

Guantanamo Naval Station (1903)



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US established a 99 year lease to the base

Guantanamo Prison (X-Ray)



20 detainees arrived January 20, 2002

Detainees Classified as: Unlawful Combatants; Not POWs



Are Unlawful Combatants Being Tortured at Gitmo?

NO

The US practiced enhanced interrogation techniques, such as prolonged sleep deprivation, binding stress positions, and waterboarding.

Does Torture Work?

YES

Gained valuable
information

NO

Will say anything
to stop torture.

242 Enemy Combatants Transferred (2005)

According to DOD,

- 242 detainees moved out of Gitmo
- 69 transferred to governments of other countries
- 173 were released without a charge



Close Guantanamo Prison ???



Signed January 22, 2009

Preparation of Thomson Correctional Center (Illinois)



Completed December 15, 2009

Major Concern about bringing Guantanamo prisoners on US soil



Sixth Amendment

- Right to a fair and speedy trial

2009 Task Force Review



Camp Delta (Built April 2002)

Foreign Affairs 12/14/11

46 of 171 captives
“too dangerous to let go”



80 of 171 captives

“could be let go . . . give them a new start”



1/4 of Detainees Released



“were confirmed or suspected of later engaging in terrorism or insurgent activity”

Cost a year per detainee

\$800,000

- 1,850 US troops and civilians working

Half of the Detainees Are: Yemeni



Detainee Stats

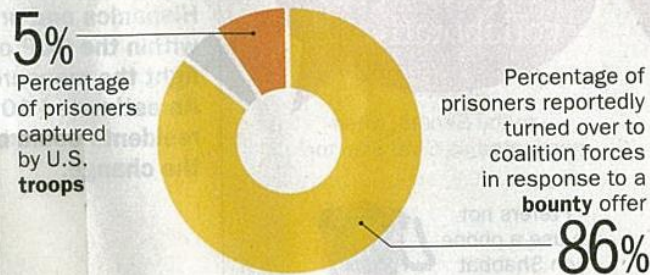
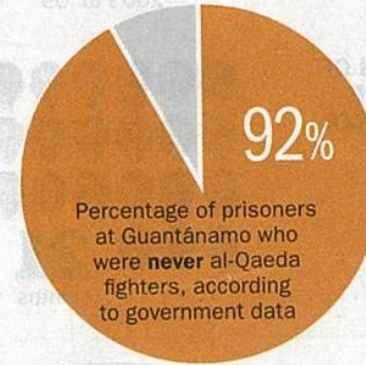
A Dismal Decade

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779 Number of men imprisoned at Guantánamo by the Department of Defense since the facility opened on Jan. 11, 2002

