

John Yoo

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We can guess that the unacceptable conduct of the soldiers at Abu Ghraib resulted in part from the dangerous state of affairs on the ground in a theater of war.

~John Yoo

In light of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, critics are arguing that abuses of Iraqi prisoners are being produced by a climate of disregard for the laws of war.

~John Yoo

The effort to blur the lines between Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib reflects a deep misunderstanding about the different legal regimes that apply to Iraq and the war against al Qaeda.

~John Yoo

Applying different standards to al Qaeda does not abandon Geneva, but only recognizes that the U.S. faces a stateless enemy never contemplated by the Conventions.

~John Yoo

Under the Geneva Convention, for example, a POW is required only to provide name, rank, and serial number and cannot receive any benefits for cooperating.

~John Yoo

American soldiers had to guard prisoners on the inside while receiving mortar and weapons fire from the outside. Guantanamo is distant from any battlefield, making it far more secure.

~John Yoo

This is not to condone torture, which is still prohibited by the Torture Convention and federal criminal law.

~John Yoo

It is also worth asking whether the strict limitations of Geneva make sense in a war against terrorists.

~John Yoo

President Bush and his commanders announced early in the conflict that the Conventions applied.

~John Yoo

Without territory, it does not even have the resources to provide detention facilities for prisoners, even if it were interested in holding captured POWs.

~John Yoo

If the Court were to extend its reach to the base, judges could begin managing conditions of confinement, interrogation methods, and the use of information.

~John Yoo

Punishing abuse in Iraq should not return the U.S. to Sept. 10, 2001, in the way it fights al Qaeda, while Osama bin Laden and his top lieutenants remain at large and continue to plan attacks.

~John Yoo

Congress's definition of torture in those laws - the infliction of severe mental or physical pain - leaves room for interrogation methods that go beyond polite conversation.

~John Yoo

First Amendment speech and press rights may also be subordinated to the overriding need to wage war successfully.

~John Yoo

It is the policy of the United States not to engage in torture, and there are federal criminal laws that prohibit torture.

~John Yoo

The United States has used force abroad more than 130 times, but has only declared war five times - the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the Spanish-American War, and World Wars I and II.

~John Yoo

Declarations of war have never been a constitutional requirement for military action abroad.

~John Yoo

There was nothing wrong - and everything right - with analyzing a law that establishes boundaries on interrogation in the war on terrorism.

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