

The Guantánamo Blog

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THE MUZZLE IS BACK ON

Fortunately for all of you....the **muzzle** only applies to me.

On Tuesday I reported that the Government finally allowed me to discuss matters that had previously been "protected" in regards to my client Al-Ghizzawi. In fact the Government unclassified and allowed for public release a Petition for Original Habeas Corpus that I filed in the U.S. Supreme Court. I released that Petition to the Public in accordance with the Government's designation of "unclassified." On Friday the Department of Justice (DOJ) told me that it had made a mistake and that it had apparently violated the Protective Order (an Order that sets out the rules for the DOJ and Habeas counsel in regards to the Guantanamo cases) entered in the case when it "unclassified" and allowed for public release information in the Petition that it wanted to "protect" and that therefore I must remove my post of November 17 because of the DOJ's mistake. I explained to the DOJ attorneys that the Petition and my Post of November 17th were widely distributed and are available at various sites on the web....they do not seem to care about thatthey only care that I not report about what they are now trying to declare "protected information".... 5 days after they unclassified the material and made it available for public release.

This is of course outrageous conduct by the DOJ....in trying to declare something as "protected" after being clearly designated and distributed to the public but what else is new? For those of you who either remember my November 17th post or have it available on your website....I originally learned of the so called "Protected" information from a public source and the Judge in Al-Ghizzawi's case still ruled that I could not discuss it. Anyway, later this weekend I will try to provide all of the links that I can find from other sources who properly reported on the petition and my saga regarding it.... for now I am leaving you with these two links....[here](#) and [here](#) as I happen to have these easily available.

I also expect several websites and other media outlets to be reporting on this and making the petition available at their websites because they received it from me **back** when I was allowed to distribute it or otherwise obtained it on the internet. I also provided interviews earlier this week and I expect that those will soon be available too. If any of you have time out there to find some of the websites where this story and petition are published please feel free to provide a link...or if you see it pop up on websites in the coming weeks please provide those links as well.

This is not the end of this story. Under the Protective Order the Government must actually get the Judge's permission to retroactively keep me (and only me) from publishing and discussion the information that the Government now seeks to "Protect." The DOJ will have to file a document with the Court explaining why this now very public information should be "protected." Ultimately it will be the Judge's decision. If you do not see my post **back** up that will mean that the Judge agreed with the Government, that I alone cannot talk about those things that you are privy to discuss.

I will just add....this is just another day in the life of being a habeas counsel.

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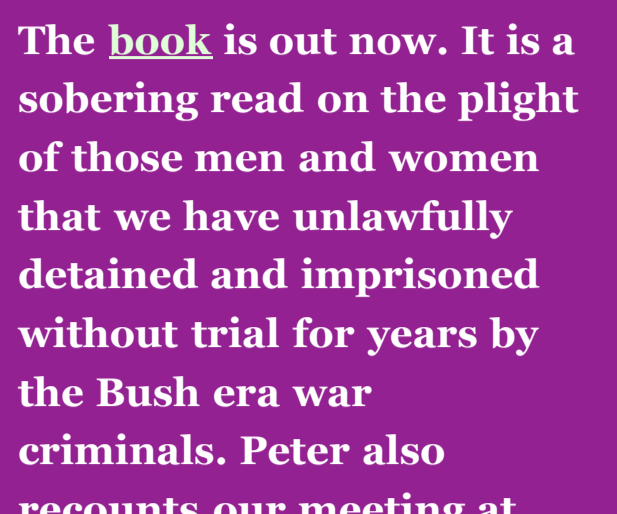
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Our Nation Unhinged

The **book** is out now. It is a sobering read on the plight of those men and women that we have unlawfully detained and imprisoned without trial for years by the Bush era war criminals. Peter also recounts our meeting at Guantanamo and follows some of the developments in Mr. Al-Ghizzawi's case. This is a must read.

WAR CRIMINALS WATCH

Keep up to date with the latest attempts to bring our war criminals to justice.

Ron Suskind's "The Way of the World"

If you have not read **Ron's book** then you do not have the whole story about what I have been doing to try to get my clients out of Guantanamo. Ron kept up with my activities and even followed me around on occasion to get the full story... then he weaved my story in with the stories of other individuals who are concerned with the direction of the United States. I recommend the book to all of you out there who also care about the direction that the US has gone these past eight years and want to work to change things.

