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### We are a torture nation

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Simply put under the "leadership" of the Bush family the United States has become a torture nation. We have allowed ourselves to be reduced to reactionary violence blindly lashing out in disregard of all that makes us good people. The evidence of this is overwhelming ... going light years beyond a reasonable doubt into the galaxy of absolute proof.

During Attorney General Gonzales Senate confirmation hearing Senator Leahy asked *"Do you think that other world leaders would have authority to authorize the torture of U.S. citizens if they deemed it necessary for their national security?"* And Gonzales reply? *"Senator, I don't know what laws other world leaders would be bound by. And I think it would -- I'm not in a position to answer that question."* ([Text: Gonzales Nomination Hearing, Washington Post](#))

Bush administration legal adviser John Yoo on 12/01/05 was asked in a debate *"If the president deems that he's got to torture somebody, including by crushing the testicles of the person's child, there is no law that can stop him?"* To which Yoo replied *"No treaty."* This was immediately followed by the this question/answer exchange: Doug Cassel: *"Also no law by Congress -- that is what you wrote in the August 2002 memo..."* John Yoo: *"I think it depends on why the President thinks he needs to do that."* ([full audio available here](#))

In a previous posting on this web site I asked *"Have you ever wondered what it takes to get someone to masturbate in the dark dank halls of one of Iraq's most notorious prisons, Abu Ghraib, while guards took photos?"* As shown in that article the answer is simple: the Bush doctrine of torture. ([We are a torture state, 10/21/05](#)) In Iraq the Bush led military has taken over not only Saddam Hussein's prisons and torture chambers, but under the Bush doctrine we've also assumed responsibility for carrying on the treatment we've so long associated with despicable tyrants: *"In the windowless, jet-black garage-size room, some soldiers beat prisoners with rifle butts, yelled and spit in their faces and, in a nearby area, used detainees for target practice in a game of jailer paintball."* ([Before and After Abu Ghraib, a U.S. Unit Abused Detainees, New York Times, 03/19/06](#))

Down in brother Jeb Bush's Florida this doctrine is given domestic illustration. *"A teen who died after guards punched and kicked him at a boot camp likely was suffocated during the confrontation and was brain dead when he was brought to a hospital, a pathologist told lawmakers Friday."* ([Update 4: Doctor: Boot Camp Teen Likely Suffocated, AP, 03/17/06](#)) Governor Bush passed on the torture apologists' line the death was result of illness, and in response called it *"one tragic incident"*. ([Parents want charges in boot camp death, MSNBC, 02/18/06](#)) A fellow human being murdered by a deliberate Bush family doctrine of torture and beatings for those deemed unworthy.

I know most people don't share the pro torture value of the Bush family. My question is ... **what are YOU going to do about it?**

