Subject: Detainee Treatment Rules
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 06 Oct 2005 18:43:27 GMT
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Wheew; thank god the Senate came to their senses and passed that set of rules returning our policy back to reality. It sickened the whole world including myself and all rational people to think we as a nation would condone torture. Disregard the fact that it doesn't work; it really is disgusting to think our country condoned it even for a short time.We can restore a little pride again.Funny how it's the ones who ducked their service that promoted it.

Subject: Bush will VETO it. As he should. (NT)
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Thu, 06 Oct 2005 20:55:04 GMT
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Subject: Re: Now how did I know you would support totureing people
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 00:22:52 GMT
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Subject: Now how did I know you would support the terrorists? (NT)
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 00:46:28 GMT
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Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 01:02:12 GMT
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Mr V; short break in hostilities. I must say this; there are people who post on this site who behave

like small children; they initiate a post as if they are serious individuals but then when you reply with respect they insult you and run away. You stick to your guns and for that I respect you regardless of how you insulted me with the clueless remark. Before we resume hostilities let me commend you on standing your ground like a man instead of slinking away like a weasal.So; let the games resume.I don't support terrorists; so how has torturing people we suspect of being terrorists helped our cause?

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 02:01:25 GMT
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Well, first let me say that my clueless remarks were made under the influence of alcohol. And by the way it was also kind of a joke. I was trying to emulate a line from the movie Animal house. However you come on and post some very inflammatory things. It can be quite infuriating. I do apologize for the rudeness of some of my remarks.Now to the case at point. I don't believe what amounts to college pranks rises to torture. However even if we did cross the line this is serious stuff ok? These people want to kill as many Americans as possible. I don't give a rats butt whether they are comfortable in jail. If it takes actual torture to find out where Saddam is hiding or what hole Bin Laden is cowering in then so be it. If it takes torture to find out about a plot to bomb a train station or a plot to fly planes into buildings then so be it. I think that most Americans are for whatever it takes to secure the freedom and safety of America. I believe your hatred of Bush is clouding your thoughts. I don't believe you understand the importance of winning this war. This is not about your party winning back the presidency. This is about the future of our country and the safty of our people and children. Forget your hatred of Bush and think about what's important.Look at what we are up against. Remember nobody at Gitmo ever cut off someone's head. So they cut off innocent people's heads and we made them stay up late. Yeah that's torture.I believe Bush has done a great job so far in defending our country. He would do an even better job if the liberals would stop coddling the terrorists and start backing America.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 03:18:00 GMT
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I agree and disagree with both of you. In respect to prisoners; they have no rights. They gave up all their rights when they commit crimes against the rule of our land. We need to stop trying to get other countries to live by our laws too. Just like if they don’t like ours they should go someplace else, we should abide by what laws other small countries have. Don’t want to get caned? Don’t piss them off. Don’t want to go to jail for smoking dope? Smoke in your own backyard. Torture? Is it not torture alone to watch the news and see what terrorist and criminals do to everyday society...Bush isn't doing a good job. He doesn’t have any good ideas and he can’t even put good advice to use. I would just assume see a good republican administration,

but this one isn't it. Just my opinion and it looks like the country is 50/50 on this one too. A born again supreme justice? Wow...You guys make it enjoyable to chat and bitch about current affairs. Always better to hash on stuff with other opinions than your own. It strengthens your opinions or changes them. either way life moves ahead another day.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 10:44:11 GMT
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Hi,I mostly agree with what you are saying. You'll have to be a little more specific about what Bush is doing wrong before I can debate you on his actions. I believe many good things have happened in Iraq and Afghanistan that the media just isn't reporting. Bush has had to deal with a lot of stuff since being President. Tough decisions had to be made. Mistakes are bound to happen. I'm not a Bush apologist but I don't think he is getting a fair shake sometimes. I agree with you about Bush's supreme court appointees. I am not happy with either. But no matter who he picked the press and liberals would be all over him. Oh and I don't think she is a Borne again? What about Ginsburg? She is just as ridicules as anyone Bush has appointed but that doesn't seem to bother anyone.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 12:27:11 GMT
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I'm afraid I have to agree to disagree on this one with both of you guys. A prisoner does not give up his rights because all crimes are not of equal seriousness. Would you use the same methods of force and discipline against a guy in Jail for falling behind in paying his taxes as you would for a child murderer? If the BTK killer should be treated the same as a guy who got caught with a roach in his cars ashtray?The law makes exception for the serious nature of crimes by assigning different punishments and we have to do the same. Don't forget; none of the prisoners in Guantanmo have been charged. So which one of those guys was picked up by mistake and now is being tortured.Listen; read some of the literature. The guys responsible for implementing the torture policies do not like them because they don't work. It gets people to tell incorrect information while under duress; they will give up the brother-in-law they hate they will say anything to relieve the pain and that information is never reliable. Let the pro's handle this; to a man they all say you get people to co-operate by brains not brawn.Secondly to be considered a civilised country you can't torture people. You just can't do it and still be a civilised nation; with torture you are nothing better than a totalitarian state.Bush came into office with an agenda to do three things/eliminate entitlements from the economy for the poor and middle class while keeping them in place for the rich. To secure the oil-fields in the middle east for American interests by force. To put in place a method to control the population so the business interests could operate without restrictions; ie, removing personal rights/removing environmental restrictions/ and enabling all of government

