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Images from the days of Korematsu.

Â Bill of RightsÂ (From public domain.)Â On June 8, 2007, I wrote: "Voting six to three, the Supreme Court allowed president Roosevelt to continue with the World War II concentration camps for Japanese-Americans. *Korematsu v. U.S.*, 323 U.S. 214 (1944)." To that blogpost, I linked 1943 photos by Ansel Adams of the Manzanar concentration camps in California. Â Thanks to Arbitrary and Capricious for linking to recent artwork about the concentration camps by former concentration camp inmate Roger Shimomura. Particularly striking is this sold-out painting of a boy playing with a ball behind barbed wire. Â Artist Roger Shimura said concerning his paintings: "[F]or most viewers, I offer this exhibition as a metaphor for the impending threat posed by current times, and as a warning and reminder that during international crises our government seems to consistently lose its memory regarding past mistakes." How true.Â Jon Katz.

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