

will justify resort to aggressive war. It is utterly renounced and condemned as an instrument of policy. The same applies to other war crimes as well. The war crimes of one's opponents are no justification for one's own."

Why "War Criminals Watch"?

There is abundant evidence that war crimes were committed by the Bush Administration. Indeed more evidence appears on an almost daily basis. The question is very simple: Will any officials of the Bush administration who are responsible for the "war on terror" be indicted and held accountable for those crimes?

People of conscience must insist on accountability for the actions of U.S. officials. The status of the United States as a major world power does not make its officials less accountable for their crimes than the former Yugoslavia, Cambodia or any other country.

It is the obligation of citizens who recognize that no country or government is above the law of human decency, as currently embedded in international law, to demand public accountability in a court of law. Only then will it be clear that this country repudiates the course set by the Bush administration on the issues of "preemptive war" and treatment of prisoners.

At the beginning of the 20th century Elihu Root said that "international law relies for its effectiveness on the approval of international public opinion." At the beginning of the 21st century, when international law against war crimes and crimes against humanity are clearly established, indictment of US officials for their crimes rests on the arousal of national public opinion.

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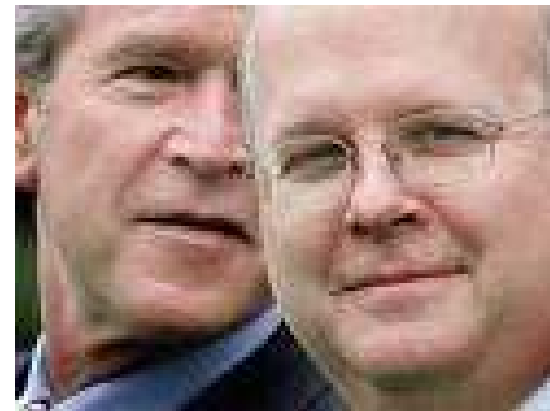


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War Criminals George Bush and Karl Rove

**MAY 28th NATIONAL DAY
OF PROTEST AGAINST U.S.
TORTURE!**

They Tortured... They worked for us... As a result, we tortured, even if they didn't come to us for permission.

If we don't atone, a precedent will have been set. Sometime in the future, it will happen again...and again...and again. It will go down in the history books as an acceptable practice and show how to avoid

prosecution and accountability.

In the meantime, other countries will continue to torture or begin to torture because the country that lectured them on human rights, the USA, accepts torture. (*A paraphrase of the remarks of Keith Oberman, Countdown, MSNBC.com*)

ACTION

Protest Karl Rove - "Bush's Brain"
6:00 PM, Thursday, May 28
Chicago Theater
175 N. State St., Chicago

Rove is a War Criminal. He was Senior Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff to former President George W. Bush until his resignation on August 31, 2007.

One of his many criminal activities includes his role as chair of meetings of the White House Iraq Group (WHIG), a secretive internal White House working group established to justify the illegal and immoral 2003 invasion of Iraq.

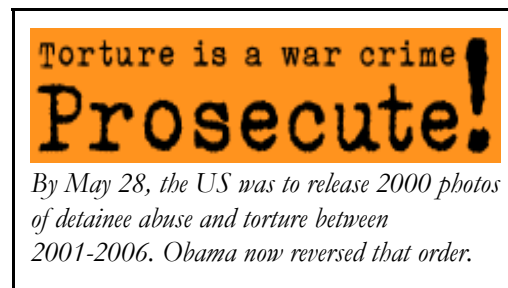
Rove will appear in public with James Carville at the Chicago theater where they will be interviewed by Charlie Rose on "Strategies, Alliances and Policy."

This protest is sponsored by World Can't Wait - Chicago and 8th Day

Center for Justice. For further information on the protest, contact 773-227-2453

"War Criminals Watch"

Our work is dedicated to generating the public momentum and pressure to achieve indictments of accused war criminals. To that end, we will



* Track Bush administration officials who were responsible for war crimes to their new posts in universities, think tanks, foundations, corporations, law firms, etc.

* Organize protests to those appointments, particularly in universities.

* Provide organizing materials for people wishing to actively protest.

* Provide links among groups across the country who protest those appointments.

* Provide a forum for discussion for people who are engaged in action.

For more information on War Criminals Watch, visit <http://warcriminalswatch.org/>

War Crime and Crime Against Humanity?

The brutality with which the US government exercised its "war on terror" is condemned both by the court of international public opinion and by the principles of international law governing human rights.

Wars of aggression in Iraq and Afghanistan and the torture of detainees are clearly defined as war crimes by the UN Declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva Conventions, the Convention against Torture and other treaties to which the United States is a signatory.

The Principles of International Law, recognized in the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal and in the Judgment of the Tribunal, provide no defense for war crimes.

Similarly, the Convention Against Torture, which defines torture as a war crime, provides that no exceptional circumstances whatsoever, whether a state of war or a threat or war, internal political instability or any other public emergency, may be invoked as a justification of torture.

The prohibition on war crimes is absolute, not relative, meaning that there is no justification for war crimes despite the particular circumstances in their respective countries. U.S. Justice Robert Jackson proclaimed at Nuremberg: "No grievances or policies