

The media (radio, television, the Internet) have made people believe...

1. **Obama** was not born in the US but in Kenya (and thus is not eligible to be President).
2. **The Iraqi war** was a direct response to 9/11 (*pronounced as "nine eleven"*) – the attack by al Qaeda on the World Trade Center in New York City
3. **Saddam Hussein**, the ex-dictator of Iraq who was put to death, was concealing WMDs (weapons of mass destruction).
4. The **Health Care Protection Act** passed in 2011 by President Obama (that the opposition calls “Obama Care”) is not what the US wants and not what it needs.
5. **Global warming** is a hoax by scientists worldwide.
6. **US school teachers** are responsible for the **economic crisis** – they have not taught mathematics well enough, so people did not choose the right mortgage loans when dealing with the banks.
7. **The September 11th attacks**, often referred to as **September 11th** was an “inside job” meaning the United States government either permitted it to take place even though they knew about it in advance or allowed a “false flag” operation, i.e. a secret operation designed to make the public falsely believe it was carried out by other a foreign terrorist group.

Here is an example of a film used as evidence by people in favor of the 9/11 conspiracy theories:

“For those who STILL don't believe that 9 11 was an inside job”

This is an excerpt found on the Internet from a TV series called “The Lone Gunmen”, a spin-off series of “The X Files”. This particular episode is Season 1, Episode 1 “Pilot”, which was broadcast in the spring of 2001. The story is about a war game scenario, in which US arms manufacturers plan to crash a plane into the World Trade Center and make believe the attack was by a foreign enemy. Their aim is to increase the sale of arms.

It is undoubtedly just a coincidence, but it is true the film resembles what happened a few months later. Watch the excerpt if you have time.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZoyGPc0Umpl>

These ideas for debate are proposed by www.qualitytime-esl.com. We of course do not agree with the above assertions. We only wish to show that the media can make people believe what is not true. For this reason we all need to be very objective and critical when reviewing what is presented by the media.