

WAR, TERROR, & TORTURE

DEBATE TOPIC: Professor Alan Dershowitz makes a case for the United States being up-front about the fact that we will use torture in certain very specific cases, and that we should institute a system of “torture warrants” where judges will make a decision about the need for torture and a paper trail will be left behind. The Pro side should explain and defend Dershowitz’s proposal, and the Con side should critique it.

PAPER TOPIC: We believe that much of the Twenty-first Century will find the United States involved in international military conflict, whether in the form of traditional wars, or the use of military to combat domestic and international terror. What should be the moral and practical standards by which such use of military force is conducted? Defend your answers.