



*Physicians for Human Rights and TASSC International  
Invite you to attend a briefing on Capitol Hill  
in recognition of Torture Awareness Month:*

## **Psychological Torture in Detention**

**Wednesday, June 27, 2-3:30pm  
Cannon House Office Building, Room 304**

The use of indefinite detention and solitary confinement—particularly in national security and immigration contexts, where detainees have not been charged with a crime—raises serious concerns about the psychological trauma that such forms of incarceration can cause to detainees.

The unpredictable nature of indefinite detention creates psychological and physical effects that can include severe and chronic dread, pathological levels of stress, depression and suicide, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Likewise, the isolating nature of solitary confinement causes persistent anxiety, confusion, high measures of anger, depression, obsessive thoughts, and in some cases, hallucination.

This briefing will focus on psychological torture, particularly as it manifests in detention through the use of prolonged indefinite detention and solitary confinement.

### **Panelists:**

**Pedro Mangué**

*Torture Survivor*

**Mike Corradini, JD**

*Asylum Advocacy Associate, Physicians for Human Rights*

**Lynne Gaby, MD**

*Psychiatrist*

**Moderator: Kristine Huskey, JD**

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