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### Bush's Bigotry Endangers National Security

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Front page headline of yesterday's USA Today: "Terror war still short on linguists." We are still desperately short of Arab language linguists, which leaves the US in the lurch overseas and incapable of translating literally millions of emails, letters, phone transcripts and other secret intelligence that is simply piling up. It can take 10 YEARS for someone to become proficient, if they apply themselves. In 2002, only SIX students received undergraduate degrees in Arabic.

And yet, Bush continues to put bigotry and prejudice ahead of national security. As you know, a number of qualified, patriotic Americans with invaluable Arabic language skills have been kicked out of the military simply because they were gay.

Every day that Bush refuses to reinstate them, he is putting our troops and our country at risk. Why does Bush hate national security?





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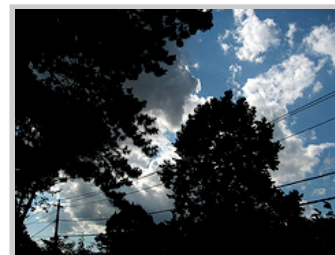
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