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Vincent Iacopino- Biggest Medical Ethics Scandal in U.S. History

In the absence of accountability, you know, there has been no accountability, this history will likely be repeated as frequently as we are challenged by events like September 11. It's important for us to understand what happened, to speak the truth of what happened and not conceal it.

This country, our identity is about the respect for the rule of law. It's not about people. It's about the law, our constitution. That's what's enduring about this country and what's different about it.

And systematic torture and the continued concealment of it and the lack of accountability for it, it's a shame. The extent to which a government respects the rule of law is its source of legitimacy. And so we don't have the same sense of legitimacy as a government when you systematically torture and you hold no one accountable.

And people need to be prosecuted, the health professionals included. They were central to committing and concealing torture. And there have been six cases brought up to licensing boards for health professionals, all of which have failed. Usually on the basis of not...they would say that they don't have the jurisdiction. And that's sad. The medical profession...this is the biggest scandal in medical ethics in the United States' history. And health professionals have not been held to account. I think in order to restore trust in health professionals, we need to have that kind of investigation and accountability.