anti-communist dialogue that was used to rationalize wars in both Vietnam and Korea in decades past.

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