

# OBAMA, HOLD THESE TORTURERS ACCOUNTABLE

There are currently three movements on how to respond to those who advocated torture during the Bush administration years.

**1. Look Forward:** President Obama says that everyone is accountable under the law but he believes “that we need to look forward as opposed to looking backward..” But we know that any hope for the future cannot be based upon a false unity that covers up the criminal actions of so many.

**2. Indictments:** Many persons are calling upon Obama to appoint a special prosecutor, such as Patrich Fitzgerald, to investigate, indict and pursue charges against any one who promoted or participated in torture. Interestingly, many Democrats oppose this because they were part of this torture campaign, often voting to support it or doing nothing to oppose it. [www.afterdowningstreet.org/taxonomy/term/15](http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/taxonomy/term/15)

committed in their own countries because they knew false unity is no unity. They also knew that without accountability, other administrations could commit these crimes again. We must hold these persons accountable.

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Several members of the 8<sup>th</sup> Day Center for Justice are presently in Washington DC where they are participating in the “100 Days Against Torture” campaign. This campaign is calling on President Obama to end torture in **all forms** and to hold the Bush administration responsible for these most horrendous practices. [www.witness torture.org/100days](http://www.witness torture.org/100days)

## ACTION

1. Write / Call President Obama and tell him we cannot let this total disregard for human rights be forgotten. We must hold these persons accountable for their criminal behavior. Go to [www.whitehouse.gov/contact/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/) to enter your comments. Or call 202-456-1111

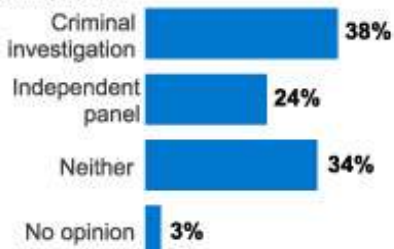
2. Ask your Senators to support Sen. Leahy’s proposal for a Truth Commission: 202-224-3121

**Note:** Other peace leaflets produced by 8th Day Center are at [www.8thdaycenter.org/resources/leaflets.html](http://www.8thdaycenter.org/resources/leaflets.html) You may wish to use them for your own vigils, in classrooms, etc.

### USA TODAY Gallup Poll

USA TODAY/Gallup Poll of 1,027 adults taken by land line and cellphone Jan. 30-Feb. 1. Margin of error ±3 percentage points.

Those who said the government should undertake a criminal investigation, establish an independent panel or do neither over the possible use of torture on terrorism suspects during the Bush administration:



Note: May not add up to 100% because of rounding  
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Close to two-thirds of those surveyed by Gallup said there should be investigations into allegations that the Bush team used torture to interrogate terrorism suspects and its program of wiretapping U.S. citizens without getting warrants. Almost four in 10 favor criminal investigations and about a quarter want investigations without criminal charges. One-third said they want nothing to be done.

**3. Truth Commission:** Senator Patrick Leahy, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is calling for a “Truth Commission” to determine the facts about abuses over the past eight years.

South Africa, Chile and Guatemala established Truth Commissions to get to the bottom of similar atrocities

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for crimes against humanity -- **REWARD:** restoration of justice and due process



**Dick Cheney:**  
Vice president who orchestrated the use of torture, secret prisons and detention without charge.



**John Yoo:**  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel authored memos that tried to provide a legal basis for the torture and abuse of prisoners in U.S. custody.



**Alberto Gonzales:**  
Former White House Counsel chaired discussions about the authorization of specific forms of torture and abuse, and urged the president not to apply the Geneva Conventions to many of the detainees.



**Condoleezza Rice:**  
Chaired the National Security Council meetings reportedly authorizing specific forms of abuse on specific prisoners.



**David Addington:**  
Former counsel to Cheney had central role in developing the torture, abuse, and detention without charge policies.



**Donald Rumsfeld:**  
Former Secretary of Defense authorized the use of abusive interrogation methods at Guantánamo Bay Naval Base.



**Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller:**  
Oversaw Guantánamo Bay Naval Base when prisoners were abused and tortured there, and traveled to Iraq to oversee the "Gitmoization" of Abu Ghraib.



**John Ashcroft:**  
Reportedly participated in National Security Council meetings authorizing specific forms of abuse on specific prisoners and approved Office of Legal Counsel torture memoranda.



**George Tenet:**  
Director of the CIA oversaw the extraordinary rendition program as well as the abusive interrogation methods, including waterboarding, by CIA officials.



**William Haynes:**  
General Counsel at the Defense Department, signed off on the use of abusive interrogation methods by DoD personnel.