

SUPPORTERS OF DECLASSIFYING SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE REPORT ON CIA DETENTION AND INTERROGATION PROGRAM

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CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD): “I welcome the measures undertaken by President Obama immediately after his election to ensure that abusive practices were ended. But there is another step I believe the United States must now take: the release of the Senate intelligence report on detention and interrogation practices. That report has been sent to various government agencies for comment as part of a process that I hope will ultimately lead to the release of a declassified version.” -- U.S. Helsinki Commission

http://www.csce.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=ContentRecords.ViewDetail&ContentRecord_id=1104&ContentRecordType=P&ContentType=P&CFID=30011108&CFTOKEN=90215992

Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM): “Well, I would just say I agree with you that -- that sources and methods and many of the operational details absolutely should never be declassified, but there's some basic principles I think in that -- in that report that I think it's gonna be very important for history to be able to judge.” -- Brennan Hearing <http://www.intelligence.senate.gov/130207/transcript.pdf>

Senator John McCain (R-AZ): “It is therefore my hope that this Committee will take whatever steps necessary to finalize and declassify this report, so that all Americans can see the record for themselves, which I believe will finally close this painful chapter for our country.”

http://www.mccain.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressOffice.PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=95e0a445-d569-80f9-f216-89ec7a7b6928&Region_id=&Issue_id=

Senator Charles S. Robb, former Governor of Virginia; Co-Chair President’s Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction (2004); Marine Corps, Vietnam, Bronze Star recipient*

Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV): “The President was right to use this opportunity to once again publicly condemn the use of torture. We know this approach is ineffective in gathering intelligence, and it is legally impermissible and morally repugnant. The 6,000 page report on the CIA detention and interrogation program that the Intelligence Committee completed over the course of many years makes this clear. Along with Vice President Biden and Senator McCain, I also believe that in order for our nation to move beyond the mistakes of the past, the record must be corrected and sunlight must be cast on that program.” <http://www.rockefeller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=340e271f-a8d8-4b9b-859c-1534a4584c54>

Senator Mark Udall (D-CO): “I am renewing my push for the White House and the CIA to engage with the committee on the report, to declassify it and to come clean with the American people.”

http://www.markudall.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=3374

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Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI): “I believe that the report should be declassified as soon as possible, with portions released in redacted form if some content must remain classified.... I think that allowing the public to know the facts will strengthen our nation’s commitment to legal forms of interrogation without damaging our national security.” -- Excerpt from a constituent letter

Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR): "Without the significant facts and analysis provided by this report, the public debate over these interrogation techniques will continue to consist of opponents like myself saying torture doesn't work, and some former CIA officials claiming that it does. The public needs to see an infusion of facts so they can make up their minds for themselves and finally put this debate to rest."
http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/12/13/cia_torture_report_poised_for_release_at_least_some_of_it#sthash.lkSRJzS7.dpuf

CURRENT OR FORMER EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS

Vice President Joe Biden: “I think the only way you excise the demons is you acknowledge, you acknowledge exactly what happened straightforward.” -- McCain Institute Sedona Forum 2013
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0XnSnKQLxM>

Rosa Brooks, former Counselor to the U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (2009-2011); former Senior Advisor at the U.S. State Department: “If we want to make sure the United States will never again resort to torture, we need to set out the factual record: what was done and with what effects.” “Unless the report is made public,[...]this debate will remain characterized by misinformation and unverifiable claims – increasing the danger that in the future, we’ll repeat past mistakes.”
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2014/01/06/we_can_handle_the_truth_cia_excuses_torture

Ambassador Peter W. Galbraith, former U.S. Ambassador to Croatia; former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations*

Jeh Johnson, former Department of Defense General Counsel (2009-2012): “We ought to declassify as much of it as we can.” -- Aspen Security Forum <http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/2013/07/23/watch-jeh-johnson-joins-bipartisan-call-to-release-of-the-senate-torture-report/>

