

# Speaking the Unspeakable: Is the Bush Administration Guilty of Torture and War Crimes?

This past October and January in New York City, an unprecedented **Commission of Inquiry on Crimes Against Humanity by the Bush Administration** ([www.bushcommission.org](http://www.bushcommission.org)) took place. Nationally known whistleblowers, expert witnesses, and victims of the Bush policies presented rigorous and dramatic evidence on war and torture. It found the Bush Administration guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity—acts that, by their scale or nature, shock the conscience of humankind.

## **SPEAKERS**

### **PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR PHIL ZIMBARDO**

*In 1971, Professor Zimbardo conducted the now famous Stanford prison experiment in which students acting as prisoners and guards began to take on psychological characteristics of those roles. Professor Zimbardo has served as an expert witness at the court martial trials of the soldiers charged with prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and will show footage more explicit than what has appeared in the press.*



### **BRIGADIER GENERAL JANIS KARPINSKI**

*Former U.S. Brigadier General whose 800<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade was in charge of Abu Ghraib and 17 other prison facilities in Iraq. General Karpinski has testified that torture and other crimes committed upon detainees in Abu Ghraib and elsewhere in Iraq were authorized and directed by officials at the highest levels of the US government.*

### **FORMER UK AMBASSADOR, CRAIG MURRAY**

*Former British ambassador to Uzbekistan who was fired for exposing the US and British governments' complicity in torture and illegal detention in the US backed government of Uzbekistan. "I went to meetings with colleagues of mine, people I had known for over 20 years, ordinary, nice people who were setting down on paper strategies by which what we were doing could be said not to circumvent the U.N. Convention against torture. . . . At that moment I understood how some civil servant ended up writing out the orders for cattle trucks to go to Auschwitz and felt they were only doing their job."*



### **JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR LARRY EVEREST**

*Journalist and author of Oil, Power, and Empire: Iraq and the U.S. Global Agenda. "There is no 'war on terror.' The invasion and occupation of Iraq are not part of a 'war on terror' . . . What does exist is a horrific and criminal U.S. war of terror against the people of the world for greater empire."*

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