police powers to operate without any control or oversight by the citizens.Sorry but that is his mandate from the wealthy and powerfull who put him in office.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 13:09:23 GMT
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Yes indeed. If you don't pay your taxes you should sit in the cell right next to charles manson for all I care. I pay a whole in taxes. I don't like it one bit and I think there is a lot pork and a lot of people who take advantage of the system that taxes fund. If I don't like the US tax structure to the point of not paying, I can leave this country and pick another country more to my liking. But, as long as I live here I am obliged to pay the rules we live by. The prison system I see today is way to lenient. The dollar figures to house a prisoner for life is just staggering. More money than some people earn. Lets see some more work load from the incarcerated.If you think its unfair, immoral or unjust. Don't commit crimes and be sent to jail. More accountability, more deterrent. If you want to say less rights, less frills and poorer treatment wont be a deterrent I say your wrong, but, at the very least it will cost you less money to fund the prison system and that will be more money that stays in your pocket that you worked hard for and wont have to give up to people who break your rules. What about drunk drivers? shit, I like to have a few boat drinks, but if I'm stupid enough to drive home and be caught I'm going to have to sit next to the BTK killer for a while.

Subject: Chain gangs....
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 16:36:45 GMT
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I agree. Prisoners should be made to work off the cost of their confinement. Prison should not have TV, baseball fields, basketball courts or weight lifting equipment. I could care less about jail being a deterrent (although it certainly should be hard time that's for sure). Jail is for punishment and nothing else. A criminal should also serve all of his time. None of this early release for good behavior crap. It should be extended time for bad behavior.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 17:41:19 GMT
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Let me just get the good part out of the way and say that in regards to drunk drivers who kill you are right on. That is an offense I would put up there with the BTK guy. Taxes; Jesus H. Christ my property tax bill came for the next half and it went up 7%..thats 7%. I pay 7200.00$ per yr for a

little 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath house on a small lot. Thats not to mention state sales tax and the rest of the onerous tax burden on the middle class.The tax anology hit's too close to home I see; bad choice. I am afraid I must insist on seperating out crime from infractions. The entire drug law as written is draconian. How can an insurance company pay for an alchoholic to be treated as a person with a disease then put the same guy in jail for having that disease. Maybe thats a better analogy. Know anyone who's been divorced? See whats left of their check at the end of the week? I mean it could drive people to do things they would regret..right?The purpose of our penal system is supposed to be rehabilitation. If you think the bill for these services is high now...think about the aging of the prison population and the amazingly high amount of prisoners we have incarcerated for a first world nation. All of these guys are going to need massive amounts of health care in the near future; some committ crimes to be re-instated just to get the health care they need and can't get on the outside. You should go to prison for capital crimes only. And those guys should fullfill the whole sentence. The rest should be made to provide restitution.I am only concerned with getting the guy out of prison and making sure he stays there. If you create an animal in there from abusive and punishing behaviour he will be right back; you can be assured. Sometime you have to bite the bullet and do the positive thing.Most people think jail is another country; but it is amazing how close many people come to that line without even thinking about it. A few boat drinks and you have a dead eleven year old like we had here in Suffolk last year. That may end in a guy doing time; a guy who never thought it could happen to him.

Subject: Re: Chain gangs....
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 17:47:56 GMT
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Does the concepts of; making a mistake once in your life..the quality of mercy..the sheer inability of the citizenry to provide the massive amounts of money needed to incarcerate so many individuals enter this at all?If a guy embezzles money from his company; should he be thrown in the hole and stomped on a regular basis for that infraction? Or maybe ordered to make restitution and allowed to become a constructive citizen again?Are there any contigent circumstances allowed in this approach to creating a law abiding citizenry?

