

CIA Executive Director: CIA Committed Torture

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Former CIA Executive Director Buzzy Krongard [told](#) BBC on Monday that the CIA did engage in torture:

[BBC] asked Buzzy Krongard, the CIA's former executive director, if he thought waterboarding and painful stress positions were torture:

"Well, let's put it this way, it is meant to make him as uncomfortable as possible. So I assume for, without getting into semantics, **that's torture**. I'm comfortable with saying that," he explained.

Krongard isn't the first high-level official to admit that what the CIA did was torture. The following officials also admitted that the CIA tortured:

- [President Obama](#)
- [Eric Holder](#), U.S. Attorney General
- [Ramsey Clark](#), U.S. Attorney General
- [Tom Ridge](#), head of the Department of Homeland Security
- [Lt. Gen. Michael D. Maples](#), the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency
- [Barry McCaffrey](#), 4-Star General, who was awarded three Purple Hearts, two Distinguished Service Crosses, and two Silver Stars
- [David Irving](#), Brigadier General
- The [Senate Intelligence Committee](#)
- [Colonel Morris Davis](#), the Chief Prosecutor of the Guantanamo military commissions
- [Darrel Vandeveld](#), former prosecutor in the Guantanamo military commissions
- [Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson](#), former chief of staff to Colin Powell

- [Malcolm Nance](#), an advisor on terrorism to the US departments of Homeland Security, Special Operations and Intelligence
- [Matthew Alexander](#), a former top Air Force interrogator who led the team that tracked down Abu Musab al-Zarqawi
- [Jack Cloonan, Mike Marks, Jim Clemente, Joe Navarro, and Luis Busquets](#), FBI officers
- [John Kiriakou](#), CIA officer and interrogator
- [Ricardo Sanchez](#), Lieutenant General and the former top coalition commander in Iraq
- [Thomas Romig](#), Major General and Army JAG
- [Antonio Taguba](#), Major General
- The [United Nations Office of the High Commissioner](#)
- [Downing Street](#)
- [The United States has always considered waterboarding to be a crime of torture, including when the Japanese did it in WWII](#) (and see [this](#))

Why does this matter?

Because [top experts say](#) that torture doesn't work to provide evidence (even in a "ticking time bomb" scenario) ... and that it severely harms America's national security.

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