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Subject: As if we could pretend this wouldn't come around...

Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 23 Dec 2004 23:09:33 GMT

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Rather than requote all that, I'll just point out the parts.

In regards to this whole terrorists and prisoners of war bit. If Iraqi insurgents aren't being held as prisoners of war, what are they being held as? Even normal prisoners have certain rights that must be upheld.

Quote:WMDs were found; there is no denying it, Warranto. They were found in Iraq and date back to years before Saddam's regime ever fell.

One of the reasons the war was waged was because Saddam did not freely hand over his weapons of mass destruction that we knew he had, not because we couldn't find any. It was partly in an effort to enforce the flawed international law that you so closely cling to.

Not according to the UN just prior to war being declared. And that is all that really matters, regardless of what you may happen to think about the UN.

Quote:It doesn't change the fact he was nitpicking at specific points of my post while seeming to ignore the general point of it.

That is true, I was nitpicking. This is only because, while those in captivity have done unspeakable things (I'm assuming this as people are labeling them terrorists) and deserve what they are getting, the point is that it is still not the "right" thing to do, to which you appear to be arguing the alternative.

Quote:The fact that you belittle the successes of the war is disgusting warranto.

I'm not belittling the success of the war, I support the war (the timing of the war is another thing though, but that is beside the point), that doesn't make it any less than I have stated it as such.

Quote: And lack of sleep, playing music, barking dogs, and sitting on the floor can hardly be deemed: "seriously endangering the health of the prisoner."

Take a psychology course, and perhaps you'll think differently. These seemingly menial things can have a profound impact on a prisoners health. Both mental and physical. Over the short term, not so much, but over a period of time, most definitely. Of course, the context as to how these methods are being enacted upon them must also be taken into account.

A simple dog barking won't do a thing bad, however, a dog sounding like it will attack, while it's being held on a leash in front of your face, will.

Edit: Quote:On the contrary, Warranto is one of the liberals here that I can actually respect. Though we may differ in our views on a great many subjects, he is an independent thinker and not married to one party or the other (he's not even American, so why should he be married to an American political party?).

Unlike SuperFlyingLiberalTool, he can actually think for himself and doesn't need to be told how to

think. That's why I respect his views more than SuperFlyingLiberalTool.

Thanks, I think.

Though I'm not a "liberal" as is usually defined by people here. I'm more along the lines of "ensure what's right is understood prior to arguing for the wrong reasons". If "what's right" happens to be a liberal view, so be it. But if it happens to be a left or right view, well then, so be it.

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