Harold H. Koh, former Legal Advisor to U.S. State Department (2009-2013); former Assistant Secretary of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (1998-2001): “You have not heard claims that this Administration has conducted torture, waterboarding, or enhanced interrogation tactics. To underscore that commitment, this would be an opportune moment, as Vice President Joe Biden pointed out on April 26, to make public the Senate Select Intelligence Committee’s as-yet-unreleased six-thousand-page report regarding the CIA’s former notorious “enhanced interrogation” program.” -- Oxford Union Speech May 7, 2013

Ambassador Mark P. Lagon, former Ambassador to Combat Trafficking in Persons; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Organization Affairs; Global Politics and Security Chair, Georgetown University MSFS Program*

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Alberto J. Mora, former U.S. Navy General Counsel*

Eric P. Schwartz, former Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration at the U.S. State Department; former Senior Director and Special Assistant to the President for Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs*: “Subject to appropriate redactions of information the release of which would damage national security or put people at risk, it is difficult to imagine a compelling rationale not to make the report public. Moreover, the President would serve our interests by an early declaration that he strongly supports such release.” <http://www.hhh.umn.edu/features/SchwartzCVTSpeech.html>

Ambassador William H. Taft, IV, former Deputy Secretary of Defense; former Chief Legal Advisor, Department of State*

BI-PARTISAN TASK FORCE ON DETAINEE TREATMENT

“Apart from redactions needed to protect specific individuals and to honor specific diplomatic agreements, the executive branch should declassify evidence regarding the CIA’s and military’s abuse and torture of captives, including, but not limited to: The Senate Intelligence Committee’s report on the CIA’s treatment of detainees.” – Recommendation from The Report of The Constitution Project’s Task Force on Detainee Treatment <http://detaineetaskforce.org/read/#/38/zoomed>

Asa Hutchinson (Co-Chair), former Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security at the Department of Homeland Security; former Republican Congressman from 3rd District of Arkansas*

Ambassador James R. Jones (Co-Chair), former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico; former Democratic Congressman from Oklahoma*

Azizah al-Hibri, Professor Emerita, The T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond; Chair, KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights*

Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte, former President of the American Bar Association*

Richard Epstein, Professor of Law, New York University; Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Chicago

The Rev. Dr. David P. Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life, Mercer University*

Brigadier General David R. Irvine, USA (Ret.), former strategic intelligence officer, U.S. Army Reserve; taught prisoner-of-war interrogation for 18 years at the Sixth U.S. Army Intelligence School; former Republican state legislator (Utah)*

Lieutenant General Claudia J. Kennedy, USA (Ret.), former Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence at Headquarters, Department of the Military; former Commander of U.S. Army Recruiting Command*

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Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering, former U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; former Ambassador and Representative to the United Nations; former U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation, India, Israel, El Salvador, Nigeria, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*

William S. Sessions, former FBI Director; former chief judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas*

Gerald Thomson, MD, Professor of Medicine Emeritus, Columbia University *

RETIRED MILITARY FLAG OFFICERS¹

General Joseph P. Hoar, USMC (Ret.), former Commander, U.S. Central Command (1991-1994); former Chief of Staff, U.S. Central Command (1988-1990)*^

General Charles C. Krulak, USMC (Ret.), former Commandant of the Marine Corps (1995-1999)*^

General David M. Maddox, USA (Ret.), former Commander in Chief, U.S. Army, Europe (1993-1994)^

General Barry McCaffrey, USA (Ret.), former Assistant Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; former Deputy U.S. Representative to NATO; former Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School*

General Merrill A. McPeak, USAF (Ret.), former Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force (1990-1994)^

Lieutenant General Robert G. Gard Jr., USA (Ret.), President Emeritus, Monterey Institute for International Studies; Senior Military Fellow at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation*^

Vice Admiral Lee F. Gunn, USN (Ret.), former Inspector General, Department of the Navy (1997-2000)*

