

Solitary Confinement In Illinois: Facts & Demands

FACTS:

1. Solitary confinement in excess of 15 days amounts to cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, and can rise to the level of torture - Juan Méndez, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture¹
2. “In the United States, more than 80,000 people are being held in solitary confinement, often in miserable conditions, for periods of time that qualify as torture.”²
3. In Illinois, the current maximum amount of time a person can be held in solitary confinement is an indeterminate period of time. There is no limit on how long the State of Illinois can hold a person in solitary confinement, and many are held for periods of time that constitute torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.
4. Torture is a crime.
5. The State of Illinois is currently holding an unknown but knowable number of people in isolation under conditions that constitute torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.
6. The Isolated Confinement Restriction Act would prohibit the state-sanctioned use of torture in the form of solitary confinement, by limiting the maximum number of days a person can be held in isolation to 5 in any 150 day period.

DEMANDS:

1. The Isolated Confinement Restriction Act must be passed and implemented immediately.
2. Survivors of the state-sanctioned use of torture in the form of solitary confinement must be provided reparations and treatment.

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¹ *Can International Laws and Standards Help Curb Solitary Confinement in the United States?*
By AYLIN MANDURIC AUGUST 6, 2015 <http://solitarywatch.com/2015/08/06/can-international-laws-and-standards-help-curb-solitary-confinement-in-the-united-states/>

² *Id.*