

# Bush Should be Barred from Canada or Prosecuted.

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Under sections 4 to 7 of the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Act: "crimes against humanity" includes murder, enforced disappearance, deportation, imprisonment, torture,

imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty in violation of fundamental rules of international law, committed against any civilian population or any identifiable group.

“war crime” includes wilfull killing, torture and inhuman treatment, unlawful confinement, willfully depriving a prisoner of war or other protected person of fair trial rights, intentionally launching that the attack will cause incidental loss of life or injury to civilians or damage to civilian objects or widespread, long-term and severe damage to the natural environment which would be clearly excessive in relation to the concrete and direct overall military advantage anticipated. If there are reasonable grounds to believe a person has been complicit in any of these crimes, entry to Canada must be denied. The Supreme Court of Canada says reasonable grounds are “something more than suspicion but less than...proof on the balance of probabilities.”

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Thanks. Gail Davidson

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