

Solitary
Confinement
Is Torture

END TORTURE IN THE UNITED STATES

End Torture in California

Support the California Prison Hunger Strikers!



In Pelican Bay and in other California prisons, thousands of individuals spend 22 to 24 hours a day alone in small, windowless concrete cells.

Many have been placed in solitary for being identified as gang associates, based on their tattoos, drawings, or reading materials. They will remain in isolation for years or even decades.

The United Nations and human rights groups have identified these conditions as torture. Solitary causes permanent psychological damage, leads to suicide, increases recidivism, and has never been shown to reduce prison violence.

On July 8, 30,000 people in California's prisons began a refusing food to protest solitary confinement. Three weeks later, hundreds remain on hunger strike and one has died. Their five core demands include an end to arbitrary group punishment and long-term solitary confinement, and access to nutritious food and education.

California's prison hunger strikers need our support today! Prison officials and Governor Jerry Brown have yet to negotiate seriously with strike leaders. Call Jerry Brown at (916) 445-2841, (510) 289-0336, or (510) 628-0202, or visit this website to learn how you can help:

www.prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com.

End Torture in New York

Abolish Long-Term Isolation in Our Prisons and Jails!

In New York's state prisons, more than 4,000 men, women, and children are in isolated confinement. Another 1,000 are in solitary in New York City's jails. Action is needed to end the torture of prolonged solitary confinement in our own backyards. Visit these websites to learn how you can get involved: www.nycaic.org and www.nycjac.org.