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AbuGraib Women Prisoners Speak Out

What happened to the WOMEN held at Abu Ghraib?

The US-government media isn't talking. But some of the women are.

The treatment of civilian Iraqi women by American forces is a charged issue for Iraqis -- and especially for those who oppose the American presence.

Some women are detained because they are the sisters, wives, or girlfriends of suspected insurgents -- that is, because the military thinks these women might provide information on the insurgency. But this practice, like the instances of torture exposed last year, violates the Geneva Conventions, which stipulate that no one can be punished for an offense he or she has not personally committed.

In one such incident, a 28-year-old mother of three, including the 6-month-old baby she was nursing, was captured on May 9, 2004. The American Civil Liberties Union obtained a memo in which a former Defense Intelligence Agency described her detainment as a violation of the Geneva Conventions.

Another Iraqi lady, 55-year-old wife and mother, spoke to reporters last December, 14 months after she was arrested. Selwa said American soldiers burst into Selwa's villa near the banks of the Tigris River in Samarra, Iraq. One of the soldiers pointed his rifle at Selwa, and her daughters and grandchildren began screaming.

She, and everyone in the villa, was terrified -- and with good reason. The soldiers had raided their house exactly four months earlier, and she remembered vividly what had happened that night. They confiscated the family's life savings -- \$315,000 in U.S. dollars and \$12,000 in Iraqi dinar -- and then seized Selwa's husband, who had been trained as a mechanic. [In the late 1990s, Selwa's husband received an award from Saddam Hussein for a water-management system he devised. He had his picture taken with the then-dictator. But, Selwa insists, her husband wasn't close to Hussein. He worked for the government, and we supported the regime, just like working Americans support President Bush. But my husband was not important at all, she said.]

Greg Ford, 50, a former California National Guard sergeant who led the raid on their villa, says an Iraqi who had known the family for decades [vindictive neighbor?] told them the family was listed as a Baath Party member. Yet Ford was appalled by the brutal way the American soldiers treated her elderly husband. He told them to back off. My team leader started beating on this old man, Ford says.

They'd ask him questions, and every time they got a wrong answer -- pow! -- they'd hit him again. He was about to have a stroke. Ford claims soldiers abused other prisoners at the police station, too. Selwa's husband was reportedly killed by a mortar blast at Abu Graib prison, but Ford doubts that report. He is shocked to hear that Selwa was taken to Abu Ghraib. "I never told them to take her," he says. She didn't know anything. His company commander says Ford was suffering from combat stress, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Ever since his arrest, Selwa had lived in fear that the soldiers would come back to interrogate her or search the house again. But she never suspected they'd take her away from her daughters, too. My daughter started shouting and screaming, "Why are you taking my mother?"

The soldiers put me in a Hummer and took me to a police station, she recalled. Several days later, she was taken in handcuffs, to a detention facility in Tikrit, 100 miles northwest of Baghdad, where approximately 700 male Iraqi prisoners were living in 100-degree weather. They told us, "You are cowards. You are Saddam's children. If we complained, they slammed your face against the wall. A stocky American officer in a T-shirt told Selwa she was responsible for the disposal of human waste dumped in metal containers, mixed with lighter fluid, and set on fire. Forced to stir the mixture to speed its dissipation, the stench is overwhelming.

After a short while, I told the sergeant I couldn't do it. There was another man close to us. The sergeant came up to me and whispered in my ear: If you don't, I will tell one of the soldiers to fuck you. I stirred for two hours, Selwa says. Then I fainted.

For Selwa, it was only the beginning of a nightmarish journey. In early October of 2003, she was strip-searched and given an ID bracelet and a prisoner number. She had arrived at Abu Ghraib. Overall, 90 women and 60 children have been held in various detention facilities in Iraq since August 2003, says Barry Johnson, a public-affairs officer in Iraq.

I saw the guards hit a woman, probably 30 years old. They put her in an open area ordered us out to see her. They pulled her by the hair and poured ice water on her, left her there all night.

There was another girl, she had electric burns all over her body....[auwe, USA!]

