

Witness Against Torture

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

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Policy Issue Resources

The address is provided below. Names and ISN#s of the currently detained men are at the left of this page. Please also check out Andy Worthingtons [website](#) for more personal information about the men detained in Guantanamo.

Witness Against Torture is a movement, not an organization. We are a group of friends who started by walking to Guantanamo, and now we come together each year grudgingly, unwillingly, with trepidation and outrage. You are welcome to join our events and we really encourage everyone to join our annual fast for justice. If you are looking for something to do from home anytime. Here are 3 suggestions: Fast on Fridays, Write and get to know the men, and call your representatives.

If you're new to the issue, get to know the basics of the situation at Guantanamo. The US detention center at Guantanamo Bay has been open for over 14 years. As of January 2018, 41 men remain imprisoned, 5 of whom are cleared for release. During the 16 years it's been open, less than 2% of the hundreds detained have been convicted of any crime.

Depending on how much time you've got on your hands, we recommend the following methods of educating yourself (listed from least to most time-consuming):

To get occasional updates about anti-torture events you can join, just put your info here and we'll keep you posted!

Witness Against Torture is represented by dozens of small groups across the United States who hold small, but meaningful vigils to raise awareness about Guantanamo, torture, and indefinite detention. You don't need to have a big group to do it. Just make some signs, find a well-trafficked area for high visibility, and hold a silent or vocal demonstration for an hour or two. Be prepared to speak to people about the issue if they ask you questions, and if you'd like to hand them a pamphlet with detailed information, you can download one from our Resources page.

Be sure to snap some photos and send them to us, so we can publish them online to encourage other activists around the globe!



Several excellent films have been made about Guantanamo over the last 15 years, most of which are an excellent way to quickly educate others. Two of our favorites are [Taxi to the Dark Side](#) and [Ghosts of Abu Ghraib](#).

If you want to dig deep into this heavy issue, its always helpful to have a friend along to discuss it with. Some of us have started book studies for that purpose, and weve found the subject matter a bit easier to handle as a result. A fantastic book to start with is Clive Stafford Smiths [*Eight OClock Ferry to the Windward Side*](#), which alternates between the stories of detainees and the authors own comparatively lighthearted experiences traveling to Cuba.

There are many people in the U.S. and abroad who fast for 24 hours on Friday, in solidarity with the hunger strike happening in Guantnamo Bay. If youd like more info, you can [read a brief history](#) of this group action, and [find some reflections on fasting](#) here.

You can find your House and Senate representatives contact information [here](#).

You can also call the White House (202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414), the US embassy in Cuba (305-326-2755) and Southern Command (305-437-1213), which oversees the running of the prison.

We have provided some talking points below. You can read our News updates and also follow us on Twitter and Facebook for more up to date information on what is happening at Guantnamo Bay Prison.

Witness Against Torture is an organization largely made up of volunteers. If you like what we do, please help us continue to fund our street protests, our web site, social media, films, photos, and more by [making a donation](#).

If youd rather not donate online, you can make a check out to Witness Against Torture and mail to:

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