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Our Weekly Roundup of News and Views on Solitary Confinement

by [Aviva Stahl](#) | March 27, 2016

[The Daily Beast](#) reported on the role that contraband cell phones played in the recent uprising in Alabamas Holman Correctional Facility. Even solitary confinement cant keep some inmates from organizing and fighting back.

[The Marshall Project and NPR](#) published a story in collaboration with NPR about double-celling in solitary. Imagine living in a cell thats smaller than a parking space with a homicidal roommate, they write. Also published was a [list of the best reporting](#) on solitary, including Solitary Watchs Voices from Solitary.

Human Rights Watch [released a report](#) about the conditions experienced by transgender women held in immigration detention. Half of the women interviewed by HRW had spent time in solitary confinement, allegedly for their own protection. (Covered by [Think Progress](#) and others).

The Department of Justice [released new guidelines](#) prohibiting jails or prisons from placing transgender people into men or womens facilities based solely on their anatomy. Solitary confinement is often used for the alleged protection of transgender people, who arealmost always placedin prisons that do not correspond with their gender identity.

Colorados governor is [debating](#) whether to support a bill that would prohibit placing children in solitary confinement. There might be certain circumstances where [isolation] is necessary and a benefit even to the youth, but weve got to make sure that, thats the details in these bills can have dramatic differences, he said.

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