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Senate Republicans will give the President the tools he needs to detain, interrogate, and prosecute terrorists who have been captured on the battlefield.

- The Senate has worked very closely with the Administration to find common ground on writing legislation that will allow the United States to continue interrogation of terrorists detained at Guantanamo and to conduct war-crimes trials.
- This legislation will allow for the collection of intelligence in order to save American lives.

Senate Republicans will ensure that we do not compromise our national security or put classified intelligence information into the hands of terrorists.

- We will work to pass a law with clear guidelines based on the Detainee Treatment Act.
- Intelligence is our vital weapon in the war against radical Islamist terrorists – through the collection of valuable information we have been able to disrupt terrorist plots including strikes within the United States.

Senate Republicans recognize that terrorist defendants are not common criminals but sworn enemies of the United States.

- We have sadly learned that terrorists immediately behead and kill our soldiers when or if they are captured.
- In stark contrast, we treat our captives humanely.
- We uphold our values and our laws – and we also do what it takes within the law to interrogate the terrorists to protect the American people.

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Republicans will protect our nation from the threat of terrorism through effective global intelligence, and fight to safeguard our front-line intelligence officers.

Senate Republicans will pass legislation to intercept terrorists and those who want to coordinate from places all over the world.

- If Al Qaeda and their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they are saying.
- Terrorist surveillance is strictly focused on links to Al Qaeda and their known affiliates.

Senate Republicans are acting to reinforce the President's terrorist surveillance program to disrupt enemy attacks.

- In this war we cannot defend our country with one hand tied behind our back.
- We must give our law enforcement personnel all of the necessary legal tools to hunt down these ruthless terrorists before they strike us.
- It would be an absolute dereliction of duty for elected officials to hamper the interception of the terrorist enemy before they can execute their plans.

Senate Republicans recognize that intercepting the terrorists has been critical to unraveling terrorist plots, links, and activities; it has saved American lives.

- Our terrorist surveillance programs are essential to fight this war.
- We only have to look to the recently thwarted terrorist plots in London to know that these threats are real and dangerous.
- The safety and security of the American people depends on our ability to find out who the terrorists are talking to and what they are planning.

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