

The Two Party Food Fight: Brett Kavanaugh and “The Torture Memos”

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The **Torture Memos**, ... was a term originally applying:

“...to a set of three legal memoranda drafted by John Yoo as Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the United States and signed by Assistant Attorney General Jay S. Bybee, head of the Office of Legal Counsel of the United States Department of Justice [under the George W. Bush administration] They advised the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States Department of Defense, and the president on the use of enhanced interrogation techniques: mental and physical torment and coercion such as prolonged sleep deprivation, binding in stress positions, and water boarding, and stated that such acts widely regarded as torture might be legally permissible under an expansive interpretation of presidential authority during the “War on Terror”” (Wikipedia, open source)

The above quotation reaffirms and describes what was being conducted with regard to “Torture” deep inside the White House and Justice Department in the aftermath of 9/11.

Interesting, because guess who *worked* in that White House as Associate White House Counsel from 2001 to 2003? Oh goodness, none other than Brett Kavanaugh!



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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM J. HAYNES II
GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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FROM: John Yoo
Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Robert J. Delahunty
Special Counsel

RE: Application of Treaties and Laws to al Qaeda and Taliban Detainees

You have asked for our Office's views concerning the effect of international treaties and federal laws on the treatment of individuals detained by the U.S. Armed Forces during the conflict in Afghanistan. In particular, you have asked whether the laws of armed conflict apply to the conditions of detention and the procedures for trial of members of al Qaeda and the Taliban militia. We conclude that these treaties do not protect members of the al Qaeda organization, which as a non-State actor cannot be a party to the international agreements governing war. We further conclude that that these treaties do not apply to the Taliban militia. This memorandum expresses no view as to whether the President should decide, as a matter of policy, that the U.S. Armed Forces should adhere to the standards of conduct in those treaties with respect to the treatment of prisoners.

At his hearing for judgeship at the DC Court of Appeals in 2006 Brett answered more than once that he had NO knowledge of any such memos and protocols created by John Yoo, Jay Bybee and Alberto Gonzales, to name but just a *few* inside that administration. I guess that when it came to *legal matters*, like attempting to circumvent the Geneva Accords and *semi legally* legitimize torture of detainees, an Associate White House Legal Counsel (duh, a lawyer) would NOT be privy to the plans. Anybody wish to buy my bridge in Brooklyn?

Not only did Brett Kavanaugh NOT acknowledge his being part of that scenario when questioned in 2006, but he used what the mob guys have done forever with his being *D & D (Deaf and Dumb)* when questioned recently by Senator Leahy at his confirmation hearing.

I have been told that lying about these matters is a criminal offense. Putting aside the possible criminal charges, how in the hell can *any* US Senator vote to confirm a man who would behave this way?

These are your and my elected officials who are supposed to *defend* the Constitution and what it stands for. I have reservations regarding Republican Senator Rand Paul, who rails against our phony wars and use of torture and then goes along with the rest of the gang. On the flipside, why did the Senators opposing the Kavanaugh confirmation not have used the one week waiting period while the FBI investigated the sexual assault charges to trumpet the torture memo discrepancies by Kavanaugh?

Folks, the guy might have been lying not once but *twice!* During the hearings why did the Democrats not use the 'bully pulpit' afforded them by the mainstream media to lambast, and more importantly, to *educate* the American public? No, they decided to play the one wild card of sexual perversion and over drinking to get Kavanaugh... and it failed. Or did it....

You see, what this 'food fight' has always been about is getting elected and staying in power. These two parties care about that more than anything else. They *sell* the sucker public into thinking that they want to get elected and in power to *help* the the public. This whole scenario, when the layers of that onion are pulled apart, is about elections...period!

You see, the Democrats are banking on enough Americans to believe Prof. Ford over Brett and thus do that right thing to support their party in November. Why confuse the public on torture memos? They, the Democrats and of course the Republicans, know that sexual scandals get the attention of the suckers [public opinion]... not scandals involving a few hundred rag heads getting water boarded and other assorted tortures.

Sadly, many polls have shown that to be true during our (eternal?) 'War on Terror'. On abortion, see if I am correct in time to come. The Republicans will *play* to their base and push for overturning Roe vs. Wade, but they will back off when they see the overwhelming mass of women taking to the streets and political offices in protest. Once again, the Republicans want to get re-elected and that comes first.

The *wizards* who run this empire don't give a damn about Pro Life or Pro Choice, or gay and women's rights that much. No, they care about keeping the *Military Industrial Empire* powerful here and overseas. It's the military spending and bases worldwide that matters to them.

On domestic issues the empire wants to keep we working stiffs inside of their *virtual prison* of lowest possible wages and fewest possible benefits with lots of personal debt. To them, private property rights must choke off public property rights. The more there are residential housing renters the better, since their Subprime scam already has been played out. They know that it is *both* of these political parties that always walk in lockstep to support this empire. This is why both parties joined repeatedly to pass more and more military spending, Wall Street bailouts, and maintaining a private insurance run health care system (which Obama Care continued). Trump serves them for now, until they check the weather reports and find a new front man... from *either party*!

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