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Movie Responses

The Kill Team

It is not okay to treat another human being like a dog. No matter how frustrated, bored, intoxicated or generally messed up you are. It is disgusting what the US soldiers did and it is morally right that they were held accountable for their actions. Taking innocent lives is not what the US military is all about. As Andrew Holmes said, the soldiers never had the right to take the lives of these innocent souls just for the sake of it. Every soldier takes an oath to guard and protect their country, but, once that is done, all other business they partake in is on their liking and not withheld against the oath. Murder is a very inhuman thing one can commit. Thus, the fact that American soldiers can freely kill because they are bored or messed up is uncalled for especially when it comes to kids.

As killing these civilians was not enough, the soldiers went ahead and collected their body parts as trophies according to Jeremy Morlock. What on earth could it be that killing innocent Muslims is not enough for you to even start collecting their body parts as trophies? (Vudu, 2014). Trophies are meant to create good memories of great achievements, not bad memories you may think are great achievements. This may be the reason most soldiers struggle with mental health once they are off the military. All the actions of these soldiers were not warranted as stated by Jeremy Morlock; hence, they should have behaved as humanly as possible. The film is a shock regarding what some of the soldiers were up to whenever on a mission. Jeremy Stoner mentioned that drugs were involved in their actions, as he claimed to have been high on drugs, therefore, they were not thinking straight. Hence, prohibition and banning of drugs from the military completely should be one of the steps the military should take

to curb such behaviors in the future. It is disgusting, unacceptable and irritating how the soldiers dehumanized their Muslim victims (Vudu, 2014).

Taxi to the Dark Side

What happened to human dignity? The type of cruelty the taxi driver was subjected to is inhuman in every way possible. It seems like it an offense being a Muslim in the Afghanistan region if you meet up with the US military. The kind of torture the taxi driver went through does not depict what every person knows of the US military (Watch Documentaries, 2007). It is with great satisfaction that the perpetrators got charged with homicide because that kind of torture qualifies to be the same. Being stripped naked yet the victim was thought to be guilty was not even supposed to happen. Additionally, those who knew an unacceptable action was been executed should have intervened and prevented the innocent man from being tortured.

It is completely unacceptable that the soldiers were subjecting the taxi driver to constant pain without necessarily doing their investigation. As such, being undressed and sexually assaulted as a human being is traumatizing. The prisoners who were sexually assaulted or posed with women's underwear on their faces did not seem to be enough. The soldiers even went ahead and beat the driver up that incase he survived he would have his legs amputated. The kind of behavior shows that the soldiers did not have control of themselves. Besides, this proves that the soldiers completely lost their morality. Again, it explains why most of the US military suffers from mental health whenever they are discharged after a mission (Watch Documentaries, 2007). The soldiers who felt that others were doing completely the opposite of what they stand for should have intervened. These sorts of actions are the reason terrorism against the United States is forever on the rise. For that reason, the existing interrogating techniques should be improved

as well as any prohibited techniques banned completely. No human in power should give authorization on torture. Every detainee should be treated as a human being but not a dog.

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