

# Four Pinocchios for 'Hands Up;' Time to own up, editor says

By WILLIAM H. FREIVOGEL / A month after Officer Darren Wilson killed Michael Brown, CNN broadcast what looked like a blockbuster "exclusive." It was a videotape of two white construction workers who said Brown had his hands up when killed. One worker even gestures with his hands up. CNN's analysts called it a "game changer" and its legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin said the witnesses had described "a cold-blooded murder." But instead of a game changer or evidence of a crime, the contractors turned out to be two of a score of unreliable witnesses and the clearest example of how the media helped create the "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" myth.