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Justin Raimondo ci spiega come la storia degli orrori sia venuta fuori solo dopo che le foto circolavano da tempo in maniera incontrollabile; e sia stata poi presentata al pubblico dai media sotto forma di "sdegnata reazione" delle autorità.



Mentre uno dei torturatori fotografati si difende dicendo che era una normale prassi per estrarre informazioni e che il carcere era pieno di uomini della CIA che "controllavano" la situazione. Il fototorturatore era rispettato per la sua bravura nell'ottenere informazioni.

Tra l'altro, i torturatori sono civili e non militari, per cui potrebbero cavarsela senza alcuna punizione.

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Depravity as 'Liberation'

The torture of Iraqi prisoners by American soldiers at Abu Ghraib prison is emblematic of our crazed foreign policy by Justin Raimondo

The Abu Ghraib prison was a symbol of Saddam's horrific tyranny: electrodes hanging out of the walls, floors stained with the blood of god-knows-how-many victims, bodies dangling from meat-hooks, like in some cheap Grade-B horror flick. So when the Americans came and "liberated" the place, the long-suffering Iraqi people were supposed to be grateful. After all, the sadistic torturers of the Ba'athist regime were gone, and it was a new day - or was it?

Well, not all that new, according to a shocking report broadcast by CBS the other night. 60 Minutes II showed photos taken of American soldiers guarding the prison torturing their charges. The images show the American "liberators" liberating their own perverted libidos, posed next to naked prisoners who were being forced into simulating sex with each other. In one macabre shot, a hooded prisoner stands precariously perched on a pedestal, with electrodes attached to his arms: he is reportedly told that if he falls, he'll be electrocuted. There are several photos in which naked prisoners are stacked in a pyramid, and one with a slur written on his skin in English. Photos in the possession of the military authorities show a prisoner whose genitals are attached to wires. In one, a dog is shown attacking an Iraqi prisoner. The authorities are investigating the account

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of an Iraqi who alleges that a translator, hired by the Americans to work at Abu Ghraib, raped a male juvenile prisoner:

"They covered all the doors with sheets. I heard the screaming. ...and the female soldier was taking pictures."

Included in this photo-montage of Operation Iraqi Freedom is a picture of a badly beaten corpse.

"In most of the pictures," Dan Rather reports, "the Americans are laughing, posing, pointing, or giving the camera a thumbs-up."

This is how we're "liberating" Iraq.

Last month, 17 American soldiers, including the brigadier general in charge of all detention facilities in occupied Iraq, Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, were relieved of their duties: 6 face charges. The sickening details were kept secret, by journalists as well as the U.S. military, until the photos

began to circulate independently of both. When CBS finally stopped sitting on this story, they spun it so that it was framed in terms of an apologia, as articulated by Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy director of coalition operations in Iraq, who avers:

"So what would I tell the people of Iraq? This is wrong.