

9/11 Anniversary Interview Log
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POS Topic: C of C student comments about eight year anniversary of 9/11 terror attacks. Thoughts about progress of the War on Terror. Is it winnable for the U.S.? Is the U.S. doing the right thing?

Interviews:

1. Chris Bland, Charleston, S.C., majors in political science and philosophy

The war started back in the 1990s with the Iraq-Kuwait invasion. Since then I think we've pretty much done the right thing in that we did need to neutralize the whole Saddam Hussein tyrannical reign and genocide of the Kurds and all that. I guess in recent days it's lost a lot of popularity and that's why a lot of people are starting to lose faith in it but I do think we are doing the right thing.

2 and 3. Morgan Edwards, Columbia, international business (right) and Robin Scott, Aiken, anthropology

Morgan- It doesn't feel like it's been eight years because everyone is still obsessed with it. And it's kind of like nothing's really been done.

Robin- I agree completely. I remember being in elementary school. It felt like yesterday. It's been so long I felt like we haven't progressed much at all. Is this a war you think is winnable for the U.S.? (me asking). Both—No, not all (shaking heads)—Morgan—No I don't think we're ever going to win, it's never going to stop

4 and 5. Matt Ogden, business, Maryland (right) and Michael Russell, business, Savannah

It's important to remember what happened (Michael)

Everyone needs to know about it (Matt)

Progress of the war? (me). It's taking a while (Michael). It's still a work in progress (Matt). I have no problem with the troops (Michael)

6. Rachel Jester, biology, Greenville, S.C.

I was in sixth grade when it happened so it's kind of a fuzzy memory. I don't know anyone who was personally involved. I think almost that it was an excuse to go to war anyway and give the war a moral cause. But terror has been going on forever and it always will. Waging war on it isn't going to make a difference. We're getting other material benefits out of it. America doing the right thing? (me). I don't think it's America's job to be the world's police. We shouldn't impose our government systems on other countries. That's not what they want. If the people want a democracy they'll rise up and claim a democracy.

7. Preston Garrison, biology and Spanish, Nevada (Note: he refers to Rachel, so he should follow her in report)

Same thoughts as everyone. I feel bad for the victims and I think it was a tragic event. I support the War on Terror. If anything we're not being ambitious enough. There may have been other reasons that we invaded these countries. But the bottom line, as I see it, if there's people there who want to cause harm to the people of the country I live in they need to be stopped and eliminated. I don't see any other way to look at it. Is this war winnable? (me). I don't know if any war is winnable, as the last lady said, bad things are going to happen no matter what. If you can reduce the number of people who want to damage your country then I think you're making progress.

8 and 9. Taylor Chaboz, Charlotte, business (left) and Joey Ingham, Maryland, business
Taylor—It's definitely something we should look back on and remember. Remember all the victims, the families affected. Thought on the war...pause...it's definitely gone on long. Joey—Long enough (picks up on Taylor's thoughts..) it's time for an end to it. Taylor—Yeah. Come home? (Cullen asks). Yes (both). Afghanistan and Iraq?
Joey—we've done what we can there, so we're done.

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