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Position: Amendment should not have been passed

This position addresses the topic McCain Detainee Amendment.

For this position

“ We are not engaged in battle with any particular nation that might claim signatory status to the Geneva Conventions. We are not fighting any uniformed entity that remotely aspires to the pleasantries enumerated within. As such, it is tragically inane to hear United States senators whine about our obligations to afford terrorist combatants certain dignities out of fear of what enemy captors might do to us.” ”

From How should this country treat its terror suspects?, by Mark Davis (*The Dallas Morning News*, September 20, 2006) (view)

“ The universal, reciprocal chivalry that guided warriors, and nation-states, when young John McCain's unflinching valor blazed its legend on the honor-roll of American heroes no longer obtains. Now, the enemy is barbaric, and the only weapon is intelligence.” ”

From Enact the President's Code for Military Commissions, by Andrew C. McCarthy (*National Review*, September 13, 2006) (view)

“ In other words, Mr. McCain admits that what lies at the heart of his Amendment is moral hypocrisy: We're supposed to ban rugged interrogation in general to make us feel better about ourselves, but only until such interrogation is required; then do whatever it takes.” ”

From A Self-Inflicted Defeat, by The Wall Street Journal editorial board (*The Wall Street Journal*, December 13, 2005) (view)

Against this position

“ Mr. Warner's committee was the source last year of the sole piece of responsible legislation on foreign detainees since 2001, the ban on cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of prisoners authored by Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.).” ”

From Congress' Turn, by The Washington Post editorial board (*The Washington Post*, July 9, 2006) (view)

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