

BRIAN WILLIAMS, MEET CAMERON TODD WILLINGHAM

Pretty much everyone seems to have woken up this morning still aghast at the wild applause Rick Perry got last night for his boast about the number of people he has executed.

It is disgusting.

But Brian Williams, who otherwise did a decent job as moderator, failed miserably here. How do you ask this question and not mention Cameron Todd Willingham?

Not only did Governor Perry deny Willingham's appeal for clemency even though an expert arson investigator had rebutted all the solid evidence in the case, Perry fired investigators who were about to provide Willingham's innocence.

Perry killed an innocent man and then engaged in a cover-up to hide that fact. The story of Cameron Todd Willingham deserves to be a central issue in Perry's campaign.

Yet Williams—even while he exposed Republicans as blood-thirsty kooks—failed to even mention Willingham's name.