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Abu Ghraib: The Ignored Scandal

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Here's an excellent article from "Rolling Stone" on **Abu Ghraib**. Yes, we've all heard about the abuses, but this one gets access to classified documents and will -- or at least should -- make you angry all over again. It details widespread abuses, high level officials who are implicated but still in power, and the successful foot-dragging of President Bush that is keeping Congress from digging into this. Unlike 9/11, there are no families to hold everyone's feet to the fire. The article convincingly states that the abuse was not directed at important terrorists and wasn't "frat-style" pranks as Rush and others would have you believe. Tossing people out of cars, peeing on them, shoving sticks up their rectum, rape -- it's really a catalog of horrors and only the low-level soldiers caught on camera are paying the price. The article also details the miserable, frightening conditions these soldiers were operating under -- not an excuse for them, but certainly one more thing for their commanding officers to answer for. Get angry and email your representatives to look into this, email your local paper and ask if there's any truth to this and why don't they do follow up stories. The mainstream media is again dropping the ball.



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