

# What Torture Means to Me

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----- You know what's torture to me? -----

Torture to me is being a family member of somebody who died in 9/11, either in the Twin Towers, the field in Pennsylvania, or the Pentagon. It's trying to go to bed every night thinking about what they experienced at that moment when the planes hit the towers. Torture, to me, is what you go through each and every day trying to go to sleep as you think about the last moments of the lives of your loved ones or family members on 9/11.

Torture is being a family member of an American beheaded on television by Al-Qaeda or ISIS or you name it -- Islamic jihadists -- and wondering what was going through their mind at that moment. Torture is then having that be the first thing on my mind when I wake up every day. That's torture. And it's every day. And it is every night. Torture is being the family member of a first responder on 9/11 as they gallantly, valiantly, courageously walked and ran into those Twin Towers looking for survivors, hoping to drag people out -- and they never came out.

Torture every day is wondering what they went through.

I'll tell you, there's something else that's torture to me, and that is knowing all of that, trying to go to sleep every night with those thoughts in my head -- and then having to get up and listen to the news in this country: A CIA report, intelligence report from the Senate intel committee which blames Americans for this. I try to go to sleep every night and I can't get the picture out of my head of my family member jumping out of those buildings or burning alive.

I get up and I get to listen to how we're mistreating -- by depriving them of sleep -- the people who did it. Torture, to me, is the utter frustration involved in watching various elements of our government bend over backwards to be nice, to have empathy, to be respectful to the people who did this to people I loved or members of my family. That's torture to me. What's torture to me is to get up every day after having not been able to forget any of that and to listen to one American after another essentially find ways to blame the United States for what happened.

There's all kinds of torture out there.

But what the left wants us to do is set aside our survival instincts.

They ask us not to use effective interrogation techniques to save lives. They ask us to gut the military. They ask us to downsize the military so that we can pay for ever-expanding dependency benefit programs. Liberalism asks us to set aside our survival instincts by doing nothing as we dismantle our nuclear capabilities. In other words, liberalism is asking us to set aside our survival instincts while we reduce our ability to project our power, either offensively or defensively.

Then liberalism asks us to forgo affordable energy. Liberalism asks us to stop using efficient, cheap, plentiful energy, and instead turn to a bunch of new things that don't work, never will work, and are only profiting a few select Democrat donors. Liberalism today is asking us to accept unaffordable health insurance premiums and unaffordable health insurance deductibles. Liberalism is asking us to pay more for everything!

Liberalism is asking us to set aside our survival instincts and to accept unaffordable health insurance premiums and deductibles, which is resulting in people forgoing medical treatment because they can't afford it. Liberalism is asking us to set aside our survival instincts by demanding we leave our borders wide open and unprotected. Liberalism is asking us set aside our survival instincts while those borders are overrun.

Just recently, liberalism told us that we should welcome known criminals from all over the world entering our country, because it's judgmental to deny them. Liberalism is asking us at the same time -- while all this is going on -- to bankrupt our country. We have \$18 trillion in national debt, and I think \$11 or \$10 trillion of that has been added in just the six years of Barack Obama. Liberalism is trying as hard as they can to get us to set aside our survival instincts by surrendering our Second Amendment rights to self-defense.

Liberalism never stops in attempting to get you separated from your gun. They're asking all of us to set aside our survival instincts, all the while trusting them to protect us. Except the problem is, liberals think that we are the problem, not Al-Qaeda, not Islamic Jihad, not the Taliban, not the Iranians. No! The Israelis and domestic Americans, particularly the Tea Party and conservative Republicans, that's who Americans need to fear and be on the lookout for. Liberals are asking us to set aside our survival instincts, and they call that progress.