

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT MY NEXT 525 POSTS ON TORTURE

Just over two years ago, right around the time I reported that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was waterboarded 183 times in a month, many of you chipped into the "Marcy Wheeler fund" to support my work; that generosity paid my way until a short time ago. Here's what that support made possible.

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Between May 1, 2009 and yesterday, by my rough count, I wrote 525 posts on torture. I unpacked the torture memos, the CIA IG Report, the OPR Report, and thousands of documents released through FOIA. I showed the bureaucratic games

they used to set up our torture program, early efforts to place limits on things like mock execution, followed by more bureaucratic and legal means to get away with violating even those limits. I showed how they hid documents and altered tapes to hide evidence of their torture. I showed how, after CIA and parts of DOJ tried to put limits on torture in 2004, they again used bureaucratic tricks and ridiculous legal documents to reauthorize it. I've tracked DOJ's kabuki claims to investigate torture (though bmaz gets credit for forcing DOJ to admit John Durham's torture tape investigation had run out the clock on Statutes of Limitation). And I've tracked the Obama Administration's successful efforts to suppress all evidence of torture. And all the while, I've relentlessly pushed back against the torture apologists' lies.

Of course, while writing about torture is a major part mapping out the decline of the rule of law, it's not the only part. Since May 2009, I've written almost 200 posts on wiretapping, almost as many on our Gitmo show trials, posts about state secrets, drones, fusion centers, the forever war metastasizing around the world. I've written about Wikileaks and Bradley Manning's treatment and the banksters and the auto companies.

Cataloging the decline of the rule of law has been exhausting and infuriating. The work has been challenging.

But most of all, it has been humbling. That's because you made this happen, as much as I did.

In addition to the absolutely brilliant observations you've made in comments, your support, two years ago, made this work possible. I'm profoundly grateful that many of you invested your faith and financial support in my work.

And now I'm asking for your faith and financial support again, to support the next 525 posts on torture. This time that support will come in the

form of an ongoing Firedoglake membership. By becoming a member of Firedoglake, you will not only give my work some stability over the long term, but support the superb work of Jane and DDay and Jon Walker, and just as importantly, the work of the people backstage who make this all technically possible. And you will become a closer part of our efforts to push our country in the right direction, to return to the rule of law.

Please join Firedoglake today.

I hope some day soon we'll begin to make headway against our expanding national security state. I hope some day, I won't feel the need to write a post on torture five days a week. But until then, I feel compelled to write about what is happening to our country. And I can only continue to do that with your help.