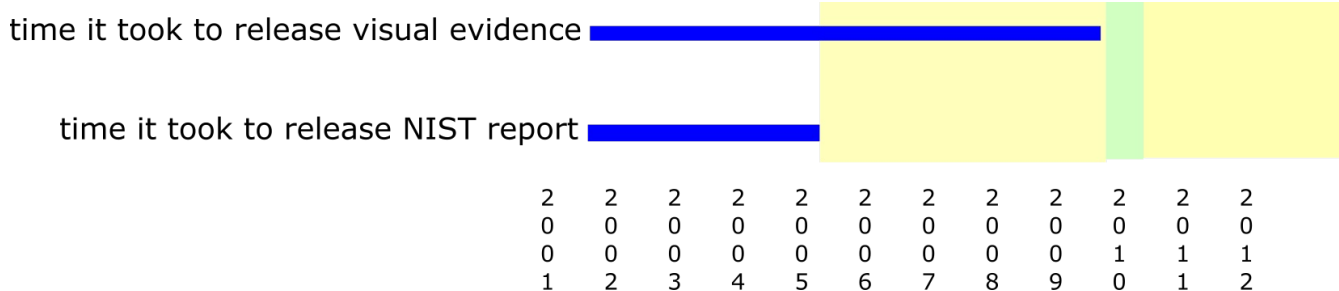


HOW THE VISUAL EVIDENCE WAS FILTERED

The NIST did not make a single explicit comment about the collapse modes of the Twin Towers since 2002.

The NIST reports on the Twin Towers were released in 2005.

The visual record they used to make their claims in the reports was not released until 2009 under an FOIA request.



The first yellow region is when the public had access to the reports but couldn't fact-check NIST claims because they had no access to the visual evidence.

It is in this region that Dr Bazant began to misrepresent the Twin Towers collapse modes as consisting of a 'crush down phase' followed by a 'crush up phase' (2007).

This is also where Dr Steven Jones began to misrepresent the Twin Towers collapse modes (2006).

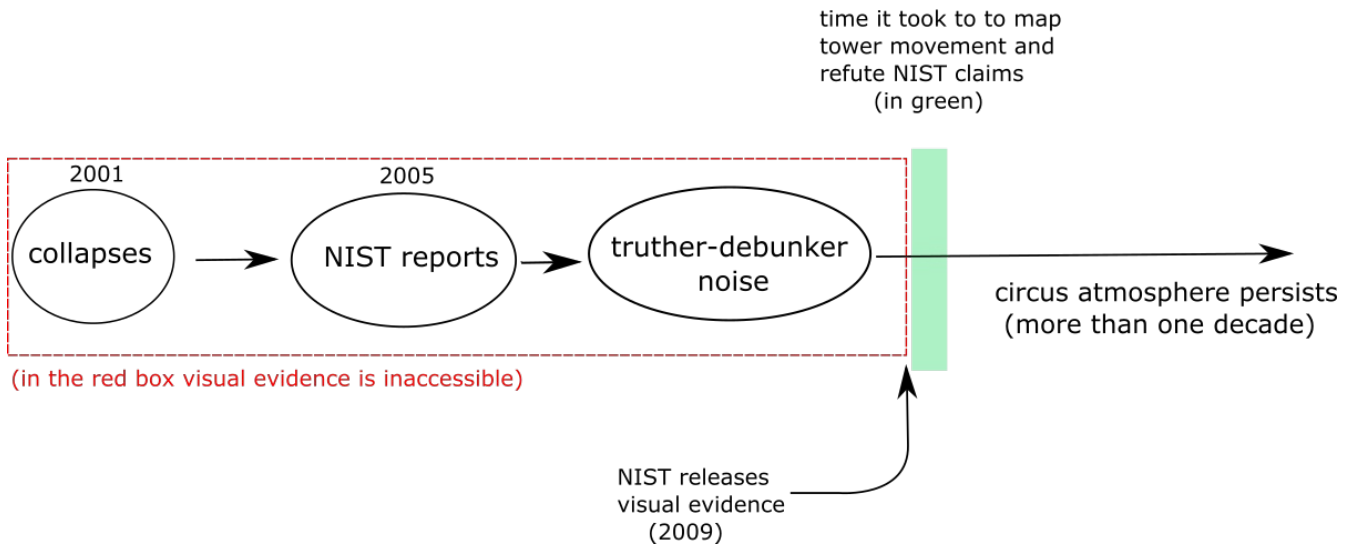
The Twin Towers collapse modes could be mapped only after the NIST allowed the public to see the visual record of the collapses for the first time. It was mapped in the green region. The collective mappings are [linked here](#).

But by the time they could be mapped for the first time the misrepresentations of the collapse modes were published in professional/academic journals where they remained ever since.

It was in the first yellow region where more sophisticated misrepresentations of the Twin Towers collapse modes began to appear in professional-academic journals. And overview of all these professional/academic papers is [linked here](#). They appeared as the NIST refused to issue any comment on the specific collapse modes of the Twin Towers.

These same misrepresentations continue in 2021 in professional/academic journals as if the mappings in green were never made. As if they were not possible to make.

How the Twin Towers collapse information was filtered



Two different information distorting factors were present:

- 1) Extreme misrepresentations became dominant talking points while Government Investigators completely avoided commenting on the collapse progression modes.
- 2) The visual record the NIST used to fact-check wasn't available until 2009

Both distorting factors work together. Each needs the other to be effective. If either distorting factor was removed the circus atmosphere could not have persisted. When working together they created a highly effective barrier to open public discussion and critical thinking.

The truther-debunker noise was loud as the NIST released reports to the public. By the time NIST visual evidence was released in 2009 truther-debunker noise was at a roar. Truther-debunker memes dominated any mention of the NIST reports in all major media (and alternative investigative news sources, too, as shown [here](#)). This was presented through an artificially narrowed prism as:

- 1) NIST as true representatives of reason and science

vs

2) all other losers and truthers and conspiracy theorists and moon hoaxers and other lower elements of society (see Cockburn).

Note how high level critique of the NIST (green region in diagram) emerged very quickly after the visual evidence was released. It didn't take long to compile it

But by the time collective visual evidence became available for review, a Manichean world of truther-debunker talking points dominated all major (and alternative) media.

None of these people were aware of the [highly unique and distinctive collapse modes](#) of the Twin Towers. So they couldn't have known much else about the Twin Towers collapses. Without knowing that it was impossible to know what was happening. Yet none seemed to care.

RESULTS OF FILTER

This group dynamic caused a virtual melting of the capacity to approach the NIST reports **critically**. The ability for otherwise aware, independent individuals to brush off massive, blatant contradictions with a wave of the hand. This was a taboo conditioning on a deep level. And it is apparently very, very effective. It works.

EXAMPLES

Cockburn and Robert Parry, both very good investigative reporters, became supporters of the NIST with very little critical overview and with practically no understanding of the reports themselves. They did this while having no access to the visual record of collapse events. Why? Truthers.

I can't think of a single well-known independent investigative journalist (possible exception Nafeez Ahmed) that wasn't strongly affected by this information filter. They got played like children. How? Reaction to Truthers. And, to be fair, the technical nature of the subject was way too much for them.

Note how each investigative reporter seemed to 'freeze up' around any capacity to view the NIST reports critically. Why? Truthers.

The most blatant example is the Twin Towers collapse progression modes. This is best way to see how poor critical thinking skills were and are among journalists (even good ones). Why? Truthers.

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