Lieutenant General Arlen D. Jameson, USAF (Ret.), former Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command^

Lieutenant General Charles Otstott, USA (Ret.), former Deputy Chairman, NATO Military Committee (1990-1992)*^

Lieutenant General Harry E. Soyster, USA (Ret.), former Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; former Assistant Chief of Staff, Army Intelligence*^

¹ ^ Denotes flag officers that signed letter to President urging him to support declassification of the SSCI study: "Until the SSCI study is made public, those who argue that torture was necessary and instrumental in the fight against terrorism and the elimination of Osama bin Laden will continue to find adherents." <http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/SSCI-Report-Letter-to-Obama.pdf>

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Lieutenant General James M. Thompson, USA (Ret.), former Director for Estimates, Defense Intelligence Agency; former Deputy Director for Plans, Policy, and National Security Council Affairs in the Secretary of Defense's Office*

Major General Paul D. Eaton, USA (Ret.), former Commanding General of the command charged with reestablishing Iraqi Security Forces (2003-2004)*

Major General Eugene Fox, USA (Ret.), former Deputy Director of the Strategic Defense Initiative Office*^

Rear Admiral Don Guter, JAGC, USN (Ret.), former Judge Advocate General of the Navy (2000-2002)*^

Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, JAGC, USN (Ret.), former Judge Advocate General of the Navy (1997-2000)*^

Major General Melvyn S. Montano, USAF (Ret.), former Adjutant General of New Mexico ^

Major General William L. Nash, USA (Ret.), former military commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina (1995-1996), former civilian administrator for the United Nations in Kosovo (2000)*^

Major General Thomas J. Romig, USA (Ret.), former Judge Advocate General of the Army (2001-2005)*^

Major General Walter L. Stewart, Jr., USA (Ret.), former Assistant Adjutant General, Pennsylvania National Guard; former Commander, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard*^

Major General Antonio 'Tony' M. Taguba, USA (Ret.), former Deputy Commanding General, Combined Forces Land Component Command*^

Brigadier General John Adams, USA (Ret.), former Deputy U.S. Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee (2005-2007)*^

Brigadier General David M. Brahms, USMC (Ret.), former Marine Corps' Senior Legal Adviser (1983-88); Judge Advocates Association Board of Directors*^

Brigadier General Stephen A. Cheney, USMC (Ret.), former Inspector General of the Marine Corps; President, Marine Military Academy*^

Brigadier General James Cullen, USA (Ret.), U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps; Chief Judge, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals*^

Brigadier General Evelyn P. Foote, USA (Ret.), former Commanding General, Fort Belvoir, Virginia^

Brigadier General Leif H. Hendrickson, USMC (Ret.), former Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Quantico; President, Marine Corps University ^

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Brigadier General John H. Johns, USA (Ret.), former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense*^

Brigadier General Keith H. Kerr, CSMR (Ret.), former Commanding General, Northern Area Command, Alameda, California^

Brigadier General Richard M. O'Meara, USA (Ret.), Army's Judge Advocate General Corps*

Brigadier General Murray G. Sagsveen, USA (Ret.), former Senior Judge Advocate in the Army National Guard*^

Brigadier General Anthony Verrengia, USAF (Ret.), served at all levels of Air Force Command*^

Brigadier General Stephen N. Xenakis, USA (Ret.), former Commanding General, Southeast Army Regional Medical Command*^

Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, USA (Ret.), former Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell*

FORMER CIA AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS

John Rizzo, former CIA General Counsel: “[S]upports declassifying as much information as possible about the CIA program in light of the Obama administration’s decision to declassify the Bush administration’s OLC memoranda on the subject.” -- Interview with Constitution Project Task Force staff <http://detaineeetaskforce.org/read/#/266/zoomed>

Vincent Cannistraro, former Director of Intelligence Programs for the United States National Security Council; former Chief of Operations and Analysis at the CIA’s Counterterrorist Center*

