

ABSTRACT

The September 11th terrorist attacks in 2001 has affected the public psychology and disrupted many economic activities in the U.S. This research is carried out in order to provide an insight into the cause of these well-known terrorist attacks and their impacts on the U.S. travel and tourism. Different perspectives to view the causes of the attacks were taken into consideration. It has been found that there is no universally accepted cause of the attacks and it also suggests that the attacks might have resulted from a combination of social, religious, economic and political factors. The research also helps to gain better understanding of the attacks' impacts on travel and tourism industries in the U.S. by exploring the employment, the output of these industry and the volumes of arrivals and visitors following the attacks. Travel and tourism related industries were found to have been vulnerable to terrorist attacks and have incurred long-term consequences. The results suggest that it is necessary to introduce appropriate policies to facilitate travel and tourism industries and prevent terrorist attacks at the same time.