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Talk I U of I 11/3/09 Creative use of law as a positive force for social change: Confronting Torture and Extrajudicial Detention materials clipping website

NYT

Happy to be here---shared some recent clippings---exciting moment in our work---national sec

Rendition---arar---abu omar

Detention---gitmo---habeas corpus---s ct Palau

Preventive detention---obama

Torture---over? Accountability---europe National Torture Accountability Day

Private armies---blackwater

FBI guidelines

Push back---not all the way back---

Bill of Att  
Nov 14

O TEA works

(not all we do or have done: racial justice cases---vulcans/corporate---prisons---unocal---fbi---)

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Tell you a bit how ccr got here --today

positive X

Majority of our current Work is a Shift---from representing those I and ccr were in general agreement---social change organizations to protecting democratic rights as rights divorced from part movements---eg anti war movement; pr indep movement; acorn---vs Skokie (social change comes from grass roots movements---set up to defend them)

OUR WORK

Our founding---the south---social movements and how we looked at law (case even if lost---how we saw courts)

Founding

Different than other human rights organizations---1. litigation---2. among those who litigate---openly radical---not better prisons but get rid of it---3. We were not afraid to lose---bad precedent law as positive social force for change---but thru grassroots struggle

difference in some of the cases today---gitmo---not about that---saving fundamental rights point where ness to do those even if clients worst of worst---reached that point---under bush II

II

CCR Why did I go there?---law school in 1968---civil rights and war warren court what did I do---attica---sent there Impossible case---prosecution

CCR Why

Vietnam---resisters; wiretapping---surveillance of anti war movement; Puerto rico cuba

IV

Struggles in central America 90's --no US intervention---used law---part of struggle

War---

FBI

Personal---families wiped out

Torture + Filartiga + U.S. Today  
RICE

V.

Torture

CCR key case---Filartiga---torture in other countries---mixed---not precisely social movement---but became critical in struggle against torture

Civil case

Facts---

What cld you do---what was status of torture prohibition---no cat---issue of countries do it

JAB

Won in 1980 Carter---  
Torturer -like pirates---

VI Led to amazing set of cases—used is social struggles and accountability

---gramajo --guatemala -18 year old—  
personal

--Haiti unocal Nigeria Bolivia

Expanded law—not just torture—genocide war crimes disappearances

VII Universal jurisdiction—criminal cases—how much weight these prohibitions have

US efforts at accountability—where are we-- read condolezza rice

Rumsfeld in germany

US torture in Spain

Goldstone and war crimes---

IRICE on Torture

VIII Talk about Gitmo---

Not my or ccr's first encounter

Where is gitmo

Why is it controlled by US

Question is what rights? - example

Gitmo I  
Gitmo II - Nov / 4

Gitmo I—haitian gitmo

Storming the court— brand Goldstein

Coup in Haiti—earlier case

What did govt do---took to gitmo processed

But---

Hiv ---no longer the case---

Bush I and Clinton—both kept it going

Impossible case—hiv refugees Haitians

How did we win—eventually court -lower---clinton not appeal

Large grass roots movement of those very groups act up refugee advocates and Haitians African Americans

IX My person experience ---conditions—

-not back—to prisons to survivors or gitmo

Gitmo II  
Detention

X Today—wide docket

Titled toward 9/11---

Gitmo --remarkable advocacy story—

Oder of nov 13 2001

What it does

Debate---change at CCR

Why do it? fundamental

Beginning—no one

No clients-next friend

No law---

No money

Most unpopular

What did we want? Simple—magna carta—test detention—deeper question

Const v human rights law

Role of lawyers movement press public

Role of court—win win win and now again  
Role of congress bad bad bad  
Role of president bad somewhat bad---today—said close—still preventive and mili commissions  
But if close and just change physical location not enuff

IT Does not end with Obama---

Not get a pass

Many of these issues gitmo preventive milit commissions renditions torture and accountability fbi guidelines

Website

Creative Use of Law as Positive Force  
for social change  
Confronting Torture + Extrajud. Detention

What I do?

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— Today: Bill of A  
Clippings + ANA + Ptnly

Torture / Rendition

- Web.
- NYT
- pamphlets
- PLAYING CARDS

2. Turkmen  
3. Silvio - PATAU →  
— Comment Work + R20/50A

Foundry

Torture - Filantropia; expansion  
Silvio I - II

OBAMA