To end torture, start at home

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The support of a military response to the current deployment of chemical weapons and the ongoing conflict in Syria have said that U.S. capability to address as we consider our responses to the current war crimes alleged to have been committed by this noted government. On April 18, 2013, the stands on Detainee Treatment proposed by the Constitution Project issued its 550-page report on the interrogation and treatment of 911 detainees. Based on its work over a two-year period, the Task Force concluded that the United States indisputably engaged in custodial abuse, blanket, and detaining treatment (CET) of 911 detainees, violation of U.S. and international law and for which there is a deployment of torture. In its report, the Task Force indicated the torture occurred in detention facilities and across a wide range of the. The Task Force also concluded that the decision to use torture and CET was made from top political leaders, including President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. The Task Force believed that the arguments the nation did not engage in torture and that much of what happened should be defined as something less than torture or interrogation. The recommendations include: 1. The people of the United States should have all the facts on torture — in particular the Senate Intelligence Committee report on CIA rendition should be released to the public. 2. The laws against torture should be strengthened to prevent a report of past mistakes. 3. The United States should not transfer detainees to countries where torture is likely to occur. 4. Physicians should be required to report abuses to authorities. 5. The executive branch should definitely increase its efforts to protect human rights. Before stepping into a violent crime once again, we must expect that people of faith we ask. Should forego the key recommendations of the task force? Can there not be the kind of critical action steps required to ensure integrity, credibility and national interest? The punitive military actions, including torture in syria? I urge all readers to read the task force report, educate others about its framework and advocate for its recommendations. We must build peace with understanding, justice, and forgiveness. We should flee from the use of torture and all other means to end violence. We should step up and start at home. Let’s help it go to day we are here to join the Senate Intelligence Committee to report the release as soon as possible. Medicine is a feature of the Northeast News Peace and Justice Center Inc. in Melvindale.

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