



Name: John Choon Yoo

Born: 1967, in Seoul, South Korea

Profession: Attorney, law professor

GW Bush Administration Position:

- Deputy assistant attorney general assigned to the powerful Office of Legal Counsel

War crime charge(s):

- Complicity in the commission of a war crime – torture, ill-treatment of detainees.
- Drafted legal memos saying President Bush could waive the Geneva Conventions regarding the invasion of Afghanistan by labeling it a failed state and that prisoners seized during that operation would not be covered by the Geneva Convention protections.
- Issued other legal memos arguing that the commander in chief was justified in ordering torture during wartime.

Primary Association:

- Professor of Law, University of California at Berkeley School of Law at Boalt Hall
- Visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution

Secondary Associations:

- Visiting scholar, [American Enterprise Institute](#) , 1150 Seventeenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036
- Member, Federalist Society, 1015 Eighteenth St. NW, Suite 425, Washington, DC 20036

More Information:

- [12-8-08 Memorandum of Recommendation to Berkeley City Council re John Yoo and Torture](#)
- [John Yoo Returning to Berkeley](#)
- [Yoo in Heated Debate at Chapman](#)
- [Bush Attorneys Who Wrote Terror Memo Face Backlash](#)
- [Judge Allows Civil Lawsuit](#)
- [7-01-09 10 Most Wanted War Criminals](#)

- [7-10-09 Yoo Authorized Warrentless Wiretaps](#)
- [7-14-09 Court Allows Padilla Suit Against Yoo to Proceed](#)
- [8-10-09 The torture memos and Berkeley's law-school schedule](#)
- [8-24-09 Torture and Academic Freedom](#)
- [9-09 John Yoo informational flier \(PDF\)](#)
- [9-29-09 Profile: Jay S. Bybee](#)
- [9-29-09 Berkeley agrees to UN rights treaties](#)
- [10-30-09 Berkeley Law students petition for investigation of John Yoo](#)
- [11-11-09 Bush torture 'architect' sits on court that will rule on another torture 'architect'](#)
- [12-09-09 Annotated Agression: Being Jay Bybee](#)
- [12-29-09 Power of Attorney](#)
- [1-29-10 Justice Dept. Clears Yoo, Bybee of Misconduct](#)
- [3-1-10 Yoo Cartoon](#)
- [3-4-10 BAAT Press Release: Berkeley Law Students and Bay Area Lawyers Demand](#)

[Full-Scale Investigation of Professor Yoo](#)

- [3-28-10 Hoos Against Yoo](#) - lots of great info, questions to be raised in any public event with Yoo, videos, etc.
- [4-1-10 Who is John Yoo? Human Rights Info 101](#)
- [2-6-17 John Yoo Thinks Presidents Can Legally Torture Children. Even He Has "Grave Concerns" About Donald Trump.](#)
- [7-19-20 Scoop: Trump's license to skirt the law](#)

Note:

"Congress doesn't have the power to tie the President's hands in regard to torture as an interrogation technique....It's the core of the Commander-in-Chief function. They can't prevent the President from ordering torture."

From [Officials of Torture](#) , website of Sandra Koponen.



<https://www.aclu.org/infographic/infographic-torture-architects>

