The Ethical Issues of The Smithsonian 9/11 Website

Smithsonian 9/11 website:  
http://amhistory.si.edu/september11/

The 9/11 Memorial website:  
http://www.911memorial.org

They have separated the 9/11 Memorial from the Smithsonian website, creating:  
http://www.911memorial.org

‘The Falling Man’ by Richard Drew  
http://www.esquire.com/features/ESQ0903-SEP_FALLINGMAN

What are your thoughts on ‘The Falling Man’?

Do you think it was ethically Appropriate for the front page of a newspaper?

‘The Tumbling Woman’ by Eric Fischl  

http://artfromtheashes.blog.sbc.edu/2012/02/27/eric-fischls-tumbling-woman/

Fischl was forced to remove his sculpture from the museum after public outrage, Do you think this is fair?

His response in an interview with David Rakoff brought up a new perspective, raising an important issue among tragedies:

“I hate this idea that there are some people who have a right to express their suffering and others who don’t, that there are those in this hierarchy of pain who own it more than you do. It’s not necessarily about witnessing firsthand that makes the experience.” (Fischl, 2012)

In your opinion, what ethical issues did Fischl’s sculpture breach and did this justify its removal?

After Exploring the Smithsonian 9/11 Website and the 9/11 Memorial Website, outline what the differences and similarities between the two?