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# *Extremist Cuban exiles*

Roger Hernandez accuses Americas  
Watch of "depicting an entire community

as being composed of rabid right-wing reactionaries" ("Intolerance hallmark of Cuban debate," Viewpoint, Aug. 30). Exactly the opposite is the case: The report's precise aim is to show that a fair number of Cuban exiles favor dialogue with the Castro regime, and they are in danger from other Cuban exiles, for whom "rabidly right-wing" is the only accurate description.

Hernandez's assertion of the softening of the Cuban-American community is either disingenuous or naive. He does not mention, as the report does, that after the Cuban American National Foundation launched a campaign against the Miami Herald, the paper's publisher received death threats, and now starts his car with a remote-control device on advice from the Miami Police Department.

Hernandez's major failure lies in his apology for the Cuban right-wingers, whose hatred for Castro he "understands." He laments that rational compromise on the "Cuban dilemma" is impossible while Castro is in power, as if compromise is the appropriate response to so-called Americans who threaten and kill others who disagree with them. Where is Hernandez's anger at the attack on freedom of speech and association?

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