

Strib Letter to the Editor: Waterboarding

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Here's an interesting sleight-of-hand letter to the Strib.

Apparently, it is case closed... waterboarding is full fledged torture. Disturbing yet ineffective... and the rest of you can all shut up.

[Waterboarding: Try it, you won't like it](#)

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It seems that our age is characterized by radio and television talking heads who pompously pontificate about subjects they know little or nothing about. Empty-headed opinion is generally the rule of the day.

Waterboarding is a current controversy. Although waterboarding has been considered torture for more than 100 years, commentators such as Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Erich Muller and others casually dismiss it as harmless, acceptable and lawful behavior.

But to his credit, Muller, a host on Chicago's WLS radio, confidently volunteered to actually be waterboarded. He lasted a total of six seconds. Yes, six seconds before he panicked, quit the ordeal and instantly admitted that it was definitely torture.

He said he was shaken up for two days and admitted he would have told his interrogators anything they wanted to hear.

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When it comes to torture, the rule is, try it, you won't like it.

Tom Hammond, Woodbury

[That's a familiar name.](#) We've seen it before.

This guy doesn't bother to define torture, provide context for his "100 years" comment, and apparently doesn't care to accurately quote the people he demonizes.

Tom Hammond claims Rush Limbaugh (and others that Tom Hammond considers to be the same) considers waterboarding as harmless... then he mentions how a guy undergoes waterboarding and confidently claims it is torture and that he was pretty spooked for two days.

Any chance, Tom, that you might try to use the same language and measure with the same standard? Can you try that some time, please?

Christ, reading letters to the Star-Tribune from Tom Hammond qualifies as psychological pressure.

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