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U.S. officials lecture others about respecting international law and punishing human rights crimes, but those principles are ignored when the violators are U.S. officials. Offenders like ex-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice even get honors, as Coleen Rowley and Todd E. Pierce note.

Some of us predicted when Condi Rice left office that she would become intent on [revising history](#).
Faustian bargains don't end that quickly!

It's now come to pass that universities around the country, including Rutgers and the University of Minnesota, are willing to [heap praise upon Rice](#) and pay her huge speaking fees to hear her talk about her struggle for civil rights.



~~The Obama administration's decision to award Rice the Presidential Medal of Freedom is a misguided honor that fails to recognize her role in the Iraq War. Rice's actions as Secretary of State have been widely criticized for leading the United States into a costly and unnecessary conflict. The award is a stark contrast to the values of the American people and the principles of the Constitution.~~