Glenn L. Carle, former Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats and served 23 years in the Clandestine Services of the CIA: “The committee should vote to make the report public, and the administration should work with the committee to make redactions....The Senate report should be redacted only where legitimate sources and methods need protection, not failed programs.” <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/05/05/5393855/public-deserves-to-see-senates.html#>

Nada Bakos and Cindy Storer (featured in *Manhunt* as among the first CIA officers to pinpoint intelligence that proved the existence of al-Qaeda and bin Laden as its leader) and **Philip Mudd** (former Deputy Director of the CIA Counter Terrorism Center), all stated that it is important to inform the American public about what the CIA did following 9/11. <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases-test/jbi-calls-for-release-of-senate-study-on-cia-detention-and-interrogation-205615311.html>

Burton Gerber, retired CIA operations officer*

Philip M. Giraldi, former operations officer specializing in counter-terrorism, Central Intelligence Agency, (1975-1992); United States Army Intelligence*: “If the United States is ever to recover its good

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name as 'an exemplary practitioner of the rule of law,' it must take steps to confront the past."
<http://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/a-necessary-reckoning-with-torture/>

Reuel Marc Gerecht, former CIA officer: "Americans should assess whether Langley engaged in torture in its war against al-Qaeda. The country's honor is at stake, not just the competence of its primary intelligence service. Neither the CIA nor national security is likely to be harmed if the behemoth were released with the necessary camouflage for operatives, tradecraft and foreign intelligence services."
http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-03-24/opinions/37990044_1_clandestine-service-case-officer-agency-officers

Mary McCarthy, former National Intelligence Officer for Warning; former Director for Intelligence Programs, National Security Council; former Senior Director, Special Assistant to the President, National Security Council*

FORMER INTERROGATORS AND FBI OFFICIALS

Tony Camerino, former senior military interrogator: "We don't condone torture not because it isn't effective, but because we place our moral principles and lawful obligations first. As we reaffirm our commitment to our values, there's no reason to ignore the record. It's time for Americans to know the truth about the real consequences of the CIA's torture program. Now that the SSCI has approved its study, it should be made public." <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/homeland-security/276285-senate-intelligence-report-on-interrogations-should-be-made-public>

Jack Cloonan, former FBI security and counterterrorism expert: "If you're interested in the truth about torture and the hunt for Osama bin Laden, you shouldn't look to Hollywood; you should call on President Obama to work with the Senate Intelligence Committee to release the committee's landmark 6,000-page report on the CIA's post-9/11 detention and interrogation program."
<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/homeland-security/299057-its-time-for-the-truth-on-enhanced-interrogation->

Joe Navarro, FBI Supervisory Special Agent, Terrorism/Counterespionage Supervisor, Federal Bureau of Investigation and FBI Academy instructor on Advanced Terrorism Interviewing Techniques and Author of Hunting Terrorists: a Look at the Psychopathology of Terrorists*

Coleen Rowley, former FBI special agent (co-written with Tom Maertens, former NSC Director for non-proliferation and homeland defense and former State Department Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism during and after 9/11 and Glenn L. Carle, former Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats and served 23 years in the Clandestine Services of the CIA): "Releasing the Senate Intelligence Committee report on interrogation would help dispel the misimpression that "enhanced interrogation techniques," as portrayed in the popular media, are effective and legal. Such practices are illegal by U.S. and international law, have been shown by U.S. government agencies to be ineffective, damage our international reputation as a leader of the Western democracies and are possibly a rationale for retaliation against the U.S. and its interests."
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/coleen-rowley/torture-doesnt-work-law-d_b_4482043.html

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Ali Soufan, former FBI special agent: “It’s the duty of the president and Congress to responsibly declassify the report — and the other documents that advocates of torture don’t want released. That’s the only way to ensure that future generations won’t ever go down that dark and dangerous path again. As Senator John McCain has said, the Senate report ‘has the potential to set the record straight once and for all’ and end ‘a stain on our country’s conscience.’”

