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They Have a Good Reason to Hate Us

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WHEN PRESIDENT Bush characterizes Amnesty International's report on prisoner abuse at Guantanamo as based on "allegations by people who were held in detention, people who hate America," he's maligning the findings of an organization that has worked tirelessly over decades for human rights ("Bush sees progress in pursuing agenda," Page A2, June 1).

It's turning out that many in Guantanamo, Bagram, and Abu Ghraib may have good reason to hate us. Reports of abuse abound, even from the FBI, which has in its own files accounts that the Koran has been mishandled. Amnesty does not support "people who hate America," it supports the humanitarian standards this country has always loved.

When someone as powerful as the president says black is white, does the American public have to believe it?

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