



Pearson and Revisionist Treason

When an American publishing house crosses all ethical and moral boundaries
and betrays America.

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It has been almost 18 years since the September 11, 2001 Islamist attack on the United States. In 2010, Pearson Prentice Hall published *United States History*, a well-received and often used textbook. I have checked our textbooks since 2002 to see how this horrific attack on America is taught to our youngsters. I have waited almost 10 years to write this review. Just as Pearson is now at the publishing forefront of the soft Jihad against America and the violent Jihad against Israel, Pearson Prentice Hall was, in my estimation, at the head of the publishing coverup and sanitization of the Jihadist attack on America.

The quotations which follow exemplify some of the most egregious agenda-driven omissions, partial truths and misrepresentations dealing with the Islamist terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, found in any of the Pearson Prentice Hall textbooks.

On page 1122, the textbook states:

Following the hijacking and crashing of four commercial airplanes on September 11, 2001, millions of Americans rushed to donate money, supplies, services and their own blood. As it became clear that the crashes were part of an organized terrorist attack on the United States, Americans responded as they had after Pearl Harbor - as a unified, determined nation.

This quotation deals in partial truth and omits critical information. Emphasis is placed on the reaction and generosity of Americans following the loss of four commercial planes. While the second sentence does indeed identify the crashes as part of **“an organized terrorist attack on the United States,”** it does not identify

the terrorists as Muslims or Islamic Jihadists. Equally disquieting is the not-so-subtle introduction of the comparison of both the September 11, 2001 attack on the United States and the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor as organized terrorist attacks.

The crash was the first of four airplane crashes in an orchestrated attack against the United States. Just over an hour after the first crash, the World Trade Center began to collapse, trapping the hundreds of firefighters and police who had gone in to rescue people. Meanwhile, passengers on another hijacked plane, after learning of the crashes on their cell phones, bravely stormed the cockpit to prevent hijackers targeting another building...The attack was the first on American soil since the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor 50 years ago. More than 3,000 Americans died in the attacks.

There is no identification of the terrorists as Muslims or Islamic Jihadists. Furthermore, there is no explanation of why the Jihadists targeted the World Trade Center and the Pentagon or that the third target “on the ground” was the White House. The comparison of the September 11th attack on the U.S. to Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor implies that both were unexpected but well organized terrorist attacks. While the attack on Pearl Harbor was a surprise attack, it was not a terrorist attack and it was not entirely unexpected. Students need to learn and understand that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was done by a legitimate state and foreign government and a recognized enemy of the U.S. and that the two countries were on the brink of war because of Japan's seizure of Indochina. Since the textbook does not identify the 9/11 terrorists, the comparison of the American response at Pearl Harbor and on 9/11 creates a subtle and inaccurate equivalency between the perpetrators. The Japanese who attacked Pearl Harbor were soldiers - fighting for their country. They were not terrorists and they had an identified "enemy" whom they believed was guilty of interfering with the policies of their sovereign government.¹ Prentice Hall’s comparison of a Jihadist attack on the United States to the attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan misrepresents facts and history. Students will not be able to understand the difference.

On page 1123, the textbook states:

¹<http://www.pearlharbor.org/history-of-pearl-harbor.asp>

American government officials quickly determined that Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network had been behind the September 11 attacks. Bin Laden opposed the presence of American troops in Saudi Arabia, the U.S. economic boycott against Iraq, and U.S. support for Israel. He also opposed any governments in the Middle East that he felt were pro-Western.

Prentice Hall's explanation of the causes of the September 11th attack on the United States presents Bin Laden's political statement against U.S. foreign policy as his reasons for the attack, but omits his Islamist hatred of the West and his belief in jihad as reasons for the attack. It also fails to teach that Muhammad credited his ability to create terror in the hearts of his enemies for his success in spreading Islam: "I have been made victorious through terror."²

Why are these quotations so important? Why is the missing information so critical? If we consider that our textbooks have been unwilling or perhaps unable since 2002 to teach the truth about the September 11, 2001 attack on America, then we must ask ourselves how many generations of youngsters and young adults are unknowing and/or unaware of the meaning of and reasons for the assault on our country, our freedoms, our culture, and in essence Western Civilization. If we ask ourselves the not-so-politically correct question of who financially controls the publishing houses and who is rewriting history for them, then we must ask as well how deeply ingrained Islam is in this country and we must ask if our Constitution can withstand the movement to replace it by Shari'a Law and if the Judeo-Christian Tradition can withstand the assault of Islam or will it be eradicated with the genocide of the Jews and Christians.

The questions and the concerns are real. The Jihadist attack on America on September 11th, which leveled the Twin Towers, did tremendous damage to the Pentagon and saw a plane, destined to attack the White House, brought down by the bravery of American passengers determined to protect our country, was a wake-up call. This wakeup call on the threat of Islamist terrorism was silenced and then reprogrammed to be a wakeup call on America's evil and costly alliance with Israel and democracy. This is the wakeup call given by American publishers, who sell their revisionist textbooks to school districts or state school boards. These books will be used by millions of children who, educated with lies and anti-America propaganda,

² http://scenewash.blogspot.com/2009_10_01_archive.html

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will grow into adults – who like heat-seeking missiles, will lead this country into oblivion.