

Misplaced outrage

The lead story on last Thursday's local TV news about the killing of a dog for a medical demonstration drew public outcry. Yes, it was shocking.

How sad, though, that this story about a dog being killed generated such outrage, and yet the daily deaths of U.S. soldiers (19 since Jan. 1, for a total of at least 3,019 since the beginning of the occupation of Iraq) and the deaths of approximately 436 Iraqis daily does not spark the same reaction.

If we knew that 2.2 American dogs and 218 Iraqi dogs for every one local dog were being killed every day, for almost four years, and that dogs were being tortured in unspeakable ways, would we be appalled and take action? Of course we would.

Yet, we allow it to continue to happen to human beings.

Perhaps if the lead stories on the nightly news featured the name, picture and personal story of every person killed, and gave graphic details of what the explosions and bullets did to their bodies, depicting the violent demise met by our brave men and women, and the thousands of innocent children and adult civilians, the public would be equally offended, angered and outraged. Let's hope so.

Contact your representative and senators and let them know you do not want your tax dollars funding this unwinnable military tragedy. Tell them that any further funding is implied consent, and "we, the people" do not approve of the daily killing of our children or anyone else's children. Tell them a "no" vote on the upcoming \$130 billion appropriations bill is the only vote you'll accept; after all, we elect them to represent us, don't we?

Let them know that the public is outraged by the daily maiming and killing of human beings.

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