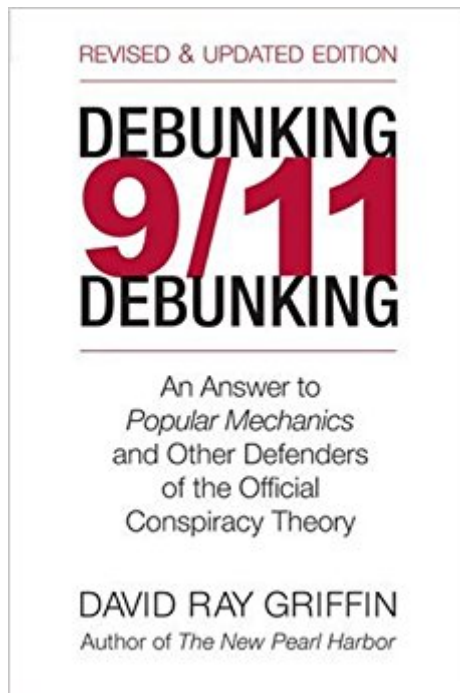


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Debunking 9/11 Debunking: An Answer To Popular Mechanics And Other Defenders Of The Official Conspiracy Theory



Synopsis

By virtue of his previous four books on the subject, David Ray Griffin is widely recognized as one of the leading spokespersons of the 9/11 truth movement, which rejects the official conspiracy theory about 9/11. Although this movement was long ignored by the US government and the mainstream media, recent polls have shown that the rejection of the official theory has become a mainstream political phenomenon. No longer ignoring the 9/11 truth movement, the government and the corporately controlled media have released a flurry of stories and reports aimed at debunking it. In the present book, David Ray Griffin shows that these attempts can themselves be easily debunked. Besides demonstrating the pitiful failure of *Debunking 9/11 Myths* (published by Popular Mechanics and endorsed by Senator John McCain), Griffin riddles recent reports and stories put out by the US Department of State, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the New York Times, and others. He responds to criticisms of these efforts and shows that the charge that is regularly leveled against critics of the official theory--that they employ irrational and unscientific methods to defend conclusions based on faith--actually applies more to those who defend the official theory.

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I'll limit this review to Griffin's Chapter Four, `Debunking 9/11 Myths: A Failed Attempt by Popular Mechanics (p. 207 - 307). Not that the other chapters are unworthy in any way, but the book is so large and thorough that a reviewer must either content him/herself with generalities or else laser-in on what I believe has been the most influential of the recent mainstream debunking efforts of the

four that Dr. Griffin treats - namely, Popular Mechanics best-selling book 'Debunking 9/11 Myths'. Griffin provides a lot of background analysis upfront, mainly in the process of deconstructing John McCain's Foreword. I will leave this treatment aside for brevity, and attempt to concentrate on the most specific and concrete criticisms of PM that Griffin makes. The overall point Griffin makes is that any defender of the Official Conspiracy Theory (Arab villains with boxcutters) needs to debunk ALL the challenges to prop it up successfully - and if even one good challenge remains standing, the Official Conspiracy Theory is in trouble. That is the logic of the case. But in fact they haven't debunked ANY of the challenges.

1. Overall Data: PM has relied mainly on personal interviews for facts, meaning independent researchers cannot easily check the source material. Where written documents are cited, they give no page numbers, again posing an obstacle to other researchers.
2. Pilot Skills: Griffin cites quotes from mainstream press and from (9-11 skeptic) pilots and ex-military personnel, suggesting that PM's confidence in the piloting skills of Hani Hanjour is wildly misplaced. PM apparently made no effort to present a balanced picture of HH's actual level of flying expertise.
- 3.

If I really lived in a "free" country, I would not be the only air traffic controller speaking out about the events of 9/11/2001. There would be others much younger, much more up-to-date, but there would be none any more patriotic. So, if anyone were to claim that my statements quoted in this enlightening book are self-serving, I must deflect that aside and state that I am still serving my country as many current air traffic controllers, government employees and military personnel would also do if their careers were not threatened by the various agencies within the the United States Government. Current controllers will never forget the events of PATCO and 1981 as they were hired to replace us, and those in the military know that they must follow orders. They all KNOW that they would be punished somehow should they exercise their rights of free speech. And with me being fired by a president of the United States might lead one to believe that I hold anger at this action, and I do, but it is only that the PATCO strike, as seen historically, was only the "labor" portion of a 40+ year plan hatched by conservatives to dismantle our democracy which they have done in ways far, far greater than just labor and income disparity issues. My road since hasn't been pretty, but I'm not yet "terminated". Nearing my 60th birthday, coming of "political age" after reading The Pentagon Papers, and having an unusual vantage point from which I can view 9/11/2001 [I am also an experienced pilot] allows me to put this latest attack on our country into a longer term context.

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