



# Torturing Democracy

Produced by Washington Media Associates in association with  
the National Security Archive  
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Film (~90 min.) & Discussion

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ludington Library Auditorium, Bryn Mawr, PA

**“House party” format, free and open to the public**

The **1994 U.S. Torture Statute** defines torture as an “act committed by a person... specifically intended to inflict severe physical or mental pain or suffering... upon another person within his custody or physical control.”



**Common Article 3 of the Geneva Convention** specifically bans all “violence to life and person” including “cruel treatment and torture... and outrages upon personal dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment.”

The **Bryn Mawr Peace Coalition** will show this excellent documentary portraying how the government secretly abandoned the legal and moral “high ground” and condoned radical U.S. detention and interrogation practices of uncharged detainees to obtain evidence for war.

The film carefully presents evidence that the Bush administration promoted these methods and developed legal justification for the practice. The film features in-depth interviews with senior military and government officials who fought the policy and former Guantanamo detainees who experienced it, and uncovers the origins of the tactics the White House calls “enhanced interrogation techniques.”

Film excerpts were shown on PBS’s Bill Moyer’s Journal on May 29, 2009.  
Discussion will be led by Paul Sheldon.

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