

Weekly Current Events: 9.11.23

[Lindsay and Shortridge, “7 Resources Debunking 9-11 Conspiracy Theories,” Council on Foreign Relations, 9.1.21.](#) | [Timeline, WSOC, Charlotte](#)

1. Name one basic conspiracy theory-allegation that surfaced right after the 9-11 attacks.
2. Why are 9-11 conspiracy theories perhaps more dangerous/serious than some other conspiracy theories?
3. Who are the people/organizations debunking the theories? Do they seem legitimate? Why or why not?
4. What’s one way a theory was debunked?
5. Which resource interested you the most, and why?
6. Consider examining one of the resources described or one of the links below the article.

[Lee, “New Mexico Governor Suspends Right to Carry Guns in Albuquerque,” USA Today, 9.9.23.](#)

1. Who is the New Mexico governor and what exactly did she do?
2. What was law enforcement’s response to it?
3. What does that response show you about the real power of such an order?
4. What is an exception to, or a particular detail of, the order?
5. What constitutional right does this order potentially violate?
6. The governor acknowledges her order is unusual. What example/fact from the article may have encouraged her to issue it?
7. What was the leading Republican’s response? Did that surprise you? Why or why not?
8. Do you feel the governor’s order is constitutional? Why or why not?

[Shafer, “Donald Trump Destroyed Horse Race Journalism,” Politico, 9.8.23.](#)

1. What is horse race journalism?
2. Why is horse racing a common metaphor for modern campaign news coverage?
3. How has Trump’s status in the Republican primary election contest altered horse-race journalism?
4. What do close political races do for journalism/media sources? Why?
5. What is an incumbent? How does having 2 recent presidents as the frontrunners in the respective party primary contests affect things?
6. What is this author’s overall take of horse race journalism? What is yours?