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# 9/11 in Global Context



## 9/11 in Global Context

September 11, 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, DC. While it is important to commemorate this event, it is also important to understand 9/11 in a broader global context. What were the causes of 9/11, and what have been the lasting effects?

The WCU community aims to remember the event without reinforcing the stereotypical connection between Islam and terrorism. WCU honors those who lost their lives in this event and its aftermath—not only US citizens and soldiers, but also Afghan, Iraqi, and other allies and civilians who have been killed or displaced in the 20 years since 9/11.

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### What is Due?

These are the graded assignments:

- 1** Muslims & Islam Knowledge Quiz **Reflection** [Due by DATE and TIME EST]
- 2** Introduction to Islam **Quiz** [Due by DATE and TIME EST]
- 3** Historical Background to 9/11 **Quiz** [Due by DATE and TIME EST]
- 4** "Muslim Voices at WCU" **Reflection** [Due by DATE and TIME EST]
- 5** Costs of War **Quiz** [Due by DATE and TIME EST]
- 6** 9/11 in Global Context Programming **Reflection** [Due by DATE and TIME EST]

## Learning Objectives

### ▼ Click here to view or close the Objectives for this week

1. Recall the basic beliefs, practices, and demographics of Muslims worldwide.
2. Recognize the causes and consequences of 9/11 in global context.
3. Identify the economic and human costs of 9/11 and the subsequent War on Terror.
4. Articulate how they can continue to learn about the global impact of 9/11.

## Learning Activities:

Due [Before breakout session DATE & TIME]

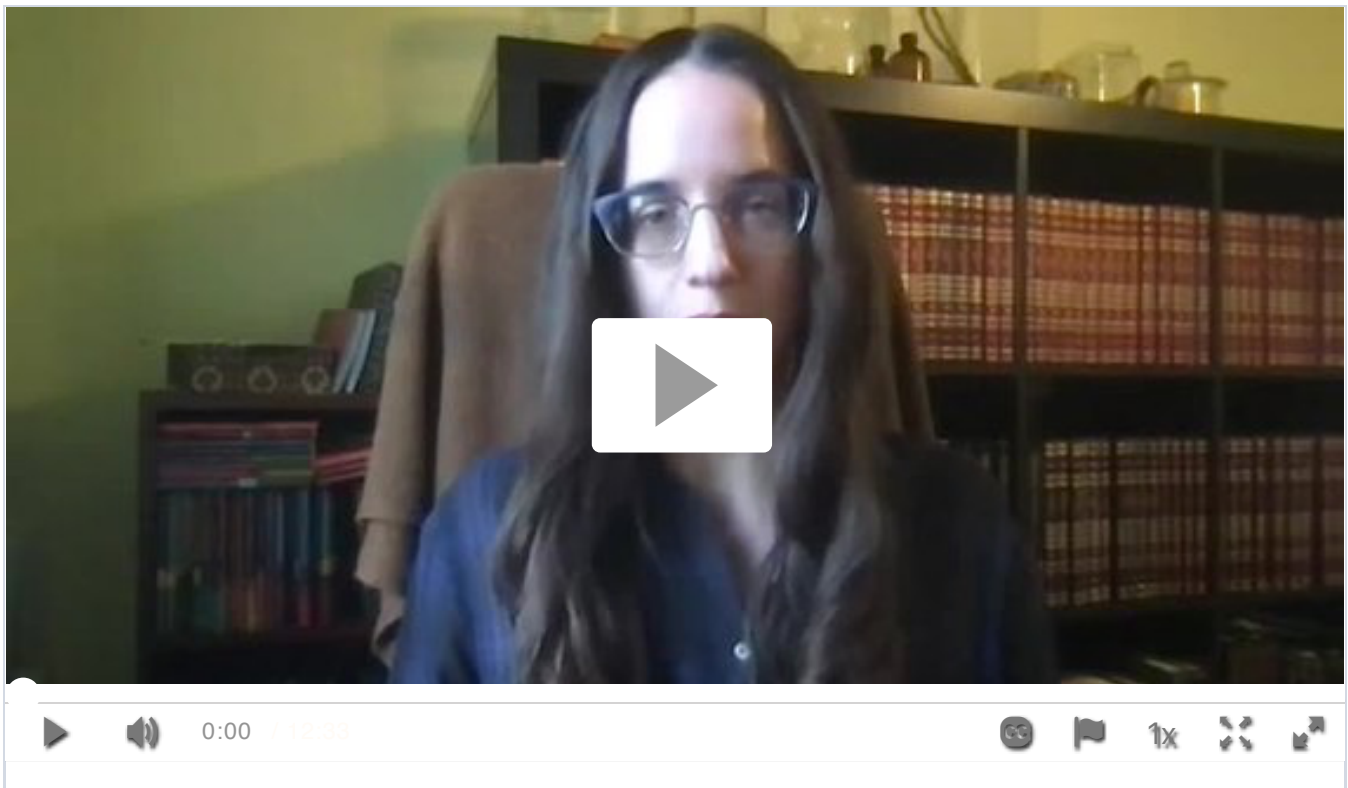
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## Part 1: Introduction to Islam

