

Of Mafiosi and Mullahs

This was supposed to be a reflection on 9/11 and what we've learned in the decade since – what we've done right, what we've done wrong. It would be foolish, though, to waste time retracing our steps when the lesson is simple and the threat that we will unlearn it is immediate and concrete. What we've learned is that the only protection from jihadist terror lies in good intelligence. And what we're seeing is an attempt to re-establish pre-9/11 roadblocks to intelligence-gathering in the very place where, as 9/11 painfully proved, the threat to us is most profound.

Commissioner Ray Kelly's police department has pioneered a counterterrorism strategy that has safeguarded New York City, the jihad's No. 1 target, since jihadists destroyed the twin towers ten years ago tomorrow. Yet, as my column last weekend related, Kelly and the NYPD continue to be targets of an Associated Press smear campaign, bringing down the same hidebound indictment Islamist organizations and the Lawyer Left trot out against any counterterrorism strategy worth having: that it means profiling, domestic spying, and Islamophobia.

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