



YOU MAY NOT KNOW ALBERTO GONZALES.

BUT WE'RE SURE YOU'LL RECOGNIZE THE RESULTS OF HIS WORK.



HE'S A LAWYER. WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL. THE MAN WHOSE WORK JUSTIFIED THE TORTURE IN IRAQ. AND NOW, ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINEE. In January 2002, Alberto Gonzales wrote a memo in which he called the Geneva Conventions both "quaint" and "obsolete." In August of that same year, Judge Gonzales went even further, initiating and overseeing a process that produced a memo claiming U.S. torture laws "do not apply to the President's detention and interrogation of enemy combatants." These so-called "torture memos" fueled the atrocities at Abu Ghraib.

OF ALL THE QUESTIONS YOU'LL FACE TODAY, JUDGE GONZALES, THIS IS THE SIMPLEST: WILL YOU SIGN OUR DECLARATION TO STOP TORTURE? OR NOT? After you face the Senate Judiciary Committee and answer its questions today, there's one more question we would like to ask: will you sign our Declaration Against Torture? Tens of thousands of Americans have put their names to our petition asking you to sign our declaration. Thousands more will be cutting this out, signing it, and sending it in. They've done their part. The question is, Judge Gonzales, will you do yours?

HELP US MAKE SURE ALBERTO GONZALES KNOWS: AMERICA DOESN'T STAND FOR TORTURE.

Whereas torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment are contrary to the fundamental moral values on which the United States was founded ★ violate U.S. and international law ★ increase the risk to U.S. citizens serving abroad, and, as Secretary of State Colin Powell warned, "undermine the protections of the law of war for our troops" ★ weaken national security by inciting anti-American hatred, fanning the flames of terrorist recruitment, and providing ammunition to enemies of the United States ★ compromise the global fight against terrorism, by making foreign governments more reluctant to turn over suspected terrorists to the U.S. ★ and are "useless as interrogation techniques," according to the U.S. Army Field Manual.

We therefore unequivocally declare that the United States must respect and enforce, across all agencies, and among all employees and contract agents of the U.S. government, all obligations under the laws of war and duly ratified treaties that prohibit torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment ★ state directly and forthrightly that torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment are always unacceptable and that anyone who engages in such behavior or knowingly condones it will be punished ★ apply to all detainees of the United States the legal protections against

torture contained in the 1949 Geneva Conventions, as incorporated in the U.S. Law of Land Warfare, banning "any...form of coercion" or "unpleasant or disadvantageous treatment" to get information from prisoners of war; and in the international Convention Against Torture (1984), to which the U.S. is party, prohibiting "any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as obtaining...information" ★ repudiate all claims of presidential power that allow for the use of torture, or for imprisonment without due process ★ and halt the practice of "extraordinary rendition," by which some detainees and prisoners are transferred to nations that employ torture.

Your signature on our petition is greatly appreciated. As is your contribution to defray the cost of this ad.

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