

# **Witness Against Torture**

## **Torture, Former Combatants, Political Prisoners, Terror Suspects, & Terrorists**

**<https://witnessagainsttorture.com/about/>**

### **Mission Statement**

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There are no upcoming events.

Witness Against Torture formed in 2005 when 25 Americans went to Guantanamo Bay and attempted to visit the detention facility. Once we returned from that journey, we began to organize more broadly to shut down Guantanamo, working with interfaith, human rights and activists organizations.

We have planned a series of nonviolent direct actions to expose and decry the administrations lawlessness, build awareness about torture and indefinite detention amongst Americans and forge human ties with the prisoners at Guantanamo and their families.

In 2007, we began marking January 11th the date that the first war on terror prisoners arrived at Guantanamo Bay in 2002 as a day of national shame, organizing major demonstrations and civil resistance at sites in Washington, DC and around the country. During our demonstrations, we lift up the words of the detainees themselves, bringing them to public spaces they are not permitted to access. We fast when we gather as a means to raise awareness of the hunger strikes of the men detained in Guantanamo, fighting for their right to justice and freedom.

We shut down a Federal Court when the courts refused to allow the men from Guantanamo in.

We held a memorial in the Capitol Rotunda for men who had died at Guantanamo.

We shut down the United States Supreme Court calling for justice for men in Guantanamo.

We have lined the sidewalk in front of the White House hundreds of times, in orange jumpsuits and black hoods.

We took over the Museum of American History imploring Make Guantanamo History!