

Confronting a Human Rights Scourge: Canada and the Global Struggle against Torture

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Around the world, the scourge of torture continues to be a global human rights crisis. Governments deny it exists; cover it up; excuse it in the name of security; use it to terrorize opponents and minorities; brutally rely on it in fighting crime; and pretend it only occurs in isolated cases. While torture is obviously not rampant in Canada, that does not mean we are off the hook. There are many ways in which Canada is complicit in torture that has occurred in other countries. As well, Canada falls short in ensuring justice for torture survivors and accountability of torturers. Alex Neve will survey the state of the world and the state of the nation when it comes to combatting torture.

