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**Sharon Pavlovich, January 11 Guantánamo Protest Coordinator for World Can't Wait, writes:**

I support World Can't Wait for many reasons but not least is this the fact that they are the only group bringing together three diverse issues that have a common thread.

As citizens of the US we are bound to the "war of terror " that has brought us a plentitude of war and the horrendous doctrine of physical and psychological torture abroad and torture by solitary confinement at home.

This thread is a moral hazard that has undermined the idea of justice and of legal norms which are supposed to underlie our legal system. This is the justice of "might makes right." The US can do anything to anybody as long as it can be done in the name "security"--however far-fetched that "security "may be.

- It is OK to torture and detain indefinitely thousands of people at Abu Ghraib, Bagram, and Guantanamo--many because they were sold to the US for bounty money, others because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.
- It is OK to hold American Muslims in pre-trial solitary confinement and sentence for for 25+ years for "crimes" of "material support for terrorism" like storing a few raincoats in their apartment later allegedly given to Al Qaeda, or having sent funds to Gaza though a group used by the UN, or having been entrapped by FBI agents preying on the vulnerable.
- It is OK to build "super-max" prisons with untold numbers of cells for solitary confinement and to put people in those cells--sometimes for years--because a prison bureaucrat says they need to be there.

What kind of society does these things? The answer is that it is a society whose first objective is to frighten, humiliate, and deactivate any groups that might raise questions about a society bent on control--by any possible means--of groups that might raise questions about US policy at home and abroad.