

9/11 AND THE 'WAR ON TERROR'

On September 11, 2001 at 8:45AM Eastern Time, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 struck the north tower building of the World Trade Center (WTC) in lower Manhattan. Commercial television networks immediately covered unfolding events, broadcasting live as a second plane collided with the WTC south tower, and documenting two additional attacks by hijacked planes targeting the Pentagon and White House. In the days following September 11, local and national network television news divisions provided extended coverage of rescue and recovery operations at the collapsed WTC towers and the severely damaged Pentagon building. Profiles of those who had lost their lives in the attacks also featured prominently during the news coverage.

Official investigation of the attacks focused on *al-Qaeda*, an international terrorist organization previously held responsible for assaults targeting United States military personnel and U.S. embassies. In response to the events of September 11, the United States government launched a military invasion of Afghanistan and initiated a global manhunt for *al-Qaeda* leader Osama Bin Laden and other prominent members of his international organization. Television news coverage of these actions was extensive.

The UCLA Film and Television Archive's News and Public Affairs Collection (NAPA) holds extensive television news coverage related to the events of September 11 and consequent 'War on Terror.' This material is available for on-site viewing at UCLA by advance arrangement through the Archive Research and Study Center.

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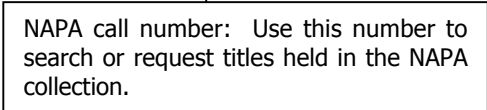
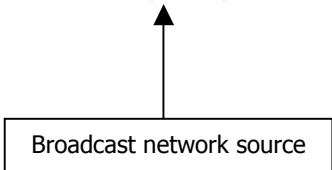
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<i>CBS News Special Report</i>	9:00am – 3:00pm	NA83710
<i>NBC News Special Report</i>	11:00am – 5:00pm	NA83709



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<i>CBS News Special Report</i>	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	<i>NA83710</i>
<i>NBC News Special Report</i>	<i>11:00am – 5:00pm</i>	<i>NA83709</i>

Sept. 12, 2001: President George Bush holds a live briefing from the White House's Cabinet Room.

<i>NBC News Special Report</i>	<i>5:00am – 7:00am</i>	<i>NA83672</i>
<i>ABC News Special Report</i>	<i>7:00am – 9:00am</i>	<i>NA83675</i>
<i>CBS News Special Report</i>	<i>10:00am – 4:00pm</i>	<i>NA83733</i>

Sept. 13, 2001: President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush visit hospitalized survivors of the Pentagon attack. Secretary of State Colin Powell publicly identifies Osama Bin Laden as the prime suspect in organizing the events of September 11.

<i>ABC News Special Report</i>	<i>4:30am – 5:00am</i>	<i>NA83700</i>
<i>CBS News Special Report</i>	<i>10:00am – 4:00pm</i>	<i>NA83760</i>
<i>NBC News Special Report</i>	<i>10:00am – 4:00pm</i>	<i>NA83761</i>

Sept. 14, 2001: President Bush visits 'Ground Zero,' the former site of the WTC towers and declares a national emergency. The U.S. Congress grants President Bush consent to use force against the parties responsible for the attacks. The Justice Department releases the names of the nineteen alleged hijackers and the Treasury Department creates a special group to track terrorist financing. The U.S. military is granted the authority to call up reservists to active duty.

<i>ABC News Special Report</i>	<i>12:30pm – 6:00pm</i>	<i>NA83755</i>
<i>CBS News Special Report</i>	<i>2:00pm – 7:00pm</i>	<i>NA83745</i>
<i>NBC News Special Report</i>	<i>3:00pm – 8:00pm</i>	<i>NA83746</i>

Sept. 17, 2001: In a televised statement, President Bush declares that the military will “defend freedom at any cost,” and vows to bring “the terrorists” to justice, “dead or alive.”

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:30:50pm – 5:43:10pm	NA83775
<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:37:00pm – 5:41:50pm	NA83772
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:35:30pm – 5:40:10pm	NA83773

Sept. 19, 2001: Military movement of aircraft into the Persian Gulf under orders from the Pentagon initiates “Operation Infinite Justice,” (later renamed “Operation Enduring Freedom”).

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:30:40pm – 5:36:40pm	NA83812
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:30:40pm – 5:39:40pm	NA83810

Sept. 20, 2001: President Bush addresses the nation and demands that Bin Laden be handed over by Afghanistan. Military build-up picks up in the Gulf, with increased U.S. and British presence.

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:32:40pm – 5:38:40pm	NA83832
<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:30:50pm – 5:34:10pm	NA83829
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:30:30pm – 5:41:20pm	NA83830

Oct. 7, 2001: Air strikes begin against military targets and terrorist training camps inside Afghanistan.

