

*This is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary:*

**Do unto others as you would have  
them do unto you.**

**1215: the MAGNA CARTA is ratified,**  
which includes *Habeas Corpus*, the right for  
a captive to know why he is being held.

**General George Washington:**

***“Treat them with humanity,*** *and*

*let them have no reason to Complain of our Copying the brutal example of the British Army in their  
treatment of our unfortunate brethren....Provide everything necessary for them on the road.”*

**Laws and treaties of the United States  
pertaining to torture:**

*jus cogens* is the internationally accepted idea that "higher law" must be followed by all countries. Genocide, slavery and torture are all unacceptable under *jus cogens*. The 1986 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties affirmed *jus cogens* as an accepted doctrine in

international law.

**US Constitution:**

**5th Amendment**

protects against abuse of government authority in legal procedures, 1791

**8th Amendment**

prohibits cruel and unusual punishment, 1791

**14th Amendment**

ensures due process and equal process in legal procedures, 1868

**The Hague Conventions, 1899, 1907**

**The Nuremberg Code, 1947**

**Geneva Conventions, 1948**

**Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948**

**The Nuremberg Principles, 1950**

**Int'l Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966**

**Convention Against Torture, 1994**

**Federal Torture Statute 18 U.S.C. Sections 2340, 2340A, 1994**

**War Crimes Act 18 U.S.C. Section 2441, 1996**

**2001**

**Vice-President Cheney: "WE ALSO HAVE TO WORK ... THE DARK SIDE"**

**Secret prisons, "extraordinary rendition" ordered**

*Memo by George W Bush*

**AUGUST 1, 2002**

**Torture techniques approved by the White House**

*Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) memo authored by Jay Bybee and John Yoo*

**2003-2004**

**Int'l Red Cross reports deterioration of Guantanamo prisoners' mental health--Major General Taguba's report details torture at Abu Ghraib**

*"The Commander-in-Chief...authorized a systematic regime of torture."*

**2005**

**President Bush: "This country doesn't torture; we're not going to torture."**

**2006**

US Supreme Court says the US must comply with the Geneva Conventions--  
Senate then casts aside habeas corpus;  
President is now judge and jury.

**2007**

**ICRC details torture at Guantanamo in report to the  
White House**

**2008**

**Guantanamo judge halts prosecution because "his  
treatment met the legal definition of torture."**

**2009**

**US Federal Court prosecutes African  
gov't official for torture...  
why not our own?**

*Liberian official (and US citizen) Chuckie Taylor convicted of torture under US statute 18USC S.2340A*

**2009-2012**

**Foreign citizens and courts seek justice  
for US torture.**

**2009: 23 CIA agents found guilty in Italy**

**2011: Swiss and Canadian citizens prepare indictments of G.W. Bush**

**2012: French judge probes torture claims by prisoners**

**2012: Malaysian tribunal convicts US officials**

**December 31, 2011**

*...when few were paying attention...*

**PRESIDENT CAN NOW INDEFINITELY IMPRISON  
ANYONE WITHOUT DUE PROCESS.**

