

Brown's injustice

Sen. Scott Brown's column repeated "facts" about the Guantanamo detainees that are not at all certain ("9/11 justice delayed," March 23). First, he repeats the often heard Bush administration assertion that the detainees were "captured on the battlefield." This has been disputed by many; some studies have suggested that about half of the detainees had no record of hostility.

Brown states that "nearly 25 percent of Guantanamo detainees already released have rejoined terrorist organizations." This allegation has also been disputed. The Center for Constitutional Rights has said the recidivism claim was "the latest in a line of reports that have

been repeatedly discredited for using dubious classifications to produce unreliable statistics."

The government has not released any names or information that would allow meaningful scrutiny of the numbers. Also the definition of "recidivism" has been very loose.

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