

- July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Prisoners in California housed in general population and shu units go on hunger strike.
- July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. News puts the number of prisoners hunger striking at 30,000 and over 2/3 of the prison population in California.
- July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Fox news network reports that prisoners are hunger striking for better food, cleaner conditions and better materials for law library.

As a participant in this hunger strike I must admit that I'm appalled. First off only one of the stuff fox news says we're hunger striking is true. Representatives at Pelican Bay gave 5 core demands that are non-negotiable. One of them is food, however we're not hunger striking mainly for better/cleaner conditions nor for law library materials.

This is completely absurd and what we see is news networks distorting and fabricating lies to the public. The public has a right to know what's going on in California Prison, also known as the gallows.

The one thing the news (fox) got correct was the food. That's #1 in the 5 core demands. The fact of the matter is that 30,000 people are sacrificing their health and lives in order to be treated decently and humanly. The number of prisoners hunger striking cannot be overlooked by CDCR as it is history in the making. Another fact that really no one wants to discuss is the prison problem. Where society puts its "worst" citizens. Nobody wants to discuss it at length and truthfully. Especially politicians as seeming to vote in favor of prisoners and against "law-enforcement" will spell disaster in political sponsors and their political careers period.

But with massive protest comes massive information. And what is now coming to light is the intolerable conditions that prisoners are going through while spending decades in solitary confinement. There's no need to discuss

the trauma it causes, it's not my point in this writing. The point is that this massive hunger strike is trying to be covered up and twisted to be something else. However, what do the citizens of America have to say?