

Censorship in Amerika Documentation Project

We are pleased to announce a new documentation project devoted to keeping track of censorship by the Amerikan government in the criminal injustice system.

The United \$tates imprisons more people per-capital than any other country in the world, a majority of whom are non-violent offenders. At the same time, the U\$ does more to arm and train fascists in the Third World than any other country. But still this is the country so many patriotic Amerikans praise as the home of freedom. There are a number of organizations in this country that focus on documenting repression by governments around the world. But they conveniently ignore the role of the Amerikan government in aiding and even encouraging that repression while also turning a blind eye to repression within U.\$ borders. The censorship documentation project focuses on one piece of this U.\$ government-led repression: censorship in the so-called justice system.

The censorship documentation project produces regular reports of censorship in Amerikan prisons. It provides much needed perspective to the regular reports on repression and censorship elsewhere in the world, produced by organizations that generally ignore the abuses perpetuated by the Amerikan government.

MIM has already made a start at documenting censorship in the Amerikan prisons, and many of our reports and campaigns can be viewed here: www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/agitation/prisons/censor. This information is based on censorship that MIM experiences in our prison organizing work, particularly from our books for prisoners program.

With your help we can expand these reports and coordinate our battles. We can join forces in the fight against censorship by sharing information and protesting together. And when one of us wins a censorship battle, we can share that victory with others and make sure it is enforced for everyone.

We are asking you to send us information about documented censorship you experience in the Amerikan prisons. Please use the format below.



Censorship Documentation Form

State and prison censoring:

Type of material censored (i.e. book, letter):

Material censored (i.e. dictionary):

Date of censorship:

What proof do you have of censorship
(i.e. letter from prison):

What steps (if any) have been taken to fight
this censorship:

Send this form to pm@mim.org
or MIM, PO Box 29670, Los Angeles, CA
90029-0670

If possible, also send us a copy of the censor-
ship documentation (i.e. rejection letter) via
snail mail or scanned as an e-mail attachment.