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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

CHANGWU LIU,

Petitioner,

v.

LORETTA E. LYNCH, Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 12-70532

Agency No. A099-063-607

MEMORANDUM\*

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

Submitted August 25, 2015\*\*

Before: McKEOWN, CLIFTON, and HURWITZ, Circuit Judges.

Changwu Liu, a native and citizen of China, petitions pro se for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge's decision denying his application for asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture ("CAT"). We have

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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).

jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence the agency's factual findings, applying the 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 BIA's adverse credibility determination based on the discrepancy between Liu's claimed fear of harm for violating China's family planning policy and his testimony that his wife has remained in her mother's house for years without experiencing any problems. *See id.* at 1048 (adverse credibility determination was reasonable under the "totality of circumstances"). Liu's explanations do not compel a contrary conclusion. *See Lata v. INS*, 204 F.3d 1241, 1245 (9th Cir. 2000). In the absence of credible testimony, Liu's asylum and withholding of removal claims fail. *See Farah v. Ashcroft*, 348 F.3d 1153, 1156 (9th Cir. 2003).

Finally, Liu's CAT claim fails because it is based on the same evidence the BIA found not credible, and the record does not otherwise compel the conclusion that it is more likely than not he would be tortured by or with the acquiescence of the government if returned to China. *See Shrestha*, 590 F.3d at 1048-49.

**PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.**