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Washington Post Editor Hiatt Blesses Toles' "Amputee" Cartoon

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It is small wonder that the once-great *Washington Post* had no hesitancy about publishing Tom Toles' cartoon depicting a heavily-bandaged, quadruple amputee soldier, while standing next to his hospital bed Defense Secretary "Dr. Rumsfeld" says: "I'm listing your condition as 'battle hardened.'" At the bottom of the cartoon, as if to add insult to the soldier's massive injuries, a smaller cartoon character says:



"I'm prescribing that you be stretched thin. We don't define that as torture." The Post's "editorial page editor," Fred Hiatt, saw and continues to see nothing wrong with the cartoon, which is a perfect example of the Liberal, callous biases at the Post today.

In an unprecedented move, each member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff signed a letter to the Post that stated, "Using the likeness of a service member who has lost his arms and legs in war as the central theme of a cartoon was beyond tasteless," which is an understatement. The Chiefs added: "The Post and Mr. Toles have done a disservice to readers and to The Post's reputation by

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using such a callous depiction of those who volunteered to defend this nation and, as a result, suffered traumatic and life-altering wounds. . . . As the joint chiefs, we rarely put our hand to one letter, but we cannot let this reprehensible cartoon go unanswered.”

The cartoon and Hiatt’s support are symptomatic of the Liberal media's biases, which have shaped opinions and opposition to our brilliant and noble efforts in both Afghanistan and Iraq—where 50 million people are free now—as well as with respect to President Bush and the War on Terror. While freedom of speech certainly exists in this country, query whether the Post has lost all sense of decency? Hiatt is quoted in a Post article as saying: "While I certainly can understand the strong feelings, I took it to be a cartoon about the state of the Army and not one intended to demean wounded soldiers." By most accounts, the Army is in excellent shape, certainly given the fact that the U.S. has an all-volunteer force.

Hiatt apparently has no reservations about condemning the Army, but professes to draw the line at "demean[ing] wounded soldiers." Either way, Hiatt’s comments reflect his biases and those of the Post, and demean Americans who serve proudly in the Army and other military services, as well as this nation’s wounded. Sadly, it seems that the Post has been morphing into the Mid-Atlantic Region's version of the ultra-Liberal New York Times, or the “New York Times lite.” As more and more Americans receive their news via the Internet and cable TV, the Post’s advertising—such as classified ads—and circulation are apt to drop dramatically, which is happening to newspapers in other parts of the country.

However, the furor in this country with respect to Toles’ cartoon must be juxtaposed against the firestorm that has escalated in Europe, the Middle East and Asia over the publication and broadcast of cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad, including a cartoon of a bearded Muhammad's turban transformed into a bomb. The controversy began in Denmark last September when its largest newspaper published a dozen cartoons of the Prophet—which was considered blasphemous

and an insult to more than a billion Muslims, and has given rise to increasingly ugly confrontations between Islam and the West. Diplomats from Denmark and Norway have been pulling out of their missions in Gaza, and gunmen have searched hotels that cater to Europeans from countries where newspapers printed the images.

The political and economic protests were expected to spread to European capitals after publications in Britain, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland carried the cartoons. In Jakarta, Indonesia, militant Muslims went on a rampage inside the lobby of a building housing the Danish embassy. Syria and Saudi Arabia recalled their ambassadors to Denmark, and Libya has closed its embassy in Copenhagen. Boycotts of Danish products spread throughout the Middle East; armed gunmen shut down the European Union's offices in Gaza City; and journalists received death threats. Both Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai condemned publication of the images, and warned that they had offended millions of Muslims and might be exploited by terrorists in their war against the West.

Arab commentators assert that the freedom of the press defense rings hollow because European media protects Israel and Judaism from criticism. And Time magazine reports, "so far, all the protagonists appear ready to ride their principles to Armageddon." In a positive development, however, Hamas—which won last week's Palestinian elections—has taken steps to reassure Westerners that it will not target them. At least in the U.S., Toles has the right to draw the most outrageous cartoons and a "clash of civilizations" will not take place; Hiatt has the right to bless their publication, as long as both he and Toles retain their jobs; and the Post has the right to publish such images.



American consumers who are offended by their publication can boycott the Post, its affiliated businesses—such as Newsweek magazine—and its advertisers, and turn instead to the Internet, cable TV and other sources for their news. Masked gunmen are

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not firing shots into the air to protest Toles' cartoon; and those Americans who agree with Toles and Hiatt are not considered "legitimate targets" for violence of any kind. Yet, it is sad that the once-great Washington Post has stooped so low and comforted enemies who are bent on our and its destruction.

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A co-worker is considering dropping his Sunday Washington Post subscription over the issue. He currently only gets the paper for the ads and tosses out the rest. I wonder how many suburban readers are in the same boat? Just tossing out most of the paper as a fishrag just to get to the Home Depot and Safeway inserts?

I'm going to pick up a Washington Times Sunday edition and see how their adverts are doing.

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[Kyle](#) said...

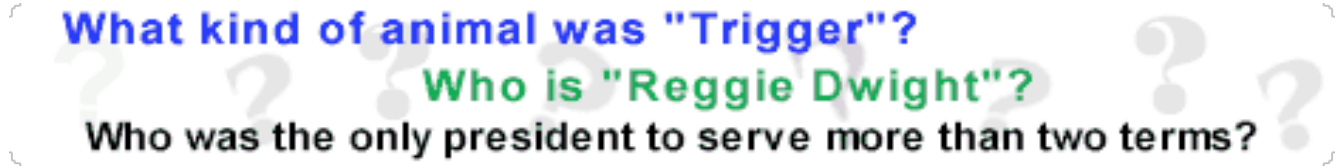
Toles isn't insulting the Army. Don "you make do with what you got, not what you need" Rumsfeld is insulting the Army with his calous (sp?) disregard for the safety of the troops. Remember when it was discovered that he was using a signature machine to sign letters to the families of the fallen?

He should be in the front lines, or driving about in one of the unarmored Hummers he told the troops to make do with.

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