

## SALAZAR AD: "UNBELIEVABLE" :30

### SCRIPT:

[V/O]: Osama Bin Laden. Should he face the death penalty for murdering 3000 Americans?

Pete Coors says no. Unbelievable.

### THE FACTS:

#### **Coors Opposes Death Penalty**

According to his official Rocky Mountain News candidate questionnaire, when Coors was asked the question, "Do you support the death penalty?", Coors replied: "No. I have a fundamental belief in the sanctity of life." (Coors RMN candidate questionnaire, [http://election.rockymountainnews.com/candidateDetail.cfm?cand\\_id=1467](http://election.rockymountainnews.com/candidateDetail.cfm?cand_id=1467))

#### **Coors Position Opposing the Death Penalty Stands In Contrast To President Bush, VP Cheney, AG John Ashcroft and Sen. Wayne Allard, Among Others**

- **President George W. Bush: "Wanted: Dead Or Alive"**  
On Monday, September 17, 2001 President Bush spoke at a news conference and said, "I want justice. There's an old poster out West that said, 'Wanted, dead or alive.'" (UPI, 11/8/01)
- **VP Dick Cheney: "We'll Keep After [Osama Bin Laden] Until We Smoke Him Out And Run Him To Ground"**  
In an interview for 60 Minutes II, broadcast on November 14, 2001, Vice President Dick Cheney vowed "We'll keep after [Osama bin Laden] until we smoke him out and run him to ground." In the same interview, Cheney promised to use "any means we deem necessary" to accomplish this. (Houston Chronicle, 11/15/01; St. Louis Post Dispatch, 11/15/01)
- **Attorney General John Ashcroft Supported Death Penalty for Osama bin Laden**  
In an interview with the London Independent, John Ashcroft stated that Osama bin Laden would be subject to the death penalty, saying, "It is clear that the United States, most of the states in the United States and the federal government of the United States, have laws, the violation of which provides death eligibility in terms of the sentencing." (London Independent, 12/13/01)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Sen. Wayne Allard</u>: “Osama Bin Laden And A Few Cohorts Dead Would Be Preferable To Another Black Granite Wall Full Of Names On The Washington Mall”</b> On September 26th, 2001 the Denver Post ran an editorial discussing the an executive order by issued by former President Gerald Ford which forbid the United States from sponsoring assassinations abroad. The Post noted that while Sen. Wayne Allard did not support revoking the Order, he did make an exception. “in situations where the only alternative is a full-scale war with horrendous casualties, assassination - carried out with stealth and finesse - may be a useful weapon the U.S. should consider. Osama bin Laden and a few cohorts dead would be preferable to another black granite wall full of names on the Washington Mall.” (editorial, DP, 9/26/01)</li>   <li>➤ <b><u>Gov. Bill Owens</u>: A “Staunch Supporter Of The Death Penalty”</b> According to the Denver Post Gov. Bill Owens (R-CO) is a, "staunch supporter of the death penalty." He has debated Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan on the merits of the death penalty. (<u>DP</u> 7/8/04)</li>   <li>➤ <b><u>Reps. McInnis &amp; Tancredo</u> Co-Sponsored Terrorist Elimination Act Of 2001</b> US Reps. Scott McInnis (R-CO) and Tom Tancredo (R-CO) were co-sponsors of the "Terrorist Elimination Act of 2001." The Act would allow the US to use assassination if it was in the interest of national security. (RMN, 9/15/01)</li> </ul>
<p>The war in Iraq?</p> <p>Pete Coors says...</p> <p>“I’m not anywhere near qualified or experienced enough to answer that.”</p>	<p><b>Asked About Putting Additional Troops In Iraq, Coors Said: “I’m Not Anywhere Near Qualified Or Experienced Enough To Answer That”</b></p> <p>In an interview with the <u>Rocky Mountain News</u>, Coors was asked if later revelations about Iraq’s WMD programs or bad intelligence would change his position on the war in Iraq. Coors said, “We’ve got to think about what you do going forward ... I’m not qualified to tell you if we should have gone there.” Coors was also asked if he supported adding additional troops to Iraq. Coors replied: “I’m not anywhere near qualified or experienced enough to answer that.” (<u>RMN</u>, 9/30/04)</p>

