

There are 100-150 political prisoners and POWs in the u.s. 26 are women and 5 are lesbians. They include Puerto Rican independentistas, Native Americans who defended their land, New Afrikans and African-Americans who fought for Black liberation, and others who have participated in acts of resistance to u.s. policies here and internationally. These political prisoners are serving disproportionately long sentences, and are subject to extreme psychological intimidation and outright torture. Below are some examples of disparate sentencing or mistreatment of political prisoners/POWs on the Left as compared to convicted people with views more akin to the policies of the u.s. government.

THE LEFT GO TO JAIL

- Silvia Baraldini, Italian national, anti-imperialist. 1981, convicted of conspiracy to free Black Panther Assata Shakur and conspiracy to commit a bank robbery that never happened. Sentence: 43 years. Spent 22 months in the Lexington Control Unit. U.S. denied her repatriation to Italy as requested by Silvia and the Italian government.
- Geronimo ji jaga (Pratt), Black Panther. 1968, charged with Santa Monica murder while being tailed by FBI in Oakland. FBI records withheld. Sentence: Life. Denied parole 8 times. 7 years in solitary confinement. Recognized as Prisoner of Conscience by Amnesty International.
- Linda Evans, Anti-imperialist. 1985, convicted of harboring fugitive Marilyn Buck. 1986, convicted of purchasing 4 legal weapons with false ID. Sentence: 35 years. 1990, conspiracy to bomb the Capitol. Sentence: 5 years.
- Leonard Peltier, Anishinabe/Lakota, American Indian Movement, POW. 1975, Wounded Knee, SD. 2 FBI agents, 1 Native American man killed during shootout involving 200 federal troops. Evidence was withheld during Peltier's trial that his rifle was not murder weapon. Conviction: 2 counts of 1st degree murder. Sentence: 2 consecutive life sentences. Recognized as Prisoner of Conscience by Amnesty International.
- Alejandrina Torres, member of United Church of Christ, mother of two daughters, high school counselor, Puerto Rican Prisoner of War. 1983, arrested, tried and sentenced: 35 years for seditious conspiracy. She has been the target of racist and political attacks by her jailers, including rape.

THE RIGHT GO HOME

- These "new world disorder bad guys" are fighting to maintain the straight white male patriarchy, and we do not consider them to be political prisoners if and when they do go to jail.
- Oliver L. North, former Marine lieutenant colonel, NSC staff. 1989, convicted on three felony counts for his role in the Iran-contra affair; aiding and abetting obstruction of Congress, destroying security council documents and accepting an illegal gift. Sentence: 2 years probation, 1200 hours of community service, fined \$150,000. 1991 conviction overturned on appeal.
- Don Black, Imperial Wizard/KKK. 1981, Indicted with 9 men of Nazi and Klan connections planning to take over the island of Dominica for gambling, money laundering, and cocaine processing. Arrested with 33 firearms, unregistered automatic weapons and explosives. Convicted for conspiracy for carrying out expedition against a friendly nation. Sentence: 3 years plus 5 years suspended sentence. Served 24 months.
- Michael Bray, "Army of God." 1985, Bombing 10 abortion clinics, \$941,000 damage, 3 clinics occupied were during bombing, no warning calls. Conviction on 1 count: conspiracy. Sentence: 10 years; reversed on jury technicality to 6 years. Paroled after 40 months.
- Dan White, ex-cop and former SF Supervisor, 1978, Smuggled weapon into City Hall through a basement window, and murdered progressive Mayor George Moscone and Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk. Convicted of voluntary manslaughter. Sentence: 7 years. Paroled after 3 1/2 years.

Out of Control Lesbian Committee to Support Women Political Prisoners and POWs (OOC) formed in 1986 to work toward shutting down the Lexington Control Unit. After the unit closed in 1988 OOC continued its work to expose the injustices in the criminal justice system, toward prisoners in general, and specifically toward women and lesbian political prisoners and POWs. ("Prisoner of war" refers to political prisoners who do not think their cases should be heard in u.s. courts. POWs do not recognize the jurisdiction of the u.s. justice system.) We believe the harsh treatment of all prisoners is a direct reflection of the racism and sexism condoned in u.s. society.

OOC does educational work in the Lesbian and Gay community about political prisoners in the u.s. and internationally with a focus on women. OOC exposes human rights violations in u.s. prisons; assists prisoners in maintaining ties with friends and family; organizes national campaigns in emergency situations concerning individual prisoners; and offers material support.

OOC publishes a newsletter, "Out of Time", which includes articles on prisoners here and in other countries, and general prison issues. It is included in "OUT!", the monthly publication of a sister organization, Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI). OOC and LAGAI also raise money for a Commissary Fund for women political prisoners and POWs for the purchase of stamps, shampoo, clothing, candy bars, fruit, etc.

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