Search for Weapons of Mass Destruction Pau

Friday January 14, 2005 -- Its over. Finally, President Bush et al admit there are no Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq, and never were.

The end of the search for WMD buries the claim that Iraq was "a current and serious threat" to USA. A two-year search by 1,000 personnel with a budget of \$1 billion has found zero threat: no weapons stockpiles; no chemical or biological agents; no nuclear plants; no delivery systems. When Bush was obliged to admit last summer that he could find no weapons, he promised to produce weapons programmes. Now the search has been closed down by Washington without uncovering any such programmes either.

The biggest surprise of the White House announcement calling off the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq is that there was anyone still out there looking.

Baby Seal Kill Protested

Canada kills 350,000 seals per year. The 375,000 baby seals would form a single file line of dead bodies stretching 375 kilometers or 235 miles - the exact distance between Washington DC and New York City.. You would have to drive 4 hours at highway speeds to go from one end of the line to the other. Marr talked about the cruelty inherent in the industry and the scapegoating of seals for the decline of the North Atlantic Cod precipitated in fact by overfishing - a human travesty.

Now, in 2005, in view of the U.S. Senate urging Canada to stop the hunt, and the HSUS unleashing its Boycott Canada campaign, March 15, to coincide with the opening of the hunt, as well as the continent-wide demonstrations planned by HSUS and the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. Marr has determined protest this year's seal hunt and to execute "Funeral March for the Hunted 2005" from the Capitol building in Washington DC to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Anthony Marr everyone to join him on the March, in whole or part, each carrying a sign or banner of his/her own making.

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This quote above inspires me to write this OPEN LETTER TO PUBLIC SERVANTS

At the expense of the American people and with the blessings of unseen hands at high policy-making levels, police and other public servants have created a subculture I call the bureaucratic class. There are millions of you now and, as of 2002, the bureaucratic class has near carte blanche power to do anything it wants to the American people. It's as if you and your classmates are blessed with some magic shield that protects you from being held personally accountable for the damage you have inflicted upon our free society. You have been used by those unseen hands to morally, spiritually, economically and politically bankrupt the people of Hawaii and America.

The bureaucratic class in the United States has been growing steadily since the New Deal. From the humble beginnings of a few scattered overworked and underpaid public servants providing government services, the bureaucratic class has forgotten its service-based roots and has come to regard its protected-class status as a birthright: Master of the people.

Members of the bureaucratic class make comparatively high-end wages that come with comparatively elaborate benefits packages and the ability to charge many of life's expenses to the American people. Over and above all holidays off with pay, you accumulate sick time, vacation time and are allowed to take x number of personal days off each year -- with pay. No such largesse exists in the private sector as we must work almost half the year just to pay for you because we are extorted by the unconstitutional IRS. While we have grudgingly afforded you these things with only moderate protest, you have been enforcing upon us increasingly invasive, injurious and fascist policies.

If we complain and attempt to seek a redress of our grievances for your abusive conduct through agency superiors, congresspersons or the courts, we are denied. You are immune from prosecution while functioning in your official capacity -- even if you act abusively or beyond the scope of your authority. With increased wages, increased benefits, increased authority has come prosecutorial immunity so airtight you may wrongfully imprison and murder ordinary people without fear of repercussion. You have all of these things going for you and the law on your side so you must be doing the right thing, you rationalize. How else could you be allowed to steal the property, the children, the freedom and the life from people you must know in your heart do not deserve your bureaucratic wrath?

Look around you. As bureaucrats who enforce policies that tie ordinary people up into frustrated statutory knots, how many lives have been improved through the functions of your office compared to the lives that have been destroyed by your War on Drugs et al? Would you say that over the last several years angry and destroyed people are beginning to drastically outnumber happy and improved people? Is that why many of you now address the public from behind bullet-proof glass and metal detectors?

There is an undercurrent of frustration in this country. Things are not going well for ordinary people because their lives are being taxed and regulated out of existence. What if the magic shield that has protected you is removed? Your protection is not divine. Your protection is being removed.

