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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

WALTER OMAR HERNANDEZ-VILLALTA, Petitioner, v. ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General, Respondent.	No. 09-71417 Agency No. A099-653-384 MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted January 17, 2012**

Before: LEAVY, TALLMAN, and CALLAHAN, Circuit Judges.

Walter Omar Hernandez-Villalta, a native and citizen of El Salvador, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge's decision denying his application for asylum

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* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent 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).

and withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence the agency's factual findings, applying the new standards governing adverse credibility determinations created by the REAL ID Act, *Shrestha v. Holder*, 590 F.3d 1034, 1039-40 (9th Cir. 2010), and we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the agency's adverse credibility determination because Hernandez-Villalta made no mention of his political party volunteer work in his asylum application, *see Husyev v. Mukasey*, 528 F.3d 1172, 1183 (9th Cir. 2008), and Hernandez-Villalta also failed to provide any corroboration of his political activities, *see Mejia-Paiz v. INS*, 111 F.3d 720, 723-24 (9th Cir. 1997). Hernandez-Villalta's explanations for the discrepancies do not compel a contrary conclusion. *See Rivera v. Mukasey*, 508 F.3d 1271, 1275 (9th Cir. 2007). In the absence of credible testimony, Hernandez-Villalta's asylum and withholding of removal claims fail. *See Farah v. Ashcroft*, 348 F.3d 1153, 1156 (9th Cir. 2003).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.