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People working to expose the truth on the torture camps -- including Guantanamo, Bagram, but some still secret "black sites" -- have been demanding for years that the Senate Intelligence Committee's report of their investigation be made public. On Wednesday the still-classified content of the report was making headlines, with MSNBC saying <u>"CIA Lied About Torture to Justify Using It"</u>   :

A Senate intelligence committee investigation found that the Central Intelligence Agency employed brutal interrogation methods that turned out to be largely useless and then lied about their effectiveness, <u>according</u> to *The Washington Post*.

It's not news that Dianne Feinstein, that most prominent backer of all things NSA, and who heads the Senate Committee, was in on the torture virtually from the beginning, as a Congressional leader who was briefed on it. Now she's all, "that never should have happened" — but it was the Democrats in power — in collusion with the Bush Regime who allowed and fostered torture in the name of "national security."

The **most crucial part of this story is still unfolding**. More infighting over the potential that revelations could lead to more investigation -- which could, if
we
mount the requisite demand for it -- mean prosecution for those at the top of the torture regime. It would take a huge political fight, but it's the one we need to expose the utter illegitimacy of what the U.S. did -- and is still doing.

Is anyone *at the top* who was responsible for torture going to be investigated, charged, prosecuted or imprisoned?   There is disagreement at some levels of the government over this -- but it's going to take a much louder outcry from people to bust this huge web of lies open. It's time, and it matters.

Thanks to the <u>National Religious Campaign Against Torture</u> for staying on this, and getting religious leaders to demand the report's release to the public.