The masses identify those in the bureaucratic class as the real cause of their misery and frustration and stop beating their children and spouses. Thousands of government offices are suddenly vacated as bureaucrats flee them in fear of their lives or are otherwise prevented from performing their duties. Your murderous immunity cannot be disputed and you knowingly damaged innocent people and betrayed your Oath.

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## Decorated US Marine brings "Fallujah" back to his hometown - Killed by Police



Andres Raya, U.S. Marine

by Ernesto Cienfuegos, La Voz de Aztlan  
Los Angeles, Alta California, January 11, 2005 - A US Marine of Mexican descent home for the holidays from Fallujah, Iraq decided to wage battle yesterday against his own hometown police department of Ceres, California instead of killing innocent Iraqi civilians.

Nineteen year old Andres Raya, a decorated for bravery US Marine out of Camp Pendleton, decided to utilize his superb marine training to take on the entire Ceres Police Department, Sheriff's and the California Highway Patrol in a stunning gun battle that was caught on video tape. In the end, one Ceres cop was killed, 1-critically injured and US Marine Raya himself laid dead in an alley with over 18 shots in his body.

The shootout has stunned not only his family but the entire usually peaceful small town of Ceres which is just a few miles east of San Jose and directly south of Modesto.

The marine's mother, Julia Cortez Raya said in Spanish that her son had served in the assault on Fallujah. She said "He came back different."

US Marine Andres Raya - had 4 medals and ribbons, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Andres Raya experienced the slaughter by US occupation forces of Iraqi civilians in Fallujah, which has been compared to the slaughter in Guernica by Nazi forces in 1937. Many US Marines with a conscience have found it very difficult to reconcile the Iraqi civilian murders in their minds and have committed suicide.

Andres Raya had returned to the United States in September from Iraq to spend the holidays with his family. Raya told his family and friends that he was having awful nightmares and could not sleep. He expressed feelings that he did not want to go back to do more murder in Iraq. He did, however, rejoin his unit at Camp Pendleton on January 2. But Sunday January 9, was the last day he was seen at Camp Pendleton.

January 10 he showed up in Ceres with an SKS assault rifle. A security video camera caught most of the action. The battle raged for about 3 hours, from around 8:00 PM to 11:08 PM. It brought in hundreds of police units from the Ceres, Modesto, Turlock and Newman police departments, as well as the Stanislaus and Merced Sheriff's Departments and from the California Highway Patrol.

US Marine Andres Raya, the decorated fighter that he was, kept charging police positions set up in an alley, and even though mortally wounded, kept on charging until he dropped dead a few feet from a well entrenched police SWAT Team.

Yes, it appears that the US Marine of Mexican descent decided that his real enemies were not innocent Iraqi civilians on the other side of the world but that they were here in his own hometown, in Ceres town, notorious for police mistreatment. The horrors of war for oil teaches some troops that the real enemy is at home.

Andres Raya, a decorated for bravery US Marine—R.I.P.

## War on Drugs Does More Harm: WOD Violates Constitutional Rights

25 year-old Weldon Angelos celebrated Christmas in federal prison this year ... just like he'll do every year until he's 80. Angelos was sentenced to 55 years in prison for selling marijuana to undercover police officers. The assistant U.S. attorney prosecuting the case justified putting Angelos -- a first-time offender and father of two -- behind bars for 55 years by saying that he was a "purveyor of poison" who got what he deserved.

[But the "poison" was marijuana, which has never killed anyone; fascists say it's illegal. And he carried a gun for protection, which is a Constitutionally protected right. So, what is the crime? None. It's the War on Drugs by fascist police and politicians who don't give a damn about your rights, your safety, or the Constitution!—MAN ]

As U.S. District Judge Paul Cassell pointed out at sentencing, that's more time than he would get if he had hijacked an airplane (25 years), beaten someone to death in a fight (13 years), or raped a 10-year-old child (11 years).

In fact, the maximum sentence for all those crimes combined is less than the federal mandatory minimum sentence for a drug felony involving a gun. (Angelos was carrying a gun, which is a right guaranteed to everyone by the Bill of Rights, at the time of his arrest, although he never brandished it or threatened anyone.)

