Shut Down the Control Units!



This video documents the harsh conditions in Amerika's "control units," maximum security prisons designed to break prisoners will to resist and rob them of their sanity.

Control units usually employ sensory deprivation and isolation techniques: Prisoners are in solitary confinement 23 hours a day and contact with the outside world is limited. Prison authorities claim these prisons are reserved for "violent" prisoners, but in reality prisoners are often sent to control units because of a history of political activism or on guards' whims. As the number of people in Amerikan prisons generally skyrockets, so does the number of prisoners in control units.

"Shut Down the Control Units!" explains the reasons for the increase in control units over the last two decades and places them in their social context: National oppression. This is why, for example, Blacks are imprisoned at a rate five times that of whites and Leonard Peltier can spend more than 25 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Join us for a free screening of this video as well as a discussion of California's control units.

Wed., February 23, 7:00 p.m. University Center Community Room

-- (B142), across the pedestrian bridge from the UCI campus --

This event is part of our ongoing campaign to educate the public about the injustices and abuses of the Amerikan prisons system. We also promote the "Free Books for Prisoners Program" founded by the MIM. Everyone is encouraged to bring books to donate and/or a monetary donation to cover mailing costs.



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