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## Putin and 9/11



Republican columnist Ben Stein told [CNN](#) two weeks ago that no one in his right mind blames George Bush for 9/11. Much of the Arab world, then, must be crazy. According to the [IHT](#), it is conventional wisdom in Egypt and other Muslim countries that the U.S. attacked itself on Sept. 11 so that it would have a reason to go after Arabs and help Israel. In Russia, the main state TV station, [Channel One](#), will air a 9/11 conspiracy film tomorrow night during prime time. The documentary, [Zero: An Investigation into 9/11](#), suggests that the U.S. military blew up the Twin Towers in a controlled demolition. This is heavy stuff. Russia is changing the rules in the propaganda war against the U.S. To use the words of [Kishore Mahbubani](#), Russia is snapping back against the West. Before long, Mahbubani added, other forces will do the same. Anyone in his right mind will want to pay close attention.

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