

United States Court of Appeals  
For the Eighth Circuit

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No. 12-3289

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Leonicio Esau Velasquez-Melendez

*Petitioner*

v.

Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States

*Respondent*

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Petition for Review of an Order of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals

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Before MURPHY, SMITH, and COLLOTON, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

Guatemalan citizen Leonicio Velasquez-Melendez petitions for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals, which affirmed an immigration judge's denial of withholding of removal. After careful review, we conclude that substantial evidence supported the denial of withholding of removal. See Ortiz-Puentes v. Holder, 662 F.3d 481, 483-84 (8th Cir. 2011) (harm suffered by Guatemalan

petitioners who refused to join gang did not establish eligibility for withholding of removal on account of either political opinion or membership in particular social); Wijono v. Gonzales, 439 F.3d 868, 872 (8th Cir.2006) (standard of review). Accordingly, we deny the petition. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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