

## Torture Effective? A Helpful Reminder of the Obvious from Stephen Carter

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When it comes to torture: The means may be effective, [says Yale's Stephen Carter](#)<sup>[1]</sup>, but it doesn't mean they are justified.

Carter's argument is a helpful reminder that not everything we know to be morally wrong has zero utility in the "real world." After all, if that apple really held the key to all knowledge (in addition to being tasty), it would be an interesting thing to get your hands on. The world, alas, would be an easier place if everything that was morally suspect didn't work.

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