Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara



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Photograph of Edgardo Mortara, pictured on the right, together with his mother and possibly (uncertain) his brother. Image online, courtesy Wikipedia Commons.

I'm just following the Inquisitor's Orders.

Marshall Lucidi Explaining why he was removing Edgardo Mortara from his parents' home ** June 23, 1858

Kidnapping is a crime. Period. Parents take great comfort in that truth.

But suppose a place exists where kidnapping is *not* a crime under certain circumstances. Try to imagine what life in such a country would be like. Think about the terrible effects of such "legal" actions.

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