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/24/opinion/sunday/torture-lies-and-hollywood.html?_r=0

Additional former FBI agents who support the declassification of the SSCI report and urged James Comey, nominee to be next FBI Director, to do the same: “Mr. Comey should also support a process by which the Senate Intelligence Committee can make public its 6,000 plus page report on the post-9/11 CIA interrogation program.... ” <http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/20130703ComeyNominationLetter.pdf>

Luis Busquets, former FBI special agent specializing in violent crimes and counterintelligence

Jim Clemente, former FBI Supervisory Special Agent with 22 years of experience

Mike Marks, former NCIS agent with 23 years of experience; assigned to the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force

LEGAL EXPERTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

David C. Acheson, former U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; former President of the U.S. Atlantic Council*

John Norton Moore, Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law; Co-Founder, Center for National Security Law; former four-term Chairman of the ABA Standing Committee on National Security Law; former Counselor on International Law to the Department of State*

American Bar Association: “Public release of the Study would provide long-overdue accountability at home and abroad. It would demonstrate that the United States is committed to fulfilling its international obligations to investigate allegations of torture and would provide access to information to enable Americans for the first time to evaluate claims about the lawfulness of, necessity for, and effectiveness of the CIA’s use of ‘enhanced interrogation techniques.’”
http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/human_rights/intelligence_committee_reportL.authcheckdam.pdf

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FAITH GROUPS AND PROMINENT RELIGIOUS LEADERS

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: “Having the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence finalize and release the full report on CIA interrogation techniques would go a long way to ensuring that the public becomes aware of past practices, and of the illegality and ineffectiveness of torture. Subjecting these practices to public scrutiny would help ensure that our government does not engage in torture again.” <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/torture/upload/CIA-Report-Letter-to-Senate-Select-Committee-on-Intelligence-2013-04-26.pdf>

Jewish Council for Public Affairs: “We urge the Committee to adopt the report and to begin the process of making the results of the investigation public (redacted as appropriate). This report has been several years in the making and represents an important effort to shed light on practices that have placed in jeopardy our nation’s reputation on defending human rights.”
<http://www.nrcat.org/storage/documents/letter-to-ssci-jcpa-12-11-12.pdf>

Galen Carey, Vice President, Government Relations, National Association of Evangelicals*

Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism*

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Kathryn Lohre, President, National Council of Churches*

Rev. Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church USA*

Bishop Richard E. Pates, Chair, Committee on International Justice and Peace, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church*

Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, President, The Council of Bishops, The United Methodist Church*

Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami: "I now call for the release of the SSCI investigation report, as does the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. As people of faith we believe that truth will set us free." <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/11/13/3095649/archbishop-wenski-on-torture-and.html>

Pastor Brian McLaren, author and public theologian: "I encourage the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to make public the results of its three-year investigation into the torture used by our government and the implications such behaviors and policies had."
<http://brianmclaren.net/archives/blog/torture-is-not-right.html>

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Rabbi Jill Jacobs, Executive Director of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights: "T'ruah joins with hundreds of faith-based groups coming together through the National Religious Campaign Against Torture in calling for the Senate to release this report. The American people deserve to know the facts about the CIA torture program." <http://www.thejewishweek.com/editorial-opinion/opinion/public-deserves-clarity-torture-0>

Rev. Jon Barton, General Minister for the Virginia Council of Churches: "What we need now is for the Senate Intelligence Committee to release the report of its review of millions of pages of classified materials." http://www.timesdispatch.com/opinion/their-opinion/columnists-blogs/guest-columnists/article_e9beefec-5313-572e-87b2-c762663ad709.html

Rev. Russel Meyer, Executive Director of the Florida Council of Churches: "It matters: The SSCI needs to publicly identify the policies and practices that have been used and then draw clear lines between what is acceptable and what is unacceptable and corrosive of America's strength and values. Only then can we state clearly what the limits are for handling prisoners, restore our nation's honor, and re-establish trust with our military men and women on the front lines." <http://tbo.com/list/news-opinion-commentary/restoring-sacred-trust-504985>

