

# WILL DOD BAN ITSELF FOR PUBLISHING JOSHUA CLAUS' NAME?

Carol Rosenberg tweets:

Just got formal notice: Pentagon publicly naming Interrogator No. 1 who testified remotely to #Guantanamo as ex-Army Sgt. Joshua Claus

Army Maj. Bradsher read me a Pentagon policy statement that said Claus' "own actions" mean publishing his name does not violate ground rules

You'll recall that DOD banned Carol Rosenberg and three other key Gitmo journalists when they published Claus' name—even though one of them, Michelle Shephard, had published an on-the-record interview with him in the past. Yet now DOD says—on the eve of the Khadr trial—that it's okay to publish his name? And as justification, they say his own actions, rather than the public nature of his name, means publishing it does not violate ground rules?

Really?

Because if you're going to pretend your arbitrary and capricious system of censorship is not arbitrary and capricious, you might want to come up with better excuses than that.