H. Candace Gorman in the News

- [My Experiences Representing Gitmo Prisoners](#)
- [CAPTIVE FLOWER- on huffingtonpost](#)
- [The Way Of The World](#)
- [A Kinder, Gentler Torture-In These Times](#)
- [Al-Ghizzawi is to blame- on Huffingtonpost](#)
- [A Sickening Truth at Guantanamo- SALON](#)
- [The Hippocratic Oath dies in Gitmo- In These Times](#)
- [Catch 22 in the 21st Century](#)
- [Third times the charm?- In These Times](#)
- [PLEASE GIVE MR. AL-GHIZZAWI YOUR HELP NOW](#)
- [Suicide and Spin Doctors-In These Times](#)
- [SHHH, MR. AL-GHIZZAWI'S TORTURE IS SECRET- Huffington Post](#)
- [ANOTHER GITMO STOUGE BITES THE DUST- Huffington Post](#)
- [Inside the Secret Facility- In these times](#)
- [And Then There is the Underwear Story- Huffington Post](#)
- [Gitmos Last Honest Man- In These Times](#)
- [Garbage, Guantánamo-Style - Huffington Post](#)
- [Portrait of a Gitmo Propagandist - Huffington Post](#)
- [Get Me Out of Gitmo - In These Times.](#)
- [Torture by Another Name - In These Times](#)
- [Death at Guantánamo \(Again\) - Huffington Post](#)
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- [Hell is Hot - Huffington Post](#)
- [Is there a Larry Lurking in the Bushes? - Huffington Post](#)
- [The Attorney-Client Relationship - Huffington Post](#)
- [The Guantánamo Hunger Strike - In These Times](#)
- [Causing Unrest at Guantánamo - Huffington Post](#)
- [One Pill Fits All - Huffington Post](#)
- [Filing Court Papers, Guantánamo-Style - Huffington Post](#)
- [Reading Harry Potter in Guantánamo - In These Times](#)
- [I promise not to talk about torture - Huffington Post](#)
- [Justice, Guantánamo-Style - Huffington Post](#)
- [Third-Rate Lawyer - Huffington Post](#)
- [Guantanamo Myth No. 2: Caught on the Battlefield - Huffington Post](#)
- [Return to the Battlefield: The Number One Guantánamo Myth - Huffington Post](#)
- [Cully's Mentor - Huffington Post](#)
- [John Lennon and Mr. Al-Ghizzawi: Two Peas in a Secret Pod - Huffington Post](#)
- [An Open Letter to Cully Stimson - Huffington Post](#)
- [Inside America's Gulag - In These Times](#)
- [Diary of Guantánamo Attorney - In These Times](#)
- [FIVE YEARS LATER... but who's counting? - MichaelMoore.Com](#)
- [Guantánamo Five Years Later: The Graveyard of Human Rights - Huffington Post](#)
- [Reporter Envy \(Or Why a Guantánamo Attorney Dreams of Being a Reporter\) - Huffington Post](#)
- [Secrets of the War Criminals - Huffington Post](#)
- [The Great Writ - Huffington Post](#)
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- [Lawyers Say Frist is Lying - Capitol Hill Blue](#)
- [Why I Am Representing a "Detainee" at Guantanamo - Huffington Post](#)
- [A Legal Limbo - In These Times](#)

Documents and Resources

- [Cruel and Inhuman Conditions of isolation for detainees at Guantánamo Bay - Amnesty International](#)
 - [Seton Hall Report on Guantánamo Detainees](#)
 - [Report on Hunger Strikes - From the Center for Constitutional Rights](#)
 - [Faces of Guantánamo - From the Center for Constitutional Rights](#)
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 - [Belfast and beyond/Amnesty International](#)
 - [Fora TV \(Boumediene v. Bush Panel Discussion\)](#)
 - [Andy Worthington](#)
 - [Guantánamo Testimonials Project](#)
 - [CagePrisoners.com](#)
 - [The Talking Dog](#)
 - [Project Hamad](#)
 - [The Center For Constitutional Rights](#)
 - [Guantánamo Global Justice Initiative](#)
 - [National Guantánamo Coalition \(UK\)](#)
 - [Guantánamo News and Resources, JURIST](#)
 - [Human Rights Watch - Guantánamo Site](#)
 - [Guantánamo Testimonials Project](#)
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- [U.S. Naval Station Guantánamo Bay](#)
 - [Joint Task Force - Guantánamo Bay](#)
 - [DoD Public Affairs Site](#)
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