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There are some who would argue that the Internet is the most important technological development of the last 100 years... that it has altered the very way we think, act and communicate... that it has led to an information revolution that will empower us and make us better citizens in the New Millennium! And it's pretty obvious that those people have never been to OUR website, because believe it or not, at madmag.com we consider this...

What — me worry? — Alfred E. Neuman

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U.S. authorities have come into possession of an amateur videotape which features Osama bin Laden bragging about the September 11 terrorist attacks and admitting he had advanced knowledge of them. This tape is being described as the "smoking gun" in the case against bin Laden — as if his constant "Death to all Americans!" instructions offered no evidence against him! The video was discovered in an abandoned Jalalabad residence, and now that anti-Taliban forces have seized control of most of Afghanistan, it's likely that more items of interest will be uncovered. So as the battle against Al-Qaeda continues, we must ask...

What other Osama bin Laden videotape is most likely to surface?

POLL RESULTS

his audition tape for the next season of <i>Survivor</i> — <i>Survivor: Tora Bora</i>	10.4%
his prize-winning <i>Afghanistan's Funniest Home Videos</i> entry featuring one of his top aides getting kicked in the nads by a camel	12.1%
his bootleg version of <i>Ocean's 11</i> with the screen partially blocked by some guy in the front row's turban	3.8%
his special-ordered <i>Girls Gone Wild: Taliban Edition</i> featuring women whipping off their burqas to reveal their faces	20.3%
bin Laden taunting the U.S. with a karaoke rendition of Gloria Gaynor's <i>I Will Survive</i>	21.3%
some videos from all 17 of bin Laden's marriages	12.3%
behind-the-scenes footage of bin Laden celebrating Al-Qaeda's previously most successful act of sabotage against America — the rigging of the 2000 presidential election	19.4%

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The USA's war on terror has begun by targeting the Al Qaeda organization and the Taliban, rulers of Afghanistan. The conflict has made many Americans more interested in countries, cultures and religions they know little about, with books on Islam and Osama bin Laden's terrorist network leaping off the shelves (also the Harry Potter books, but that's unrelated — we think). Given how quick book publishers are to cash in on a trend, it will only be a matter of time before the public is saturated with these...

BEST SELLERS REWRITTEN TO CASH IN ON THE TALIBAN/ BIN LADEN THEMED CRAZE



