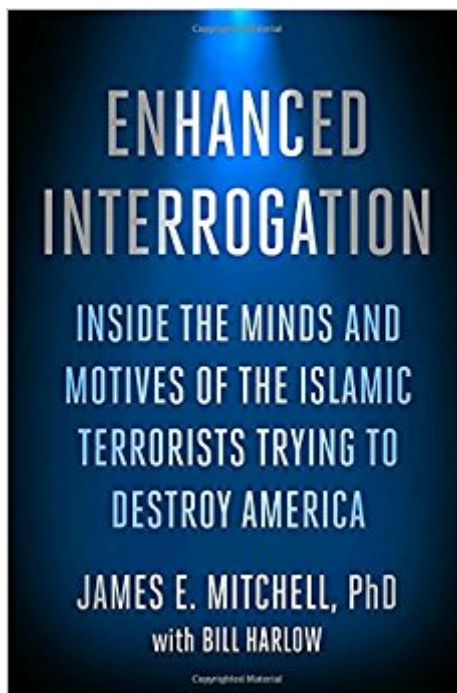




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Enhanced Interrogation: Inside The Minds And Motives Of The Islamic Terrorists Trying To Destroy America



Synopsis

In the dark days immediately after 9/11, the CIA turned to Dr. James Mitchell to help craft an interrogation program designed to elicit intelligence from just-captured top al-Qa'ida leaders and terror suspects. A civilian contractor who had spent years training U.S. military members to resist interrogation should they be captured, Mitchell, aware of the urgent need to prevent impending catastrophic attacks, worked with the CIA to implement "enhanced interrogation techniques"--which included waterboarding. In *Enhanced Interrogation*, Mitchell now offers a first-person account of the EIT program, providing a contribution to our historical understanding of one of the most controversial elements of America's ongoing war on terror. Readers will follow him inside the secretive "black sites" and cells of terrorists and terror suspects where he personally applied enhanced interrogation techniques. Mitchell personally questioned thirteen of the most senior high-value detainees in U.S. custody, including Abu Zubaydah; Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, the amir or "commander" of the USS Cole bombing; and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind behind the September 11, 2001, terror attacks--obtaining information that he maintains remains essential to winning the war against al-Qa'ida and informing our strategy to defeat ISIS and all of radical Islam. From the interrogation program's earliest moments to its darkest hours, Mitchell also lifts the curtain on its immediate effects, the controversy surrounding its methods, and its downfall. He shares his view that EIT, when applied correctly, were useful in drawing detainees to cooperate, and that, when applied incorrectly, they were counter-productive. He also chronicles what it is like to undertake a several-years-long critical mission at the request of the government only to be hounded for nearly a decade afterward by congressional investigations and Justice Department prosecutors. Gripping in its detail and deeply illuminating, *Enhanced Interrogation* argues that it is necessary for America to take strong measures to defend itself from its enemies and that the country is less safe now without them than it was before 9/11.

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If you want to know the details of what happened and make your own decision pick up *Enhanced Interrogation*. You cannot make a decision on enhanced interrogation until you read this book. “ Brian Kilmeade “ “No one has heard from Khalid Sheikh Mohammed since the 9/11 attacks, but James Mitchell has spent countless hours with the terror mastermind at the CIA’s black sites. In this gripping book, Mitchell reveals for the first time, in chilling detail, what KSM and other senior terrorist commanders told him. If you want to understand what drives the Islamic radicals seeking to destroy America ”and what they say we must do if we want to stop them ”you simply must read this book. ” Marc Thiessen, Washington Post Columnist and Bestselling Author of *Courting Disaster* “ “Finally, we learn the true story about what “enhanced interrogation” is, how it works, and how it protected America after the devastating attack of 9/11. The country owes a profound debt of gratitude to James Mitchell, who spent thousands of hours at CIA’s black sites ” learning the secrets of men like Abu Zubaydah, Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, as he and his dedicated colleagues scrambled to stop more deadly attacks on our nation. ” Debra Burlingame, Cofounder of 9/11 Families for a Safe & Strong America and Keep America Safe “ “Emotions are high and accusations are being thrown about, but facts matter. Before anyone rushes to judgment, they should read this book and take in what happened through the eyes of a key player in the CIA’s interrogation program. ” General Michael Hayden, Usaf, Ret., Former Cia Director “ “The authentic account of head-to-head hardball with fanatical Islamic killers by a professional who not only won big for America, but did it while fending off powerful critics. The lessons learned needed to be told ”and well-told they are. The war on us by radical Islamists is far from over ”read and learn! ” Hon. Porter J. Goss, Former Chairman of House Intelligence Committee and Cia Director

DR. JAMES E. MITCHELL has a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of South Florida. He served twenty-two years in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a lieutenant colonel. From August 2002 through January 2009, Dr. Mitchell was involved in the development of the CIA’s enhanced

interrogation program and served as one of their interrogators from its inception until it was shut down by executive order on January 22, 2009. BILL HARLOW is a writer, consultant, and public relations specialist with more than thirty years of experience. He spent seven years as the top spokesman for the CIA and four years at the White House handling national security media matters for two presidents. He has coauthored three New York Times bestsellers on intelligence.