Jonathan Magbie died three months ago while serving a 10-day sentence for marijuana possession in a jail in Washington, D.C. Magbie, a 27-year-old quadriplegic, used marijuana to treat his chronic pain. He was unable to breathe on his own, and the jail - unequipped to meet his medical needs -- allowed him to die while in custody.

And last year, a 19-year-old Florida college student was brutally raped by his cellmate while serving the first of four weekends in jail for a small-scale marijuana offense.

And the year before that, 20-year-old Jose Colon -- just months away from being the first in his family to obtain a college degree -- was shot and killed by police in a raid in which eight ounces of marijuana were seized. Colon wasn't even a suspect. He just happened to be visiting the house being raided, and he had no drugs or weapons on him.

Every week, we at the Marijuana Policy Project confront extreme government abuses like these, as the war on marijuana users rages on, with the government arresting law-abiding citizens, seizing their property, locking them up for decades, and even killing them. This should not happen in a free country! We must stop it.

Your help is desperately needed. The government is arresting more than 700,000 marijuana users a year -- that's one arrest every 42 seconds -- which is more than the number of arrests for robbery and all violent crimes combined. (And about 88% of all marijuana arrests are for possession, not sale or manufacture.)

Let's remember the many, many victims of the government's war on marijuana users -- the cancer patients living in fear of arrest for using marijuana to quell their nausea and help them keep food down ... the college students losing their financial aid for smoking a joint ... the AIDS patients using medical marijuana to ease the pain of their final months, terrified of losing their homes if caught ... and the thousands staring at empty cell walls for doing nothing more than possessing marijuana. We can and will put an end to this cruel and unjust war. Please visit <http://www.mpp.org/donate1097> to stand with us in the fight. Thank you. Sincerely, Rob Kampa

MPD captain Milton Matsuoka has said drug addictions on Molokai start with using marijuana. I say the scientific facts prove that the drug caffeine from coffee crosses the pregnant mother's placenta into the unborn child establishing a predisposition for addictions. So by police values, coffee should be made illegal; arrest coffee drinkers? Of course not. The problem is not coffee or marijuana. Problem is government!—MAN

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## Molokai's Forum For Freedom Individual's Sovereignty vs Slavery

by George Peabody ph. 558-8253 email: molokaiman@flex.com

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### Machinegun Crime by Cops, not civilians

Crime with geggally owned machine guns is a non-issue, inspite of the halabaloo being made by politicians and police about private citizens' machinegun ownership.

In 1995 there were over 240,000 machine guns registered with the BATF. About half are owned by civilians and the other half by police departments and other governmental agencies.

Since 1934, only one legally owned machine gun has ever been used in a crime, and that was a murder committed by a law enforcement officer, not a civilian.

On September 15th, 1988, a 13-year veteran of the Dayton, Ohio police department, Patrolman Roger Waller, then 32, used his fully automatic MAC-11 .380 caliber submachine gun to kill a police informant, 52-year-old Lawrence Hileman. Patrolman Waller pleaded guilty in 1990, and he and an accomplice were sentenced to 18 years in prison. [Mahalos to the staff of the Columbus, Ohio Public Library for the details. ]



## Guns Carried Concealed Reduce CRIME in 31 States, but Hawaii refuses. Why?

At an individual level, many carry permit holders have already saved their own lives and the lives of others in the face of criminal violence. Armed citizens, permit or not, kill almost as many criminals each year as do law enforcement officers (some 348 out of 763, or 46% of justifiable homicides in 1992), and armed citizens are less likely to have "bad shoots" than the police, since, unlike the police, they aren't usually arriving late at the scene and then having to figure out who the bad guys are. Armed citizens may in fact kill far more criminals in justifiable shootings than the police. Unfortunately, police are more often given the benefit of the doubt in shooting incidents than are private citizens. But, the true measure of the ability of firearms to fight crime isn't found in the dead body count, but in criminals wounded, deterred from violence by fear that a potential victim may be armed, or scared away without even firing a shot.

So why does Hawaii allow the police department chiefs to refuse to issue permits? Don't Hawaii residents deserve the same respect that citizens in other states enjoy?

