

# Suicide as 'act of war'? Guantanamo reveals madness of US military



Just when you thought the US military couldn't become more detached, it describes the suicide of three inmates at Guantanamo Bay as an “**act of asymmetric warfare waged against us**” ([BBC report](#)). Guantanamo reminds me of [The Trial](#) by Franz Kafka - a surreal, bullying and unflinching judicial apparatus that denies humanity and justice. But what do those revealing words tell us?

- *Asymmetric?* As if somehow it's somehow unfair to commit suicide rather than sort it out with in a proper American way with overwhelming force and shock and awe.
- *Act of warfare?* How about: “**act of utter desperation**” arising from indefinite detention without trial in harsh psychological conditions on dubious or circumstantial evidence, facing unspecified charges to which they have no means to respond? Who could stand it? Why be surprised if people act to end their suffering and deny the torturer his controlling authority?
- *Waged against us?* The revealed mindset of the US military: the mix of perceived vulnerability and unassailable righteousness arising from 9-11 has given it cover to treat
- as sub-human and alien those it arbitrarily determines to be its enemies - on the most slender threads of evidence, if any.