

# Remarks on the Sixth Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks

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9/11 marks a turning point for our country that saddens me in many ways. There was an opening there for a moment when it felt like the nation's heart opened and was ready to come together, to fight terrorism, yes, but also to unite as a country.

Sadly, as I look back on that horrible and eventful day, I see an opportunity dashed on the altar of fear and opportunism. I am especially saddened by what has happened in Iraq; the country is in shambles, our soldiers are dying there most every day, and we have little to show for our sacrifice with no clear way home.

I pray for a change in course and a change in the heart of the American people.