171 Number of men **still imprisoned** there as of January 2012



Age of the **youngest** prisoner held at Guantánamo

13

Age of the **oldest** prisoner held at Guantánamo

98

Number of **children** the U.S. has imprisoned at Guantánamo

21

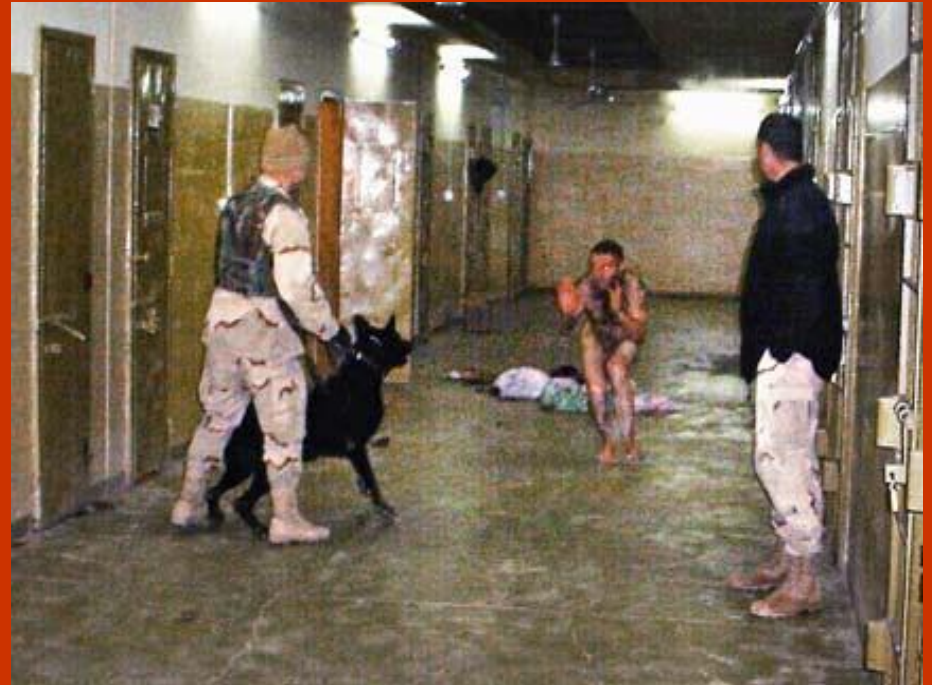
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Previous US Foreign Prison Scandal

Iraqi Prison Scandal: Abu Gharib



Closed 2006

Reopened (2009): Baghdad Central Prison

Has Obama Painted Himself Into a Corner?

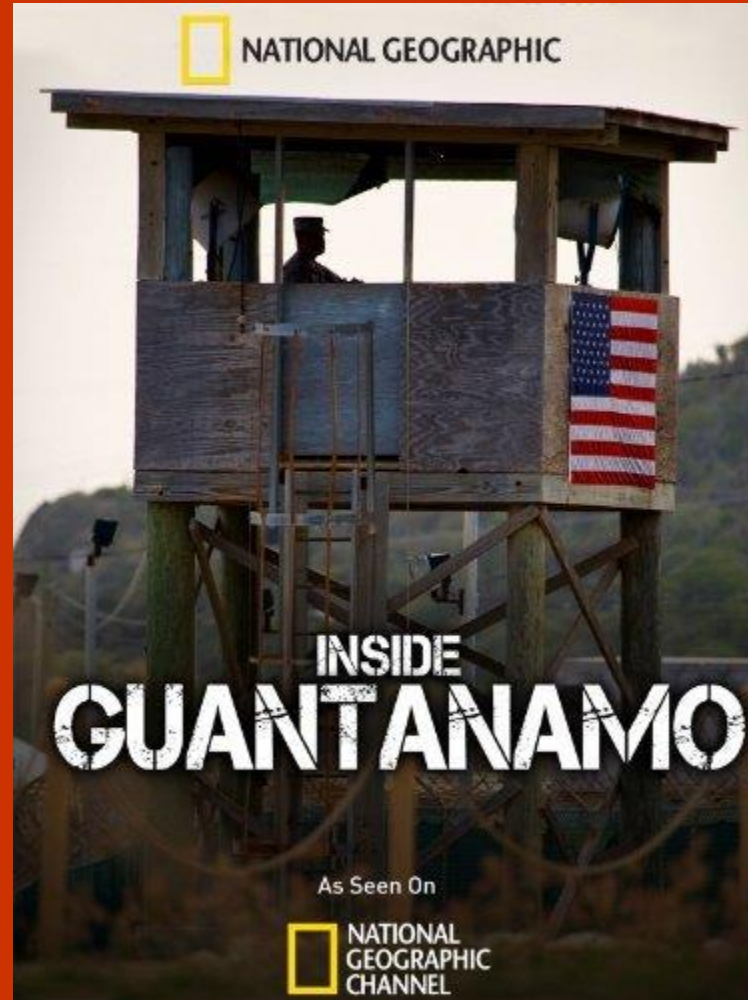
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Is Gitmo a symbol of torture?



Inside Guantanamo (April 2009)



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4J6_tCy8To