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Condoning Torture: The American Psychological Association's Policy on Detention Centers

A PRESENTATION BY

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For over eight years now, the American Psychological Association has protected the right of psychologists to design, consult in, and in some cases even directly participate in, the use of torture at Guantánamo and other detention centers. Many psychologists within the American Psychological Association and, in particular, the Members of Division 39 of Psychoanalysis, have opposed the stance adopted by the leadership of their Association.

Addressing this much neglected topic, Dr. Frank Summers, president-elect of the American Psychological Association Division of Psychoanalysis, will bring to the fore the story of this betrayal of the ethical standards of the profession of psychology by the organization that is charged with the responsibility to uphold them. The deceptive nature of the practices of the APA designed to protect and even promote the participation of psychologists in torture will be brought to light and call into question the ethical role of the individual psychologist as well as the largest professional organization of psychologists in the world at a time and in a society torn by political strife.

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