

Who is carrying out this torture?

Survivors report being used by a variety of organizations, including government agencies, corporations and private criminal networks.

Why?

The conditioning techniques turn subjects in veritable slaves. Once subjects have been conditioned, they can be forced to carry out any number of activities. Survivors report being used for prostitution, medical experimentation, technology development, domestic and foreign covert operations and crime.

How do they obtain subjects?

Many inductees are pulled from abusive home situations, often involving non-state torture^[7], and sometimes from military families. Exploited children make ideal subjects. They are often already adept at managing the problematic effects of extreme trauma and their parents are compliant or easily coerced with the threat of prosecution.

Aren't memories once hidden by amnesia unreliable?

According to research, memories formerly inaccessible due to dissociation are no more or less reliable than ordinary memories. In some cases, on first access, they may be more reliable because of their frozen quality.

What can I do?

Inform your friends, and spread the word.

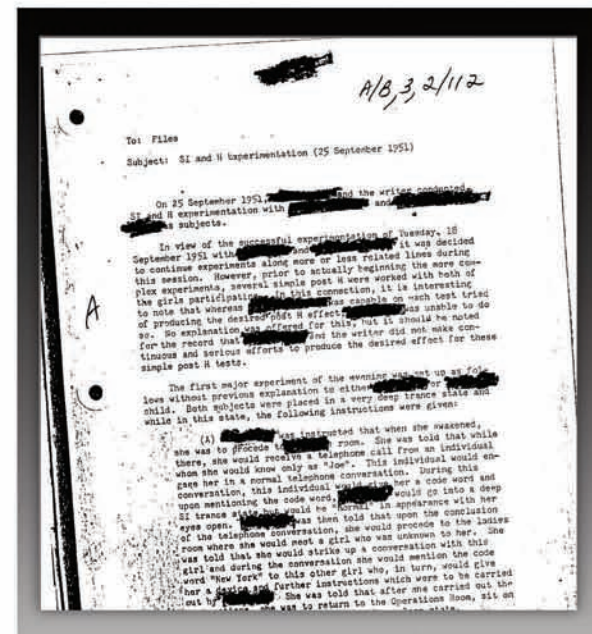
Due to politics, some mainstream advocacy groups and NGO's have refused to provide support for US torture survivors. Help us build connections with willing groups by providing them with this document. You can also download it here:

<http://LynnsArt.net/pamphlet.pdf>

Notes

1. <http://www.scribd.com/doc/55385843/SI-H-Experiment-on-Two-ChildrenCIA-Mori-ID-0000190527>
2. John Marks' collection is housed in the National Security Archive at George Washington University. <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/index.html>
3. Wikipedia. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unethical_human_experimentation_in_the_United_States#Psychological_and_torture_experiments
4. Extreme Abuse Survey <http://extreme-abuse-survey.net>
5. Janet Thomas, Day Breaks Over Dharamsala: A Memoir of Life Lost and Found (Nutshell Books, 2009) 372.
6. <http://LynnsArt.net>. More victim testimony (video): <http://youtu.be/gH9XHIfH0PM>
7. For a complete definition of non-state torture see <http://nonstatetorture.org/>

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Government Document, CIA Mori ID #0000190527 entitled "SI and H Experimentation (25 September 1951)"⁽¹⁾
Describes how 2 children were hypno-programmed to arm a bomb.

Torture, Human Experimentation, and Slavery in the US

What happened at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq was not an aberration. Shortly after WWII, and under the pressure of the burgeoning Cold War, the US initiated a massive research program into interrogation techniques and psychological control. As Alfred W. McCoy termed it, this veritable *Manhattan Project of the mind* spanned several decades and required billions of dollars of tax money. Although the government claimed its research was fruitless, survivors of all ages who recount experiences of torture and behavioral conditioning continue to surface today.

A Brief History

By 1963, the CIA had synthesized many of the findings from its psychological research. Some of these were laid out in what became known as the KUBARK Counterintelligence Interrogation handbook. A decade later, CIA director Richard Helms, fearing that these activities would be exposed to the public, ordered the umbrella project terminated, and all related files destroyed. Subsequent to mid-1970's congressional inquiries, researcher John Marks was able to obtain around 18,000 documents^[2], due to a CIA clerical error. The documents show that interrogation and behavior control techniques were tested on hundreds of unwitting subjects at over 80 facilities across the US^[3].

Some survivors of these experiments have spoken out publicly, written memoirs or lent themselves to documentary exposés. Some pursued and won legal battles. Most remain in the shadows however. That there are victims coming forward today who are in their early twenties tells us the techniques have remained in use long after claims to the contrary.

The 2007 EAS

The Extreme Abuse Survey or EAS^[4] of 2007 included a total of **1471 respondents** from 31 countries. Of those, **257** survivors reported that secret, government sponsored torture-conditioning experiments were performed on them **as children**. **185** reported these activities occurred in the US.

EAS respondents remembered these torture techniques, among others.

236	Forced drug usage
222	Sensory deprivation
217	Electroshock
186	Near-drowning experiences
171	Aversive hypnosis

Child Victims shocked into amnesia; Adult Survivors terrified into Silence

128 Had been taken out of their schools to other locations for torture-conditioning and then returned to their classrooms.

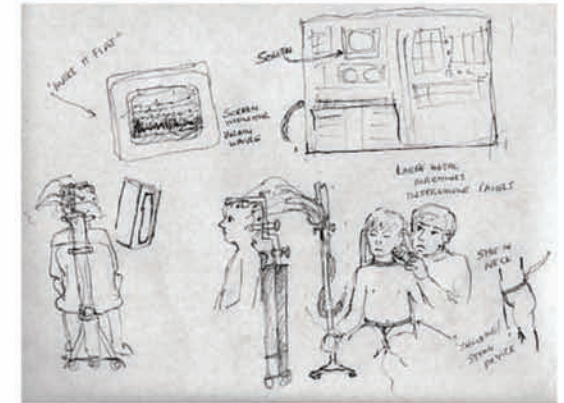
228 Had been **threatened with death** if they ever talked about their abuse.

100 Reported that **current access** by perpetrators involves harm to their physical, mental, and/or spiritual well-being.

Survivor Accounts

"There is not much feeling in this hand. It is a hand that is always cold, always numb, always looked after by my other hand—the right one, the one that writes, that does everything. "The scar is real," it writes. It is a huge scar. It is connected to medical experiments and electric shocks to see if the severed nerve would grow, and electric shocks to make sure I didn't remember the electric shocks. And shocks to obliterate the memory of the sexual exploitation, the manipulation of my mind, and the banishment of my self to a place of hiding so profound it would take me fifty years to get her back."

Author Janet Thomas^[5]



Journal Drawing 5

Biofeedback training to block access to certain parts of the brain. The note reads: "Make it flat". The belt I am wearing was made to deliver shocks of various intensities.

Artist Lynn Schirmer^[6]