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New Yorkers revolted by sick antics of a monster

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In Times Square, while 100 people quietly watched the videotape on TVs in Nasdaq's windows, one man aimed his index finger at the image of Osama bin Laden, cocked his thumb and squeezed off imaginary shots.

Standing nearby, software engineer Brian Wilson of Washington D.C., shook his head in disbelief.

"It's just incredible — the callousness of it. It's insane," he said of the video, calling the most "shocking point ... when they were calculating beforehand the number of deaths they expected."

He said the tape "definitely, undeniably" is hard evidence that can be used against bin Laden at a military tribunal.

Computer technician David Castellanos of Brooklyn agreed: "This proves without doubt he did it ... I think the fact that they were bragging about it will leave no doubt in the Muslim world."

Deliveryman Mike Contardi wasn't as sure: "It's not quite a smoking gun. They have to do a little more [to convict him]."

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FDNY Squad One was at ground zero, working a recovery shift, when the videotape was aired.

But FDNY plumber Doug Santos was alone at the unit's Union Street firehouse in Brooklyn, fixing the washing machine, determined not to watch bin Laden.

"The government needs to see this video to make their decision, but I don't need to see or hear what bin Laden has to say. It's too depressing, too upsetting.

"You don't want to write what I feel about him — anger, hatred, and disbelief that somebody could kill so many innocent people and then brag about it."

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No one watched the giant screen overlooking the bar at the Dakota Road House on Park Place and West Broadway — the closest beer to ground zero.

The 30 construction workers there said it was their lunch hour and they needed a break from the devastation masterminded by bin Laden.

"Take him to ground zero and have a public hanging," suggested carpenter Tom Burke.

Construction worker Glen Catanzaro agreed: "He's an animal. How can someone think that this is Allah's law — to kill all those people?"

"We have to wipe him and all of them out. They're like a disease."

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