Rev. Linda Lea Snyder, interim Executive Director of the New Hampshire Council of Churches: "The New Hampshire Council of Churches, an ecumenical organization representing Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant Christian traditions throughout the state stands with hundreds of other diverse, faith-based communities in every state calling for the release of this Senate Intelligence Report. Only then can there be widespread understanding of the facts, facts that can arouse our public conscience for change and in advocating for behavior and standards of government conduct that align with our common belief and core value in the supreme value of all human life." <http://www.concordmonitor.com/home/8355245-95/my-turn-report-on-torture-must-be-made-public>

Rev. David McKee, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the immediate past president of the Virginia Council of Churches: "The Senate Intelligence Committee is concluding a multiyear investigation into CIA interrogations, including its use of torture. By releasing the results of this investigation to the public, the committee can help ensure that, in the future, our nation truly lives up to the values we espouse." http://www.timesdispatch.com/opinion/their-opinion/mckee-we-need-to-know-the-truth-about-torture/article_a32a9a36-ab40-5c62-877d-b41c787ab53b.html

Rev. Daniel M. Bell Jr., Professor of Theology and Ethics, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary: "As a Christian, I have joined with thousands of others from a vast array of faith traditions who support the National Religious Campaign Against Torture in calling for the release of this report. This is an important step toward establishing the transparency and accountability necessary for a national conversation about torture and ensuring that the defense of this nation is consistent with both law and the moral values we claim." <http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/26/2937022/bell-transparency-accountability.html>

Rev. Sandra L. Strauss, Director of Public Advocacy for the Pennsylvania Council of Churches: "We join with our interfaith partners at the National Religious Campaign Against Torture to join in calling for the public release of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee report."

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http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2013/05/to_move_past_torture_america_must_confront_its_responsibility_as_i_see_it.html

Rev. Stephen Copley, Chair of the Arkansas Interfaith Alliance: “The report on the Intelligence Committee’s investigation is more than 6,000 pages long and was adopted by the committee in December 2012. It is time for the Senate Intelligence Committee to release its findings so the debate on torture will exist no longer; it is time the public has the tools to conclude that torture is wrong in all circumstances.” <http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2013/sep/01/senate-committee-should-release-torture-r-20130901/>

Rev. Jill Saxby, retired Executive Director of the Maine Council of Churches: “If we hide from the facts, we risk making bad public policy — and bad moral choices — based on a warped mythology about torture that has taken hold in many quarters in the wake of the fear caused by terrorism. But fear and confusion are no basis for making the right choice. The people who ran toward the danger in Boston to help others knew this. There is a higher moral ground on which individuals and nations can stand and face the world even at the worst moments. I urge Collins and King to make the courageous choice, the moral choice for truth: Vote to release the Senate report.” <http://bangordailynews.com/2013/05/05/opinion/tell-collins-and-king-release-the-report-to-america-on-torture/>

Rev. Nancy J. Kemper, minister of New Union Christian Church Woodford County and retired executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches: “Torture is immoral because it is the egregious violation of the dignity and worth of every human being — both the torturer and the tortured. It runs contrary to the teachings of all religions and dishonors all faiths, and all in whose name it is conducted. Please join me in urging the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee to release its report so that we may know the truth. Our government must be accountable to the American people.” <http://www.kentucky.com/2013/08/25/2785567/ky-voices-senate-panel-must-not.html>

Rev. Scott D. Anderson, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches: “The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is completing a three-year investigation into CIA interrogation practices. This investigation is said to be comprehensive and to provide a complete accounting of the facts surrounding CIA interrogations. Making the report on this investigation public could settle the effectiveness debate once and for all.” http://host.madison.com/news/opinion/column/rev-scott-d-anderson-what-s-wrong-with-torture/article_b9358c4a-9abc-11e1-a965-0019bb2963f4.html

INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS

Ben Emmerson, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism: “The Special Rapporteur calls on the United States to release the full Senate Select Committee report as soon as possible, subject only to the specific redaction of such particulars as are considered by the Select Committee itself to be strictly necessary to safeguard legitimate national security interests or the physical safety of persons identified in the report.” – Report of the Special Rapporteur to UN Human Rights Council http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/RegularSession/Session22/A-HRC-22-52_en.pdf

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Release the Torture Reports

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/opinion/release-the-torture-reports.html?hp&rref=opinion&r=0>

“The committee must insist on the Obama administration’s cooperation in making public all three documents — the Senate Intelligence Committee report, the official C.I.A. response to it, and the internal C.I.A. study. “

“Rendition, illegal detention and torture did not arise on President Obama’s watch. He has repeatedly denounced the use of torture and ended the detention program as one of his first White House acts. But his expansive claims of secrecy have succeeded in blocking victims’ lawsuits and helping to keep details of rendition and torture secret, denying the country a reckoning necessary for the historical record, establishing accountability and avoiding similar human rights violations in the future. “

The New York Times

Indisputable Torture

April 16, 2013

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/17/opinion/indisputable-torture-of-prisoners.html?r=0>

“The Constitution Project’s effort is a good step in that direction. But the portrait of what happened is still incomplete. For starters, a separate 6,000-page report by the Senate Intelligence Committee, based on Central Intelligence Agency records, has yet to be declassified and made public. The next step should be its release. There is no excuse for further delay.”

Los Angeles Times

“The dark side” of America’s fight against terrorism

January 9, 2014

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-torture-report-20140109,0,4020834.story#ixzz2pzVKO929>

“We believe the committee should release the whole report, omitting only details that threaten the exposure of sources and methods, not information that would simply be embarrassing. Obama, who prides himself on prohibiting waterboarding and other forms of torture, should make it clear that this is his preference as well, whatever the CIA says.”

Los Angeles Times

Free the CIA torture report

December 20, 2012

<http://articles.latimes.com/2012/dec/20/opinion/la-ed-torture-rendition-senate-intelligence-20121220>

“But the report, which is based on a study of more than 6 million pages of CIA and other records, represents the most ambitious attempt yet to explain why and how this country lost its moral bearings in the aftermath of a terrorist attack. The American people have a right to see it.”

Los Angeles Times

Closing the book on CIA torture

September 14, 2012

<http://articles.latimes.com/2012/sep/14/opinion/la-ed-torture-20120914>

“Although much is known about how, in the panic after 9/11, the Bush administration resorted to tactics impossible to reconcile with the Geneva Convention and alien to American values, a complete picture has yet to emerge. That is why it is essential that the Senate Intelligence Committee make public the results of its investigation of the CIA's interrogation program.”

StarTribune

Senate and the CIA should release torture reports

December 22, 2013

<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/editorials/236807381.html>

“It has been a year since the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence produced a 6,000-plus-page, 35,000-footnote report on the Central Intelligence Agency's rendition, detention and interrogation program. These practices were carried out in America's name, and Americans have a right to know what happened.”

The Baltimore Sun

The truth about torture

April 21, 2013

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/editorial/bs-ed-torture-report-20130421,0,3618443.story>

“A separate report by the Senate Intelligence Committee based on agency records, rather than interviews, may paint an even clearer picture, but it remains classified. Given the abuses cited in the panel's report, it should be released immediately. Identifying the mistakes of the past is essential if we are to avoid going down that road again, and for that to happen the American public must know the full extent of the crimes committed in its name.”

The Charleston Gazette-Mail

Torture: Treaty, laws violated

April 21, 2013

<http://www.wvgazette.com/Opinion/Editorials/201304210032>

“Four months ago, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence finished a 6,000-page report on CIA torture -- but kept it secret, hidden from Americans. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., is a top-ranking member of that committee. He should use his influence to bring sunshine and let Americans know what their government did.”

