

# War on Terror



# Terrorism

- **Terrorism = use of violence against individuals or property for purpose of intimidating**
- **1995—Oklahoma City bombing (168 killed)**
- **1993—1<sup>st</sup> bombing of World Trade Center**
- **Sept. 11, 2001—Al-Qaeda (terrorist group led by Osama bin Laden) attacked U.S.**
  - **2 hijacked jets struck World Trade Center, 1 jet struck Pentagon, 1 jet crashed in Pennsylvania**
  - **Over 3,000 killed**

# Oklahoma City Bombing







**BREAKING NEWS**

**TWO PLANES CRASH INTO TOWERS  
OF WORLD TRADE CENTER**

**CNN**

# *Afghanistan*

- **1996—Taliban—**army of religious students—took Kabul & executed leader
  - Islamic State of Afghanistan created
- **Afghanistan is a base for terrorist**



# *Taliban vs. Al-Qaeda*

## **Taliban**

- **Founder: Mullah Mohammed Omar**
- **Sharia Law w/ tribal code**
- **Controlled Afghanistan from 1996-2001**
- **Afghan group (also in Pakistan)**

**Allies with one another**

## **Al-Qaeda**

- **Founder: Osama bin Laden**
  - **Wants to establish Islamic rule & gov. replaced by Islamic leaders**
- No boundaries—world wide**



# War in Afghanistan

- **2001 - present—“Operation Enduring Freedom”**
- **Bin Laden had been hiding in Afghanistan**
- **2003 U.S. toppled the Taliban** (had been harboring **Al-Qaeda**)
  - **Most of the senior Taliban leadership fled to neighboring Pakistan**
- **2007—Taliban's increasing presence in Afghanistan**
  - **U.S. began putting more troops in Afghanistan**
- **Osama bin Laden hid in Pakistan—Killed May 2, 2011**



# *U.S. army in Afghanistan*







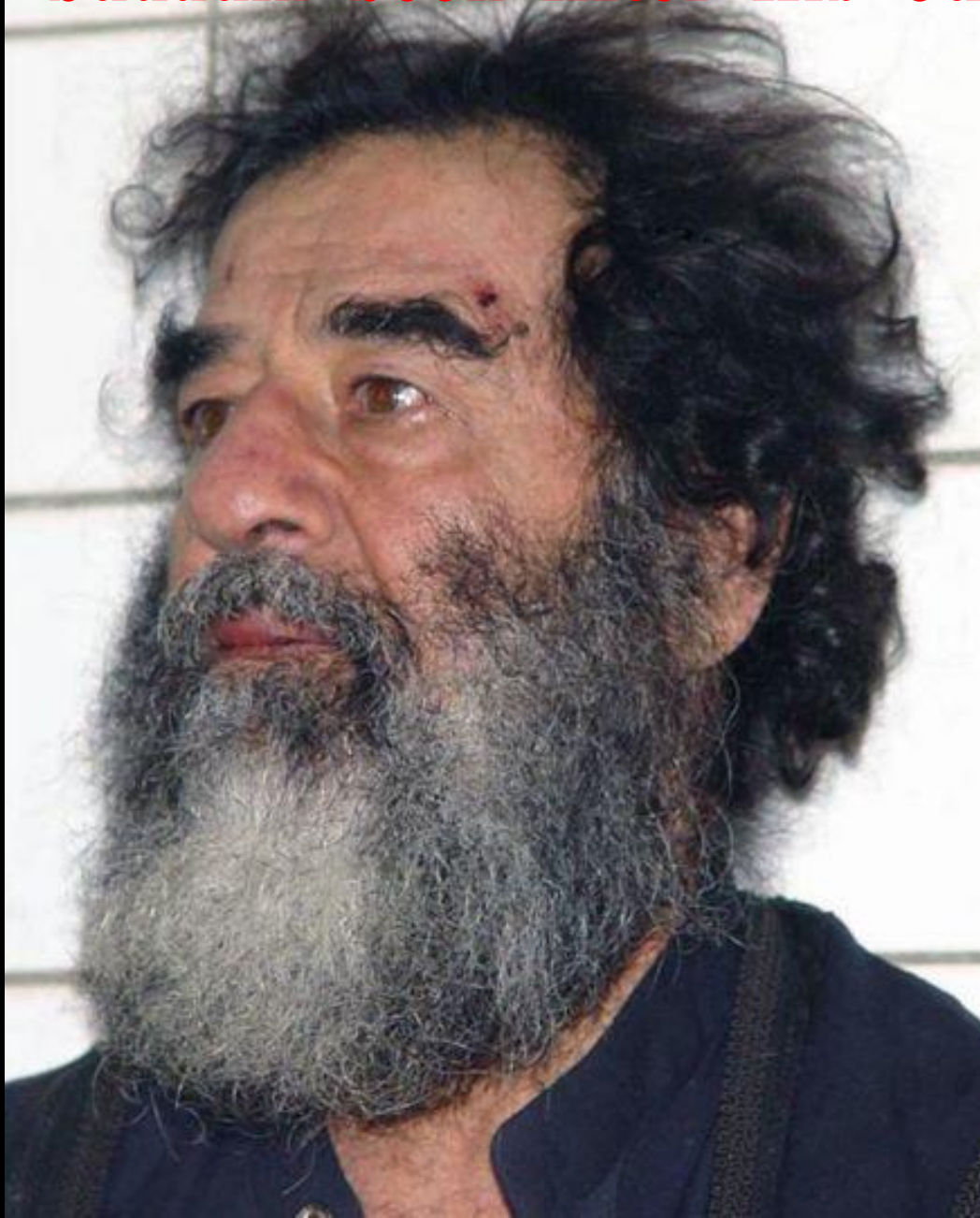
# *Iraq War—2003-2011*

- **Cause: Saddam Hussein's repressive regime & potential for unleashing weapons of mass destruction**
- **Iraq v. U.S. led coalition**
- **Overthrew Hussein w/in months**
- **Saddam captured in Dec. 2003**
  - **Convicted in 2006 for crimes against humanity**
  - **Hung on Dec. 30, 2006**





# Saddam Soon After His Capture



# End of Iraq War

- **Unsuccessful at restoring order to entire country**
- **Issues b/w Sunni & Shia**
- **Very controversial war**
- **General elections—Dec. 2005**
- **Dec. 2011—U.S. troops withdrawn**