Subject: Re: Chain gangs....
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 18:22:11 GMT
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Na, I just cant agree with that stuff. I see prison as punishment. It act as a deterrent but if people say it doesn't then at the very least it can be a punishment for breaking rules. Rehabilitation is positive byproduct from being punished. The punishment should fit the crime. You dont ground your kid for a year for writing on a wall and you wouldnt shack up an embezeler on death row. BUT. niether of the offenders should get the frills the prsions have now. Dont get me wrong, I dont think being in prison would be a picknick in anyway at all. I'm sure it's quite misserable indeed. I

just think it should be worse. I dont want to pay for the way it is, I dont want to make any better, or nicer. It should the most rotten godaweful place known to mankind. It's prison, where those who cant obide by the rules of morality and safety that both we and they have voted on. Make a mistake? Sure. Child support? I pay more than some earn. The laws are crazy. The things my ex got away with would have landed me in jail for harassment at the very least. I felt the laws were very skewed for the woman. I thought of moving to another country! It's funny now but boy it wasn't then. Some people might might make a choice to commit a crime with the justification that if they get caught, the punishment would be worth it. Do you guys think there is one system that could work for everyone? even if you look at the 3 of us in this little thread of the world. we would have 3 different systems. could one of them even be correct for all?

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 18:31:33 GMT
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Good God Man! you pay a lot out on the island. I pay 4500 for property and its a good price. for a 300k house you pay 8000, for 600k house might be 12k a year. million dollar house usually runs around 20-23k for taxes. We decided to get a boat and play around the water areas and stay in less atractive house. I just couldnt bring myself to pay more property tax.Want get sick? go to remax.com or realtor.com and look in the state of TN. some of the listing have the taxes listed. you wont even believe it. You can get a house that cost 200k and a tax bill for 850! I have been telling the wife we need to go there when we retire.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 18:51:39 GMT
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I could be wrong on the Borne again. I thought I heard she was. I dont know a thing about ginsburgs appointment. If I get a chance I'll take a look at some of her decisions and let you know what I think of the job she did. I'm not even sure I like any of the justices or appointed justices. I like that they all are a bit different and together they form a good decision, most of the time.I never thought Bush could handle the pressure of the job. He doesn't strike me as being capable of thinking on his feet. I dont like the massive amounts of money we spend on foreign soil. I cant save the people in the middle east. They have been fighting for 2000 years and will continue to do so. I dont feel safer with Sadam gone. Is the world a better place with out him? Sure! but it was not imperative we remove him. Wasnt there surplus money when Bush got in? He gave a tax break because of it I though. Now the national debt is beyond huge. The man says silly things when he talks. He does not come across as presidential. I gave him a vote the first time because I liked his tax policy. Then I felt betrayed with the whole war thing. I just cant get on board with it. 200 billion would a lot of good things in the united states. It's our money, lets use it here.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 19:54:34 GMT
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I know we too are looking around. I however am afraid it will be too late. Look at the current listings for places like Willmington in North Carolina and areas of FLA around Daytona as well as parts of Delaware (no state tax). The prices are skyrocketing. I guess due to boomers looking to get in under the radar.I hope this cools a little because I don't want to trade one high taxed area for another that rises exponentially due to ageing boomers flocking down there!Plus you have to be near decent hospitals and health care facilities.It's a bitch aint it?I don't know about Tenn. though; might be a little too much for me in terms of the populace residing there. I never liked eating squirrell.

Subject: Re: Chain gangs....
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 20:04:36 GMT
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Hey; I'm sorry to hear about that thing Bill, I hope it didn't hit a nerve. Penal theory is dense and it doesn't seem to lend itself to easy solutions. Some states are easy time and some are real rough. I guess you could look at the status of recidivism to see if the easy ones or the hard ones do better.As I say there are crimes and then there are crimes. I have no mercy...none for certain types of crime and I could care less if they hung those perpetrators. But in other cases I would be more hesitant to judge how they should be treated. Maybe make them eat the loaf or something. You know about the LOAF?In case it's not familiar the loaf is a ground up mess of soy beans and vegetable waste with fillers. They give it too prisoners who misbehave.While the food is healthy it tastes so bad that they say prisoners try to escape rather than eat it. Grown men cry when it appears on their plate. Yeah; big tough guys. It's just that bad. It's like my mother-in-laws meatloaf.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 22:49:52 GMT
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Bill if I may. The reason we are in Iraq is this; the foundation of our dollar has in the past twenty years become tied to energy futures. Before this we never had any competition for our monetary system because the dollar was King. Now however there is a new player on the horizon; the Euro. Since much of the debt of the U.S. is held by foriegn investors we need to keep oil tied to the dollar as a hedge. The Iraqi's made it clear they were intent in the 1990's on re-structuring oil price in the world market through Euro's; which would remove any influence the U.S. has in the oil market other than as a consumer. No more ability to control price's. Thats why we went to war in reality.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 01:33:48 GMT
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That sounds kinda, out there, John. I sure dont know what the hidden agenda is but I sure hope there is one. The reasons the shrub has been blathering about like world peace with out sadam, terrorist and of course the immortal cry, 'weapons of mass destruction' is all just lies. The dollar being weak against the euro has been very good for american business that I can see. We are able to export tons of merchandise since other countries now have greater buying power. The business people I know in Europe are not happy the dollar is weak.who knows what goes on behind the scene.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 01:46:09 GMT
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LOL 'eating squirrel'Its just nuts isn’t it? your house value goes up a couple hundred percent but you still have to spend more on the next house! California is just shock and awe for me. I made some trips trip Tenn when I was a little younger and always thought it was great. Great climate with about 4 weeks of winter by a north eastern comparison and not too hot in the summer. Great landscape with mountains and lots of waterfront lakes. Great people, just super friendly and honest with that no stress attitude. Possum too!