	<p><b>Coors On Veterans: “I Don't Understand All Of The Issues As Well As I Would Like To Or Need To”</b></p> <p>At the at a breakfast meeting of the United Veterans Committee of Colorado at a VFW Post in Sheridan, Coors admitted his lack of knowledge on veterans issues, saying, "I don't understand all of the issues as well as I would like to or need to. I'm depending on folks who have experience and understand the issues to help as we develop and vote on legislation important to veterans.” (<u>DP</u>, 10/3/04)</p>
<p>Well Ken Salazar is. As Attorney General, he’s helped prepare our state’s response to terrorist attack, ...</p>	<p><b>2002: Salazar and POST Proposed \$1M POST Fund, Died In CO House Committee</b></p> <p>In 2002, Salazar and the POST board strongly urged the creation of a \$1 million POST fund through SB 172. The proposal passed overwhelmingly in the CO Senate, but failed by one vote in a committee in the CO House. (OAG press release, 1/21/03)</p> <p><b>2003: Salazar Called for \$1M POST Fund, Sought For It To Be Focused On Smaller, Rural Departments</b></p> <p>In January 2003, Salazar and a group of police and sheriffs officers again called for passage of SB 103, which would provide funding for a \$1 million annual training fund for Colorado police officers. At a July 2003 press conference on the new \$1 million Peace Officer Standards and Training Board fund, Salazar called for the funds to be focused on small police departments, noting that of Colorado’s 324 state police agencies, over 200 are in rural areas with fewer than 15 officers. Later in 2003, Salazar noted the urgency for the fund, pointing out that ranked 48<sup>th</sup> in the nation for funds provided for peace officer training. (Denver Post, 1/22/03, 7/25/03; Fort Collins Coloradoan, 9/17/03)</p> <p><b>CO Has 14K Cops, Half Work For Small or Rural Agencies With Fewer Than 15 Officers</b></p> <p>Colorado has 14,000 law enforcement officers, of whom approximately half work for small and rural agencies with fewer than 15 officers. (Fort Collins Coloradoan, 9/17/03)</p>

➤ **POST Approved \$151K CSOC/CACP Grant In January 2004**

On January 30, 2004, the POST Board unanimously approved a \$151,285 training grant for the County Sheriffs of Colorado and the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police for 58 training presentations through June 2005 in rural areas. Topics were to include officer survival, use of force, ethics and decision shooting. (POST minutes, 1/30/04)

➤ **POST Approved \$112K CDAC Grant In January 2004**

On January 30, 2004, the POST Board unanimously approved a \$112,464 grant to the Colorado District Attorneys Council for 30 classes (20 in rural areas and 10 in metro areas) to provide legal updates, new case law and issues particular to each judicial district's practices. (POST minutes, 1/30/04)

**Salazar Announced The Sentencing Of A Leader Of A Local Terrorist Cell**

In March 2001, James D. Williams was sentenced to 69 years in prison for a 1993 conviction of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, racketeering and forgery. Salazar said in a March 16, 2001 news release that Williams "was a leader of a cell of Fuqra, an international organization that has been investigated for terrorist acts including murder and arson in New York, Detroit, Philadelphia, Toronto, Tucson and Denver," said the Rocky Mountain News article. (Rocky Mountain News, 3/18/01)

**Salazar A Member Of Governor's Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee, Which Advises Owens In The Event Of Bioterror Attack And Is Responsible For A Bioterror Response Plan**

As Colorado's Attorney General, Salazar is a member of the Colorado Governor's Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee, which was created in March 2000. According to the Colorado Dept. of Public Health, the so-called "E3" committee was "established to serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor in the event of an emergency epidemic caused by bioterrorism, pandemic influenza or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or biological toxins." Among the group's many responsibilities is "To develop a supplement to the State Disaster Plan for responding to a biological incident." (Governor's Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee (E3), CO DPH, 11/5/01, 4/12/04)

**Salazar Appointed Chief Deputy Renny Fagan As Designee To E3 As Proscribed Under Legislation; Salazar Designee At Every Meeting Of E3 Commission**

As provided under HB 1077 (which created E3), Salazar's membership on the committee is defined as "The Attorney General Or His Or Her Designee." Consequently, Salazar appointed Deputy AG Renny Fagan to serve as his designee on the committee. Fagan, the Deputy AG who works closest with the state agencies and the Governor's chief counsel was deemed best suited to interact with the agencies present on the committee, and regularly reports directly to Salazar regarding E3 discussions and actions. At every meeting of the E3 Committee, a designee from Salazar's office was present. (HB 1077; Office of the Attorney General)

**Salazar Visited Israel To Study Palestinian Conflict, Israeli Homeland Security Tactics and Visit Israeli Trauma Treatment Center**

From June 19, 2003 to June 27, 2003, Salazar visited Israel with four other AGs from other Utah, North Dakota, Montana and Nebraska. While in Israel, they planned to visit an Israeli trauma treatment center and meet with Israeli President Moshe Katsav and other elected officials to discuss the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and Israel's response to terrorist acts. The trip was sponsored by the National Association of Attorneys General and the American-Israel Friendship League, and Salazar said that no taxpayer funds would be used during the trip. Salazar said the purpose of the trip was to "learn about how the Israeli government deals with issues of crime, violence and homeland security." (Rocky Mountain News, 6/20/03; AP, 6/16/03)

