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The unexpected attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001, and how the media covered the story affected people's lives and opinions. On that day, September 11, 2001 there were four airplanes ~~that~~ were hijacked and three of those airplanes crashed into buildings, while ~~and~~ one crashed into ~~on~~ the ground. The first airplane ~~had~~ crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. About 15 minutes later, the second airplane ~~had~~ crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center. Half an hour later, a third airplane crashed into the Pentagon. And ~~In~~ about 20 minutes later, the fourth airplane was aimed at the presidential retreat in ~~at~~ Camp David, Md., ~~but it~~ ended up crashing in Pennsylvania.

Shortly ~~Hours~~ later after all four planes had crashed, the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center collapsed into a pile of flaming rubble. The next day, ~~the~~ FBI authorities said ~~that~~ all four planes were carrying a total of 266 people and all were killed. The New York ~~m~~ Mayor said that there were 2,100 people injured and about 150 people who were in critical condition in New York City. An additional 3,000 people were ~~They reported~~ dead ~~that there was about 3,00 people had died.~~ After the attacks occurred, ~~they~~ closed all airports across the nation were closed, as well as some Amtrak rail lines in the Northeast. ~~They also had to stop all~~ sports activities were also postponed until further notice. In Chicago, the Sears Tower was even evacuated, fearing it was an ideal target for more attacks, ~~because they thought that a plane just might come our way.~~

In New York City, more than 10,000 rescuers rushed to the scene to do their job. ~~give them their help.~~ ~~There were also~~ Volunteers and medical workers also donated their offering help, not to mention ~~and~~ blood. As a matter of fact, ~~s~~o many people ~~had~~ lined up to donate blood in this time of need ~~to the many victims and~~ that some were turned away. ~~In Chicago,~~ some Chicago of the policemen, firefighters and paramedics went to New York City to volunteer their services as well. People all over the world ~~are sending~~ money to the New York victims that survived and to the families of victims' ~~families~~ that did not survive.

The public ~~was blaming~~ the Arabs and Muslims for the attacks. The hostility that was quickly garnered for these people led to ~~There was~~ trouble all over the United States, including the following instances, ~~and the following are a few.~~ In Alexandria, Va., A bricks

~~were thrown through the windows of a~~ ~~there is a~~ Muslim bookstore. ~~and they threw four bricks through the windows.~~ A gunman killed a Pakistani Muslim ~~store owner~~ ~~storeowner~~ in Dallas, ~~Texas~~. In Chicago, a Molotov cocktail was thrown into an Arab-American community center, but no one was injured, only property was damaged. In Gary, ~~Ind.~~ ~~N.~~, a man ~~was~~ wearing a mask shot ~~more than~~ ~~over~~ 20 bullets from a high-powered assault rifle at a Muslim ~~man~~. The Muslim ~~man~~ survived and he was a U.S. citizen born in Yemen. In St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, an Eagle Mini Mart was firebombed because a Muslim owned it. Two buildings ~~for that~~ Muslims worship were firebombed with Molotov cocktails.

Some Sikhs and Copts ~~were~~ ~~are being~~ targeted ~~after~~ ~~because some are~~ being mistaken for Muslims. ~~Here are a few examples.~~ A gas station owner in Mesa, Ariz., was killed, and he was not neither Arab nor Muslim. An Egyptian-American grocer was shot and killed near his International Market store in San Gabriel, ~~Calif.~~ ~~A.~~ He was Copt, not Arab or Muslim. A gasoline bomb was thrown into the home of ~~a~~ Sikh family in California. A Samaj Hindu temple in Hamilton, ~~Ontario~~ ~~N.~~, Canada, was firebombed by an arsonist. The police speculated ~~d~~ that the arsonist ~~mistake~~ ~~mistook~~ ~~en~~ the temple for a mosque. ~~Finally, in~~ ~~in~~ Australia, ~~people~~ tried to set fire to a Lebanese ~~Christian~~ church.

~~There were also acts of kindness towards Muslims across the country.~~ ~~People who also lived near Muslims were very kind to them.~~ ~~Here are a few examples.~~ ~~There was a~~ ~~A~~ Muslim ~~woman~~ ~~s~~ ~~w~~ who lived in Oakdale, ~~Minn.~~ ~~N.~~ who had a neighbors sign a card and gave ~~her~~ ~~received~~ fresh flowers, ~~with~~ ~~fresh~~ baked cookies, ~~and a card from her neighbors expressing their support.~~ ~~They had told her that they did not associate her with the terrorist and that if she needed any help that they will be there for her.~~ ~~Another Muslim~~ ~~There was a woman~~ ~~was stopped by a woman on her way into~~ who went to a store in her town. ~~When she was in the parking lot someone pulled over in a minivan and a lady came out and~~ ~~The woman~~ told her that she was sorry for some of our countrymen who ~~were~~ ~~are~~ wrong-wrongfully accusing ~~all Muslim~~ people like you. ~~She new that she was sharing the grief, but it was not fair the way some of us were treating the other people.~~

There was a ~~resident~~ ~~Muslim~~ doctor who ~~is~~ ~~Muslim~~ and he was very nervous about what had happen~~ed~~ ~~and~~ ~~he~~ was afraid to go to work. When he entered the hospital to see a patient, the patient's parents ~~questioned if her was Muslim and when he said he was, they were there and told him if he was a Muslim and he said he was.~~ The father told him ~~in~~ ~~they thought it was wrong how others were attacking all Muslims.~~ ~~in~~ that they should not be messing with you people because ~~there is no reason for it at all.~~ There was a person who lived in Seattle that was afraid to go to his Muslim mosque. He had just turned Muslim a year ~~before~~ ~~ago~~ and he was afraid to wear his head covering. When he went to his mosque, ~~however,~~ he found ~~a~~ bouquet

of flowers, flags and cards outside the mosque. It ~~had~~ brought tears to his eyes for he had assumed that everyone was afraid or hated ~~the~~ Muslims because of the ~~attacks on the World Trade Center.~~ ~~The community in Seattle wanted the Muslims to know that they are out there for us and showed them their true color.~~

Many others across ~~There were also people in the~~ United States were affected by the tragedy in numerous ways, from mail delivery delays and job layoffs to restricted travel plans and lost family and friends. ~~because there were people who receive their pay checks from New York and they had to wait at least two days for their pay checks. Ever since the incident happen people have been getting laid off from their jobs.~~ It is reported ~~The people are saying that the person whose is~~ responsible for ~~the~~ attacks is Osama bin Laden, a. ~~He is the Saudi millionaire~~ believed to be in ~~who has been blamed for terror attack against the United States and they are saying he is to be in~~ Afghanistan.