Subject: Re: Chain gangs....
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 01:55:34 GMT
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Na, no problem John. Never heard about the loaf. I dont no any prison storries I guess. I stay pretty well behaved now days, dont want to know any prison stories! Even when wild I think I would have been safe from working the pea farm...

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 02:11:57 GMT
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No thats not some conspiricy theory all of this info had to be made public through corporate filings and the regular business practice. Let me ask you; why do you think we pay half of what the rest

of the world pays for oil?It is easy to find out who owns american debt instruments. It's a matter of public record. I just repeat the facts which are not secret or hidden. Just under-reported.Think as a business man; who gains if the Chinese and South American governments convert all of that 300 billion in American T-bills into euro's. The interest rate here skyrocket to pay the debt and we pay the price. Plenty of info but it is all based in economic reports and funding report requirements.I always said the real danger to America was never some half-baked dictatorship on a desert it's the rise of the European Union. Their GNP equals ours should they get the charter realised. Then we got problems. We live on floating debt. All of this is right there in the Wall Street Journal for anyone who cares to look.But yes it does look a little area 57'ish in print.Looks like this is down to you and me agian. Mr V somehow got hisself pissed off again. Man I can't win.So hows the boat; put it in drydock for the winter?

Subject: Re: Chain gangs....
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 02:15:55 GMT
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Yeah; the LOAF stands for something; Legal and owfull food or something.It costs 67c a day to feed the prisoners on it but they sued and now it can only be used for bad behaviour.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 02:20:27 GMT
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Possum; how can you resist! Sounds like somthing Granny would make on the Beverly Hillbillies." I'm a fixin' some possum stew Jed.""OOH Weee Doggies, granny that do smell right good now."

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 02:29:31 GMT
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I love the conspiracy theory stuff. Makes life more interesting with a little what if...Mr V pissed? naa... I hope he's out having a nice dinner and a show. The boat hits the pavement next week. Funny, but I'm looking forward to doing changes and fix ups. We went out last weekend, the lake was like glass and the weather perfect. this weekend is a wrap, rain wind, big waves.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 14:29:31 GMT
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What Lake Bill?

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 14:49:29 GMT
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Lake Ontario

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 14:49:44 GMT
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Hi,I don't like the massive amounts of money we spend on foreign soil either. But the war in Iraq would be money well spent if it could be brought to a successful conclusion. A tall order I agree. 200 billion dollars is a lot of money but sometimes an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Just because something is difficult doesn't mean we should try to tackle the problem. Regarding the surplus money when Bush took office. There wasn't any. The national debt was growing when Clinton was in office and is still growing now. There may have been a balanced budget or a surplus in the budget for a year or two but this was due to economic reasons and not anything the President did. Remember the President does not spend any money at all period. All the President does is sign or veto any bill that congress sends him. It's congress that spends the money. The economy goes up and down in cycles and there is not much anyone can do to change it. All the President can do is give tax cuts which Bush has done. But even this is a short term solution. Bush is a poor speaker that's for sure. But I don't think he says silly things. I would rather have a President that is a poor speaker but says/does the right things than a President that is a good speaker that says/does the wrong things.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 17:27:41 GMT
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So you get weather up there then hah? Whats the traffic like on the lake? Down here in the bay during the summer we get the whole Jewish Navy.

Subject: Re:I have to say Mr Vinyl is a man; not a bail-out
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 23:36:40 GMT
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It can be a little busy but I wouldnt say its bad. I'm docked inside Irondiquoite bay and getting in and out the channel can be a draf on a good weekend.