	<p><b>Salazar’s Israel Visit Included Terrorism Law Specialists, Anti-Terror Experts and Top Israeli Leaders, As Well As Military Bases And The Lebanese-Israeli Border</b>  According to the official record of the CO AG Mission to Israel, while in Israel Salazar met with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mr Ruben Merhav</b>, former director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a Board member of the Council for Peace and Security, a think tank of former military officers;</li> <li>➤ <b>Elyakim Rubinstein</b>, Attorney General for Israel, an apolitical position appointed by members of the Knesset and the Bar whose responsibilities include criminal investigation and acting as legal advisor to the government;</li> <li>➤ <b>Jonathan Fighel</b>, Director of the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism, who discussed Hezbollah threats and counter-terrorism strategies;</li> <li>➤ <b>Major General Dr. Menahem Finkelstein</b>, the Military Advocate General, whose job it has been to help create a legal framework for the fight against terrorism.</li> <li>➤ <b>Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert</b>, who discussed this Israel-Palestinian Authority relationship;</li> <li>➤ <b>Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Aharon Barak</b>, who in 2002 wrote in the Harvard Law Review entitled “The Judge, Democracy and Terrorism”;</li> <li>➤ <b>Dr. Ra’anan Gissin</b>, Senior Advisor to Prime Minister Sharon;</li> <li>➤ <b>Dov Weissglas</b>, Chief of the Prime Minister’s Bureau and his assistants;</li> <li>➤ <b>Ehud Olmert</b>, Vice Premiere and Minister of Industry and Trade and former Mayor of Jerusalem.</li> </ul> <p>Salazar also visited a military base in the Golan Heights, where he met with soldiers and observed a tank demonstration as well as visited military bunkers, and saw the Lebanese-Israeli border, including Hezbollah billboards and guard towers. (Attorneys General Mission to Israel, Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar Journal, Office of the Attorney General)</p>
<p>... he <u>supports</u> the death penalty, ....</p>	<p><b>Ken Salazar Supports The Death Penalty</b>  According to his official <u>Rocky Mountain News</u> candidate questionnaire, when Salazar was asked the question, “Do you support the death penalty?”, Salazar replied: “Yes.” (Salazar RMN candidate questionnaire,  <a href="http://election.rockymountainnews.com/candidateDetail.cfm?cand_id=1432">http://election.rockymountainnews.com/candidateDetail.cfm?cand_id=1432</a>)</p>

	<p><b>Salazar Pushed To Reinstate Death Penalty Against Woldt, Martinez</b>  Salazar asked the Colorado Supreme Court to re-instate the death penalty sentences for two criminals on Colorado’s death row: George Woldt (convicted in the 1997 kidnapping, rape and murder of Colorado Springs college student Jacine Gielinski) and Francisco Martinez Jr. (convicted in the 1997 kidnapping, torture, rape and murder of Commerce City 14-year-old Brandy Duvall) after the US Supreme Court had ruled that only juries could impose the death penalty. Salazar had argued that the death penalty should be reinstated because, according to the <u>AP</u>, “the jurors who convicted the men had made the same decisions the judges did, except they had done it during the trial.” In February 2003, the Colorado Supreme Court instead sentenced the two men to life in prison without parole. (Associated Press, 10/7/03)</p> <p><b>Salazar Asked SCOTUS to Review SCOCO Decision Overturning Two CO Death Penalty Sentences</b>  On May 22, 2003, Salazar asked the US Supreme Court to review a decision by the Supreme Court of Colorado overturning the death sentences of George Woldt and Francisco Martinez Jr. Salazar argued, “These two defendants abducted, tortured raped and murdered two girls. ... Justice demands that we exhaust all reasonable efforts to see that they receive the appropriate sentences for their crimes.” Salazar asserted that there are conflicting state and federal interpretations of the US Supreme Court’s 2002 <i>Ring v. Arizona</i> ruling (such as the Arizona Supreme Court’s ruling that the SCOTUS ruling did not apply retroactively) and that clarification was needed. (Associated Press, 5/22/03)</p>
<p>... <u>supports</u> our troops and <u>knows</u> how to keep us safe.</p> <p>That’s experience money just can’t buy.</p>	<p><b>Keeping America Safe - At Home And Abroad: The Ken Salazar Homeland Security Plan</b>  Under Ken Salazar’s homeland security plan to protect American from terrorism and strengthen homeland security (available at <a href="http://www.salazarforcolorado.com">www.salazarforcolorado.com</a>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Increasing military pay and benefits for those in uniform, their families and veterans, including imminent danger pay;</li> <li>➤ Rebuilding the international coalitions to assist with the international war on terror as well as the recovery of Iraq, including honoring our commitment to aid and assist the new Iraqi leadership;</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Enacting all, not just a few pieces, of the bi-partisan 9/11 Commission's report and prioritizing the sharing of information with state and local law enforcement agencies;</li><li>➤ Putting in place the necessary funding for the hiring and training of border patrol officers, customs agents, air and sea cargo inspectors as well as nuclear facility security;</li><li>➤ Increasing funding for Colorado's and America's first responders to ensure they are fully prepared to respond to possible future conventional, radiological, chemical and biological attacks.</li></ul> |
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