

Was 10/07/2023 Israel's 9/11/2001?

Jeremy Scahill's *Intercept* article is a bit of a rant, but informative, and references +972Magazine, a cadre of independent Israeli and Palestinian investigative journalists.

Note how Israel's "war on Hamas" compares with the US "war on terror" as an example of the playbook articulated in Matthew Connelly's book *The Declassification Engine*:

war on terror (Iraq); war on Hamas: (Palestine)

Uncivilized barbarians evade detection by the best intelligence agencies in the civilized world to surprise the righteous State and carry out a horrendous attack on innocent civilians.

Atrocities carried out by a small number of these barbarians in the space of a day are answered by an all out war against a weak external political entity, where thousands are killed and hundreds of thousands are denied adequate food, and drinkable water. Millions are displaced.

The uncivilized barbarians see themselves as using the only means at their disposal in fighting back against what they perceive as constant oppression by a massive inexorable force.

The perception of surprise and insecurity within the righteous State are used to expand that state's powers.

Political spin is used to make this all OK.

One overarching similarity between the "war on terror" and "war on Hamas" would seem to be political manipulation of religious sentiment for political gain. Is it only a coincidence that the target in both cases were Muslim?

