



Resolution on
Sociologists Worldwide Who Are Endangered
by Their Writing and Ideas

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The Council of the American Sociological Association (ASA) stands firm in its support of sociologists worldwide who are endangered by their sociological writings and ideas. As the national association for sociologists in the United States, the ASA has often worked on behalf of sociologists in many areas of the world who have been imprisoned, persecuted, and tortured for their writings or other public expressions of their ideas.

The ASA works both independently and in collaboration with other United States academic institutions, such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Committee on Human Rights of the National Academy of Sciences, the International Human Rights Network of the National Academy of Sciences, Sociologists without Borders, and Scholars at Risk to combat these abuses. With input from the ASA elected leadership and the ASA Section on Human Rights, the ASA Executive Office engages in quick and targeted letter writing and publicity through the media, bringing attention to such cases, and assisting in asylum efforts.

The ASA urges its members and other parties concerned with the academic freedom, freedom of speech, and personal safety of sociologists to contact the ASA immediately with relevant information so it can take appropriate actions and participate in effective collaborations.