

# CLOSE GUANTÁNAMO TALKING POINTS



## **GUANTÁNAMO IS UN-AMERICAN.**

Arbitrary indefinite detention, secret evidence, and coercive interrogation are the very things this country was founded to prevent.



## **GUANTÁNAMO UNDERMINES THE CONSTITUTION AND THE RULE OF LAW.**

The Military Commissions Act (MCA) unconstitutionally eliminated the right of habeas corpus—the bedrock right to have a court decide if a person is imprisoned legally or illegally—for detainees at Guantanamo Bay. It allows our government to continue to hold hundreds of prisoners for more than five years without charges and with no end in sight.



## **GUANTÁNAMO MAKES THE PRESIDENT BOTH JUDGE AND JURY.**

The system in place at Guantánamo lets any president declare—on his or her own—who is an enemy combatant, decide who should be held indefinitely without being charged with a crime, and define what is—and what is not—torture and abuse.



## **GUANTÁNAMO REJECTS CORE AMERICAN VALUES.**

Habeas corpus is an important part of what separates America from many other countries. To do away with this American value makes us more like those we are fighting against. It is time to restore due process, defend constitutional rights, and protect what makes us Americans.



## **AMERICA IS BETTER THAN THIS.**

As a symbol of freedom and democracy throughout the world, the United States must hold itself to our own high standards. When we resort to the use of torture, abuse, and indefinite detention we lower ourselves to the level of our enemies and defy the basic values that we hold dear.

