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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

LINO ANDRES ROMERO-CAMPOS; et
al.,

Petitioners,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 09-71364

Agency Nos. A098-591-670

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MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted January 10, 2011**
San Francisco, California

Before: BEEZER, TALLMAN and CALLAHAN, Circuit Judges.

Lino Andres Romero-Campos, Blanca Luz Martinez-Martinez, and Claudia
Marcela Campos-Martinez, natives and citizens of El Salvador, petition pro se for
review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' order dismissing their appeal from an

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except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision
without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

immigration judge's decision denying their application for asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture (“CAT”). We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review de novo questions of law, *Cerezo v. Mukasey*, 512 F.3d 1163, 1166 (9th Cir. 2008), except to the extent that deference is owed to the BIA's determination of the governing statutes and regulations, *Simeonov v. Ashcroft*, 371 F.3d 532, 535 (9th Cir. 2004). We review for substantial evidence factual findings. *Zehatye v. Gonzales*, 453 F.3d 1182, 1184-85 (9th Cir. 2006). We deny the petition for review.

We reject petitioners’ claim that they are eligible for asylum and withholding of removal based on their anti-gang political opinion or membership in a particular social group. *See Santos-Lemus v. Mukasey*, 542 F.3d 738, 745-46 (9th Cir. 2008) (rejecting as a particular social group “young men in El Salvador resisting gang violence,” and holding that general aversion to gangs is not a political opinion); *Parussimova v. Mukasey*, 555 F.3d 734, 740 (9th Cir. 2009) (“[t]he Real ID Act requires that a protected ground represent ‘one central reason’ for an asylum applicant's persecution”). Accordingly, because petitioners failed to demonstrate that they were or will be persecuted on account of a protected ground, we deny the petition as to the asylum and withholding claims. *See Barrios v. Holder*, 581 F.3d 849, 856 (9th Cir.2009).

Substantial evidence also supports the agency's denial of CAT protection because petitioners failed to establish it is more likely than not they will be tortured if they return to El Salvador. *See Santos-Lemus*, 542 F.3d at 747-48.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.