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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

<p>MARTIN FRANCISCO MATIAS,</p> <p>Petitioner,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,</p> <p>Respondent.</p>
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No. 10-73553

Agency No. A071-635-920

MEMORANDUM\*

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

Submitted July 22, 2014\*

Before: GOODWIN, CANBY, and CALLAHAN, Circuit Judges.

Martin Francisco Matias, a native and citizen of Guatemala, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals’ (“BIA”) order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge’s decision denying his application for asylum and withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review

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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).

for substantial evidence the agency's factual findings, *Zehatye v. Gonzales*, 453 F.3d 1182, 1184-85 (9th Cir. 2006), and we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the BIA's determination that, even if credible, Matias failed to establish past persecution or a well-founded fear of future persecution by guerrillas on account of his imputed political opinion and/or membership in a particular social group. *See INS v. Elias-Zacarias*, 502 U.S. 478, 483 (1992) (petitioner must provide direct or circumstantial evidence of motive). Thus, Matias's asylum and withholding of removal claims fail. *See Molina-Morales v. INS*, 237 F.3d 1048, 1052 (9th Cir. 2001).

**PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.**