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:30:30pm – 5:41:50pm	NA84064
<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:00:40pm – 5:11:40pm	NA84068
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:30:30pm – 5:43:50pm	NA84061

Oct. 26, 2001: President Bush signs an anti-terrorism law granting the government expanded power to track suspected terrorists. The law allows for greater wiretapping and surveillance and stricter detention laws. It also redefines what crimes constitute terrorist acts.

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:44:30pm – 5:46:50pm	NA84361
<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:35:30pm – 5:37:50pm	NA84358
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:31:00pm – 5:35:50pm	NA84359

Oct. 28, 2001: A memorial service is held at Ground Zero for the families of the victims of the World Trade Center attack. Recovery work at the site is suspended for the service.

<i>ABC World News Sunday</i>	0:06:20 (runtime) – 0:09:30	NA84366
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:30:40pm – 5:33:30pm	NA84363

Oct. 31, 2001: U.S. fighter jets bomb Taliban targets north of Kabul in Afghanistan.

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:30:50pm – 5:37:00pm	NA84422
<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:30:50pm – 5:35:10pm	NA84419
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:35:40pm – 5:38:50pm	NA84420

Nov. 10, 2001: President Bush address the United Nations about the war in Afghanistan. Afghan rebels capture the city of Mazar-e Sharif in Afghanistan from the Taliban with help from heavy bombing by U.S. troops.

<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:30:40pm – 5:41:00pm	NA84563
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Nov. 16, 2001: Mohammed Atef, Bin Laden’s military chief, is confirmed dead as a result of U.S. air strikes. Ground combat continues in Afghanistan.

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:31:00pm – 5:40:10pm	NA84659
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:30:50pm – 5:35:40pm	NA84657

Dec. 7, 2001: U.S. jets bomb the suspected hideouts of Bin Laden loyalist in eastern Afghanistan. Taliban forces abandon Kandahar in Afghanistan.

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:31:00pm – 5:38:30pm	NA84959
<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:31:10pm – 5:41:30pm	NA84956
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:31:10pm – 5:37:00pm	NA84957

Dec. 9, 2001: A videotape of Osama Bin Laden surfaces in which he claims that al-Qaeda was responsible for the 9/11 attacks.

<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:30:00pm – 6:00:00pm	NA84968
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:31:00pm – 5:36:10pm	NA84961

Dec. 18, 2001: Tribal fighters and U.S. Special Forces pursue al-Qaeda guerrillas through the mountains of eastern Afghanistan after destroying suspicious caves and tunnels in Tora Bora.

<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:30:50pm – 5:38:00pm	NA85098
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:31:10pm – 5:38:40pm	NA85099

Dec. 23, 2001: Richard Reid, a citizen of England, is arrested after attempting to set off explosives hidden in his shoes on an American Airlines flight from France.

<i>ABC World News Sunday</i>	0:00:40 (runtime) - 00:10:10	NA85164
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:30:40pm – 5:36:50pm	NA85161

2002

Jan. 29, 2002: President Bush delivers his State of the Union speech in which he condemns an “Axis of Evil” that includes North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

<i>KCBS</i>	8:00pm – 10:00pm	NA85692
<i>KNBC</i>	8:00pm – 10:00pm	NA85694
<i>KABC</i>	8:00pm – 10:00pm	NA85695
<i>KCET</i>	8:00pm – 10:00pm	NA85681

March 11, 2002: The six-month anniversary of the 9/11 attacks is commemorated with memorials in Boston and Pennsylvania and the lighting of the “Twin Towers of Light” at the WTC site in lower Manhattan.

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:30:30pm – 5:36:20pm	NA86292
<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:30:50pm – 5:34:20pm	NA86289
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:31:00pm – 5:34:40pm	NA86290

March 18, 2002: U.S. General Tommy Franks declares the end of “Operation Anaconda” in eastern Afghanistan, and calls it, "an unqualified and absolute success."

<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:33:10pm – 5:35:50pm	NA86388
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:31:00pm – 5:33:50pm	NA86389

May 28, 2002: At the WTC site the last steel beam standing is removed during a ceremony for Ground Zero workers. The death toll at the site stands at 2,823.

<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:30:50pm – 5:31:10pm	NA87419
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:58:30pm – 5:59:00pm	NA87420

May 30, 2002: Recovery efforts officially conclude at the WTC site. A bell rings at 10:29am, commemorating the moment that the north WTC tower collapsed.

<i>ABC World News Tonight</i>	5:32:40pm – 5:35:30pm	NA87461
<i>CBS Evening News</i>	5:32:50pm – 5:38:00pm	NA87458
<i>NBC Nightly News</i>	5:42:30pm – 5:45:50pm	NA87459

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