How much do you know about Islam and Muslims? Take this brief **Muslims and Islam Knowledge Quiz** [↗](https://www.pewresearch.org/quiz/muslims-and-islam-quiz/) (<https://www.pewresearch.org/quiz/muslims-and-islam-quiz/>) by Pew Research Center to find out! Then take a moment to **reflect** [↗](#) (</d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=2871220&type=dropbox&rcode=PASSHE-17293581>) on the quiz: How did you do? Why do you think you scored the way you did? Where have you gotten your previous knowledge about Islam/Muslims from, if anywhere? How reliable do you think these sources are?

Next, watch **video #1**: "Introduction to Islam," by Dr. Elizabeth Urban. Dr. Urban briefly summarizes some of the main beliefs, practices, and demographics of Muslims worldwide. After watching the video, take the **Introduction to Islam quiz** [↗](#) (</d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=2871220&type=quiz&rcode=PASSHE-17265386>) to see how much you've learned.

### #1: Introduction to Islam



## Part 2: The Causes of 9/11

You have probably seen footage of the Twin Towers collapsing and images of Osama bin Laden. But why did 9/11 happen? What is al-Qaeda, what is the Taliban, and how are they connected? And what does 9/11 have to do with the American invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq?

To learn more, first read this article from 2001 by Radio Free Europe, "**The Taliban's Rise to Power.**" [🔗 \(https://www.rferl.org/a/1097442.html\)](https://www.rferl.org/a/1097442.html) Then watch **video #2**, "September 11: Causes and Consequences," by OSU's Mershon Center for International Security Studies. (You may also read the transcript of the video, found below the video on the [Mershon Center website](https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/news/what-caused-911-and-consequences-linger) [🔗 \(https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/news/what-caused-911-and-consequences-linger\)](https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/news/what-caused-911-and-consequences-linger).) When you're finished, take the [Causes of 9/11 quiz](https://d2l.wcupa.edu/d2l/ou=2871220&type=quiz&rcode=PASSHE-17292804) [🔗 \(/d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=2871220&type=quiz&rcode=PASSHE-17292804\)](https://d2l.wcupa.edu/d2l/ou=2871220&type=quiz&rcode=PASSHE-17292804) to test your understanding.

## #2: September 11: Causes and Consequences

### September 11: Causes and Consequences



**Direct Video Link: [September 11: Causes and Consequences](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLt7kkFPtUA)** [🔗](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLt7kkFPtUA)  
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## Part 3: Costs of the War on Terror

Now that you've learned more about the causes of 9/11, what about its consequences?

Watch video #3, "The War on Terror," to learn more about how 9/11 affected the

Watch **video #3:** "Muslim voices at WCU," to learn more about how 9/11 affected the lives of Muslim faculty here at West Chester. **Reflect** [↗](#)  
[\(/d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=2241602&type=dropbox&rcode=PASSHE-17293597\)](#) briefly on what you learned from the video—whose story really stood out to you, and why? Have you ever had an experience like theirs before? What overall message or lesson do you take away from the video?

The War on Terror—launched in the aftermath of 9/11—has had lasting effects beyond West Chester University. View the **Costs of War** [↗](#)  
[\(https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/\)](#) homepage and watch **video #4:** "Costs of War: The Human Toll of the Post-9/11 Wars" to learn more about how the War on Terror has affected the lives of soldiers and civilians across the globe. Take the **Costs of War Quiz** [\(/d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=2871220&type=quiz&rcode=PASSHE-17293548\)](#) to see what you've learned.

### #3: Muslim voices at WCU



### #4: Costs of War


Costs of War: the Human Toll of the Post-9/11 Wars



**Direct Video Link: Costs of War: the Human Toll of the Post-9/11 Wars**    
**(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVr0MSEW2SU>) (4:12)**

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## Part 4: From 2001 to 2021

Finally, attend one of "9/11 in Global Context: From 2001 to 2021" panels or events being held at WCU this fall (see here for a schedule xx). Pay attention to what you learn and then **reflect**  ([/d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=2241602&type=dropbox&rcode=PASSHE-17293656](https://d2l.wcupa.edu/d2l/le/content/2871220/viewContent/26045117/View?ou=2241602&type=dropbox&rcode=PASSHE-17293656)): How does what you learned at the panel connect with the other information presented on this page? What value did you get from attending the panel?

## Assignments - Complete by [DATE TIME]

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Have you completed the following items?

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