

6. What did former Vice President Dick Cheney say about the effectiveness of torture?

7. What has President Obama decided to do about additional abuse photos?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Do you think the Obama administration should investigate Bush administration officials for possible illegal use of torture? Why or why not?

2. How does the question of what Nancy Pelosi knew in 2002 affect the current debate?

3. Do you think that politicians' decisions about whether or not there should be an investigation are influenced by whether their party would benefit or not from such an investigation? Explain your answer.

4. Do you think torture is an effective way to get information from prisoners? How could you know for sure?

5. Do you think the abuse photos should be released? Why or why not?

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.