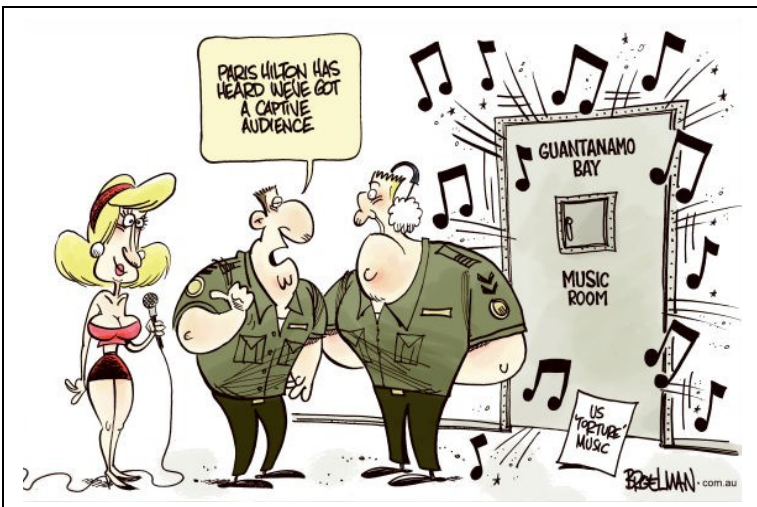




Music Used for Torture

Source: "Musicians Demand Records On Bush Administration's Use Of Music For Torture" by Sam Stein, Huffington Post, October 22, 2009



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A group of prominent musicians are joining the National Campaign to Close Guantanamo (NCCG).

They demand the release of records about what music was used during the torture of detainees there and at other facilities during the Bush Administration.

“Guantanamo is known around the world as one of the places where human beings have been tortured -- from water boarding, to stripping, hooding and forcing detainees into humiliating sexual acts -- playing music for 72 hours in a row at volumes just below that to shatter the eardrums,” said Tom Morello of Rage Against the Machine, in a statement provided by the NCCG.

Morello said, “Guantanamo may be Dick Cheney's idea of America, but it's not mine. **The fact that music I helped create was used in crimes against humanity sickens me** -- we need to end torture and close Guantanamo now.”

“We have spent the past 30 years supporting causes related to peace and justice,” read a statement from R.E.M. “to now learn that some of our friends' music may have been used as part of the torture tactics without their consent or knowledge, is horrific. **It's anti-American, period.**”

Added the hip-hop band **The Roots**: “When we found out that music was being used as part of the torture going on at Guantanamo, shackling and beating people -- we were angry...**Congress needs to shut Guantanamo down.**”



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