This book is a must read. Full disclosure I know James Mitchell. I interviewed him before his book came out. Even though I know him, I have been looking forward to this book for a long time. First of all, Mitchell was at the very very tip of the spear. He wasn't in the back halls in Washington making academic decisions, he was on the front lines. His book is rare insight into what it means to have to grapple with what's right with what's necessary. There is a tendency to vilify or praise Mitchell depending on what camp someone is in politically. But the truth is Mitchell is vastly more complex, erudite, and thoughtful, and patriotic than any partisan analysis of him. He reported other interrogators for going over the line. He also interrogated himself. He is brutally honest about what works and what doesn't. This book should be mandatory reading for any frontline combatant, law enforcement officer, and national security professional. And now, as Enhanced Interrogation is going to be debated in the public arena again, it's probably important to hear from the guy who knows about it firsthand. The entire body of real world knowledge of the Enhanced Interrogation Program is in James Mitchell's head, and now on these pages. If we are going to have an informed debate about the topic, we ought to at least understand the man who knows more than anyone.

Dr. Mitchell has done a great service to our Country and to the civilized world, by writing this book. He makes a very convincing argument that these people he interrogated have a burning desire to destroy western civilization as we know it, and that they will NEVER give up! This has been going on for centuries, and they will ensure that it continues until the end of the world. There will be no reprieve. The so-called "good" Muslims will be brought under control and in the end they will all be one in their great Caliphate. I do not just buy into this information naively. I am retired from Law Enforcement with much of the time spent in intelligence gathering. I also retired after 25 years in the Army National Guard, some of that time spent in Military Intelligence. I ran my own investigation/security business for another 20 years after Law Enforcement. In addition, I have a degree in Psychology. This gives me a little over 40 years in the game, with enough education, training and experience to make a decent judgment of Dr. Mitchell's work. His assessments should be taken very, very seriously!

Well worth the read if you want an insider's perspective on waterboarding. Sure, he has skin in the game, but at least he explains how and why things happened the way they did. It is refreshing to read a first person account instead of a bunch of politicians attempting to making political points selling their opinions. You don't have to agree with waterboarding, but the government asked him to construct a program, the DOJ said it was all legal and lives were at stake, so he gave them enhanced interrogation techniques.

This is an important book for Americans. In addition to giving an honest account of the CIA interrogation program the book provides a look into the minds of those seeking to conquer (their words) America that the mainstream media censors. Our future depends on our citizens making informed choices in a dishonest culture, so here is your chance to hear the ugly, unvarnished truth you need to do so. This is not a pretty or short read, but it's the most honest account I've seen of the CIA's post 9/11 interrogation program. The book is long, but that is because the author strives to be thorough and fair, so stick with it. Fortunately that is not hard to do as you follow the author to CIA black sites worldwide to confront our generations' most violent minds. You'll find very compelling material in the last half that is best understood by reading the first half. There appears to be an upcoming book by another author that is an opposing response to this book. All I can say is good luck with that. The author of this book and the CIA reviewers who allowed unflattering information about agency mistakes and missteps have done an excellent job of giving us an honest account; sadly, far more honest than "inquiries" by Senator Feinstein and others in Congress along with the CYA lying of Obama administration officials, who were all clearly more concerned about political agendas than accountability to those who elected them.

Well written and documented by someone who was actually there - finally, instead of the predominately badly informed commentary from those with a political agenda. Covers all the relevant topic areas with a balanced presentation the viewpoints of both advocates for and against EIT's. Also puts in perspective the relatively low percentage of debriefing time EIT's were used. Perhaps the most significant topic is the insight into the mindset of the islamic radicals whose intent is either to convert our society to their version of Islam or kill us. The one sad element is the revelation of how badly our government has treated those who were willing to be on the front lines defending our nation after 9/11.

I found there to be many very interesting colonels of meaningful information. I think the book started off in very strong fashion, tended to drag a little bit in the middle, and then ended strongly once again. I think it is a must-read for all Americans! Certainly for those who wish to fully understand the enhanced interrogation program.

Mr Mitchell,s book is right on. No bullcrap. I got the impression from his interviews that he isn't some far right nut bag. He seems to me a man that has come to grips with things he believed he needed to do in a time when hard decisions had to be made. Monday morning quarterbacking will always be with us and he seems to have done some of it himself. But all In all he comes across as a man proud of his work(as he should be) but not as happy with the way the country turned in some of its true heroes. I'm glad there are men like this who will do things that are right , even though they know how they will be portrayed in the end. Thanks Dr Mitchell.

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