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Hanging human rights with the hanging of Saddam Hussein.

Here is a chilling New York Times video of Saddam Hussein being led to the noose, and having it fitted around his neck. Saddam Hussein repeatedly defecated on human rights. However, "the test of a government's commitment to human rights is measured by the way it treats its worst offenders." Richard Dicker, director of Human Rights Watch's International Justice Program. I have railed against capital punishment repeatedly. Capital punishment is barbaric and inhumane. On this video, one is left to wonder whether the executioners were well-trained and well-experienced through none other than Saddam Hussein's former regime or trained by people from that regime. Jon Katz. ADDENDUM: TalkLeft has uploaded a video of the entire hanging of Saddam Hussein. This video is even more chilling and disturbing than the New York Times video. It shows Saddam Hussein being dropped through the floor, shows his face after being executed, and includes audio of celebratory voices. LiveLeak says this hanging video was taken by a cellphone.

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