The record proves that people who obtain a permit to carry concealed firearms are not the sorts of people who abuse firearms. The permit process acts quite effectively to select for law-abiding citizens rather than trigger-happy criminals, and the records of those states which have liberalized their concealed carry laws show this. Of the 204,108 licenses issued in the Florida law's first 6 1/2 years of operation, seventeen (.008%) were revoked for unlawful conduct while the firearm was present, and many of these violations were either technical (such as carrying into a restricted area, like an airport or bar) or non-gun related arrest. In Oregon, over 60,000 concealed carry permits have been issued, and none has been revoked.

One state, Vermont, allows concealed carry without a permit, has very little crime, and a very polite citizenry. (The complete list of 31 states having non-discretionary, or so-called "shall issue" concealed carry laws: AL, AK, AZ, AR, CT, FL, GA, ID, IN, KY, LA, ME, MS, MT, NV, NH, NC, ND, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT\*, VA, WA, WV, WY. \*VT requires no permit.)

In light of these successes, many other states, Tennessee, Arizona, Wyoming, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, Utah, Arkansas, Virginia, Texas, Oklahoma, and most recently, Kentucky and South Carolina, have joined the ranks of states protecting the individual right to self defense through reformed concealed carry laws.

The impact of such laws on fighting crime is debatable at a purely statistical level, but states which issue concealed carry permits to their law-abiding population show less violent crime in general than those which do not, and rates of some crimes (such as homicide and robbery) which are 50% lower than states in which concealed carry is not permitted. These states, it could be argued, may have had less crime than restrictive states to begin with, but the dire predictions by "gun control" advocates that violent crime would increase in these states following liberalization of concealed carry laws have been proven to be false: there have been no cases of blood running in the streets.

The fact that laws against carrying weapons were ineffective against crime was no secret to Thomas Jefferson, who hand-copied this quotation from the 18th century Italian criminologist Cesare Beccaria's 1764 book *On Crimes and Punishments* into his own notebook on law and government, a quote which sums up well the arguments of those who defend the right to keep and bear arms: "False is the idea of utility that sacrifices a thousand real advantages for one imaginary or trifling inconvenience; that would take fire from men because it burns, and water because one may drown in it; that has no remedy for evils except destruction. The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Can it be supposed that those who have the courage to violate the most sacred laws of humanity, the most important of the code, will respect the less important and arbitrary ones, which can be violated with ease and impunity, and which, if strictly obeyed, would put an end to personal liberty --so dear to men, so dear to the enlightened legislator-- and subject innocent persons to all the vexations that the guilty alone ought to suffer? Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man. They ought to be designated as laws not preventive but fearful of crimes, produced by the tumultuous impression of a few isolated facts, and not by thoughtful consideration of the inconveniences and advantages of a universal decree."

## Crimes of Politicians Must Be Stopped by The People (You are The Militia)

The crime on our streets is a tiny fraction of the crime in the offices of our politicians and bureaucrats - the massive majority of crime is committed by the criminal classes in power. Just look at the constant abuse of power in our State government offices and you will realize the extent of crime in Government. Just consider just how many BILLIONS of dollars a day Government extorts from the people and how little WE get in return; and just how comfortable the politicians make themselves at the expense of the peoples they extort!

The goal of the founders of America was to restrict government within severe limits and to protect the rights of sovereign individuals. Government has NO rights!

Judges are impeachable. Furthermore, judges may be removed immediately for violating oaths of office, involvement in conspiracies, extortion, and failing to uphold their duty to the common law. Judges can also be arrested, they are not exempt from this nor are any other officials, including the President of the United States.

Do the people have the power to do this? Yes, the people have the power to do everything to defend our country against all enemies foreign or domestic politician, and government has no power to say otherwise. Fascist bureaucrats might send out its armed marauders, but a huge group of The People (Militia) armed with guns as guaranteed their Right to keep and bear arms by the 2nd Amendment is likely to stop them unless the governments decide that it is time to begin mass killings of all people who believe in the rights of Man. **Wake up ! Enforce the Bill of Rights !**

“A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.” Exercise the 2nd Amendment.

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