



Press Release

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US urgently needs new strategy to tackle terrorism

Speaking as the former September 11th Commission issued its final report, **STEPHEN TWIGG, Director of the Foreign Policy Centre**, today said:

“The Bush Administration has failed to create an integrated strategy to tackle terrorism both in the United States and abroad. The US urgently needs a new national security strategy to tackle terrorism. I urge the United States government to consider the recommendations of a report by the Center for American Progress (CAP), which we are launching today.”

The US government received poor grades from the former Sept. 11 commission, whose members said in a final report that the Bush administration and Congress have failed to deliver numerous reforms that could prevent terrorist atrocities.

The panel yesterday issued a ‘report card’ that included 5 F’s and 12 D’s. The group also said there has been little progress in forcing federal agencies to share intelligence and terrorism information and sharply criticized government efforts to secure weapons of mass destruction or establish clear standards for the proper treatment of U.S. detainees.

“I believe the American government can and must do better in this crucial area. The recent allegations that the CIA is using secret detention centres to torture terrorist suspects in Eastern Europe and Afghanistan are very damaging to the image of the war on terror. The only way to win the war on terror is to take a higher moral stance than those who oppress.”

The CAP doctrine argues that the United States can best protect the American people and advance its interests by adopting a new national security strategy based on an integrated approach to using American power.

“America’s interests are best achieved through a multidimensional approach that views the concepts of “hard” and “soft” power as two sides of the same coin. By merging the many and varied powers of the United States - military, economic, political, cultural, and diplomatic, among others - the country will be in the strongest position to address threats such as terrorism and recapture its moral leadership.”

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Editor's Notes

Media are invited to attend the launch of a major new publication, 'Integrated Power' – a strategy document authored by the Center for American Progress.

Venue: Committee Room 9, Palace of Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA

Date: Wednesday 7 December, 12.30 to 14.00

Speakers:

Robert Boorstin

*Senior Vice President for National Security, Center for American Progress
(former National Security speechwriter for President Clinton)*

Larry Korb

*Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress
(former Assistant Secretary of Defense to President Reagan)*

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