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Chechnyen Terrorists Seize School With Hundreds Of Children

by Michael in New York on 9/01/2004 09:55:00 AM

Chechnyen people yearn to break free from Russia and establish their own nation. Fine. They claim Russia's military control over their country is a holdover from the days of the Soviet Union. Fine. I don't claim to know the tortured history of it all and I'm certainly no big fan of strongman Putin and his autocratic hold on power in the devolving Russia.

But in this day and age of international media -- where even you and I are familiar with Chechnya and at least their basic goal -- there is ABSOLUTELY no justification for grabbing control of a school and holding hundreds of children and teachers hostage.

This is completely and utterly immoral and cannot be defended on any grounds for any reason for any cause. I don't necessarily approve, but attack cops, attack government buildings, attack military installations -- but never target innocent civilians. It's wrong in Russia, it's wrong in New York City and -- yes -- it's wrong in Israel. Why is it so hard for people to completely and utterly reject such vile tactics and to demand that any group -- however sympathetic you may be to their cause -- END THEM COMPLETELY or lose your entire support? Why do you condemn Al Qaeda, condemn Chechnyen terrorists but defend Hamas and the PLO? NOTHING justifies these actions. Nothing justifies the vile Iraqi Islamic militants who have seized workers and threatened to slaughter them unless France ends its ban on scarves, for goodness sake. Nothing justifies flying planes into buildings. Nothing justifies seizing a school and holding little children hostage. And NOTHING justifies putting someone on a bus or in a cafe in Israel with explosives strapped to their chest and blowing them up. Whenever you refuse to condemn one of these acts, you encourage them all.



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