The Tampa Bay Times

Report on torture reveals moral stain

April 21, 2013

<http://blogs.tampabay.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-report-on-torture-reveals-moral-stain/2116225>

“So too, the Senate Intelligence Committee has refused to declassify and make public a 6,000-page review of detainee treatment, based on CIA records. Without official Washington offering an

authoritative and accurate account, the task force's report is the most comprehensive public record that exists. Only by acknowledging the grave mistakes that were made will the nation be less likely to repeat them when the next serious threat occurs.”

Valley News (West Lebanon, NH)

Secrecy Abounds; U.S. Must Confront Torture Issue

December 26, 2012

<http://www.vnews.com/home/3425586-95/cia-committee-intelligence-report>

“We can be thankful, we suppose, that the Senate Intelligence Committee issued a report raising questions about the torture practiced by the U.S. during the Bush years. We can be thankful that the Bush administration withdrew authorization for those practices shortly before leaving office and that Barack Obama officially prohibited them when he took office.

But as is the case with other countries that have shameful episodes in their recent history, the United States won't have closed this particular chapter until it fully and honestly accounts for its behavior.”

The Philadelphia Inquirer

'Zero' movie is just a fantasy

December 19, 2012

http://articles.philly.com/2012-12-19/news/35914729_1_interrogation-senate-report-cia-report

“The report's unveiling cannot come soon enough, since Americans have yet to be told in any sufficient detail what antiterror tactics were employed in the name of keeping them safe after the 9/11 attacks.”

Battle Creek Enquirer

Release Senate report on CIA interrogation, torture

December 13, 2012

<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20121213/OPINION01/312130024/Editorial-Release-Senate-report-CIA-interrogation-torture>

“The 6,000-page report that the committee approved by a 9-6 vote is no doubt far less thrilling, but it's likely to be more disturbing, and it could be extremely useful in closing the book on a disgraceful chapter in America's history.”

Portland Press Herald (Portland, ME)

Snowe, committee should release torture report

November 23, 2012

http://www.pressherald.com/opinion/snowe-committee-should-release-torture-report_2012-11-23.html

“The Intelligence Committee, which includes Maine's Sen. Olympia Snowe, should release the report and let the American people know, finally, what was done in the name of their security and whether it was worth it.”

“It's important that this report comes out and becomes part of the historical record. Otherwise, partial versions and misleading accounts will influence future policy makers.”

NGOs/CIVIL SOCIETY

Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma
American Civil Liberties Union
Amnesty International USA
Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Center for Survivors of Torture
Bill of Rights Defense Committee (BORDC)
The Brennan Center for Justice
Californians Aware
Center for Constitutional Rights
Center for Effective Government
Center for Justice and Accountability
Center for Survivors of Torture
The Center for Victims of Torture
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)
Essential Information
Federation of American Scientists
Florida Center for Survivors of Torture
Friends Committee on National Legislation
The Fund for Constitutional Government
The Government Accountability Project
Heartland Alliance Marjorie Kovler Center
Human Rights First
Human Rights Watch
International Justice Network
National Coalition Against Censorship
National Religious Campaign Against Torture
National Security Archive
No More Guantánamos
North Carolina Stop Torture Now
Northern Virginia Family Service
NYU Bellevue Program for Survivors of Torture
Open Society Policy Center
OpenTheGovernment.org
PEN Center
Physicians for Human Rights
Program for Torture Victims
Project on Government Oversight (POGO)
Reprieve
September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows
Society of American Archivists
Survivors of Torture, International
The Constitution Project

I support release of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report on the CIA's rendition, detention and interrogation program. The public has the right to know the facts about our nation's use of torture. Release of the report, with appropriate redactions, can help prevent torture from happening again.

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- Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

- The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church
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