

End Perpetual Punishment: Read the Report

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[The Illinois Murder Registry Impact Report](#)

Background

*The vast majority of survivors of police torture and violence in Chicago have been or are currently on the Illinois Murder Registry. The registry is a form of perpetual punishment, keeping people in cycles of criminalization far past their out dates and mandatory supervised release. Over twenty five years of research has proven that public conviction registries do **not** prevent violence or lower recidivism. In fact, they destabilize the lives of those on them, and therefore make all of our communities less safe. We believe that repealing the Illinois Murder Registry is not only an issue of racial and economic justice, but an issue of true public safety.*

In September 2023, the Chicago Torture Justice Center published the Illinois Murder Registry Impact Report, the first report of its kind, as a step toward repealing the Illinois Murder Registry.

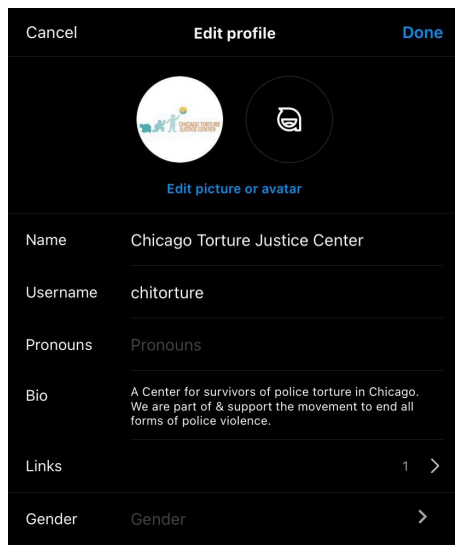
Objective

*The Illinois Murder Registry Impact Report, written by the CTJC Organizing Team, is the first report of its kind. Communities impacted by public conviction registries are familiar with the barriers and stigma that result from registries, and we want the broader public to understand how harmful this illusion of safety is for all of us. **The objective is to share the [report](#) as widely as possible!***

Tips and Tricks

- Make your posts accessible. [Here's how to do that.](#)

- We encourage you to use the messaging we provided (copy-paste is ok!), but to personalize the post for your specific audience/community, try adding or inserting some of your own words in your own voice.
 - How does the murder registry impact *you* or *your* community?
 - What does safety actually look like for your community instead of perpetual punishment?
- If you don't have time or capacity to make your own posts, we ask that you simply share, retweet, or link our posts to your platforms. Any and all ways to share the report are welcome and so appreciated. ***Keep in mind though that making your own original post helps spread the word most effectively.***
- Instagram tip: link the report in your bio and direct your audience to it. The links in Instagram captions aren't clickable.
 - Select "Edit Profile" on your Instagram profile. Select "Links". Copy the link to the report (<https://www.chicagotorturejustice.org/murderregistry>) and paste.



Messaging and Graphics

Graphics

There are two series of graphics to share and a video below! You are welcome to use any of the three to make a post with the following tweets and/or IG + Facebook posts.

[End Perpetual Punishment Graphic Drive Link](#)

[Video Link](#)

Don't forget to use the hashtag #EndPerpetualPunishment and to tag CTJC in your posts!

Tweets

- The IL Murder Registry is an inexpensive and ineffective response to complex social problems, like intracommunal violence. It does not keep our communities safe. Read the report now: chicagotorturejustice.org/murderregistry #EndPerpetualPunishment @chitorture
- The IL Murder Registry and other public conviction registries keep people in a cycle of perpetual punishment. They do nothing to keep us safe. #EndPerpetualPunishment @chitorture
- Public conviction registries are a form of state surveillance, primarily targeting Black and brown communities. The IL Murder Registry is harmful and destabilizes the lives of individuals on it, and their families and communities. #EndPerpetualPunishment @chitorture
- People want to feel safe in their communities, but over twenty five years of research shows that public conviction registries and community notification laws do not make anyone safer. Report: chicagotorturejustice.org/murderregistry #EndPerpetualPunishment @chitorture
- Almost all registration sites in Chicago have been sites where individuals have been tortured. This process retraumatizes torture survivors and is a by the city of Chicago to be accountable to them and right the wrongs of the past. #EndPerpetualPunishment @chitorture
- Each dot represents an individual on the murder registry in Chicago. The south and west sides are most impacted and when overlayed with geographic data on race, it is clear this registry disproportionately impacts Black and brown communities. #EndPerpetualPunishment @chitorture [include data maps of Chicago and Illinois]
- **To share out tweets directly from our page instead, retweet [post 1](#), [post 2](#), and/or [post three with the video](#).**

Instagram Post

- The IL Murder Registry impacts 8,200 people a year in our state, and is a racist and classist policy that keeps people in a cycle of perpetual punishment and criminalization. Over twenty five years of research has proven that public conviction registries do prevent violence or lower recidivism. In fact, they destabilize the lives of those on them, and therefore make all of our communities less safe. The Chicago Torture Justice Center (@chitorture) just released an Illinois Murder Registry Impact Report. To learn more, please read the report: chicagotorturejustice.org/murderregistry #EndPerpetualPunishment
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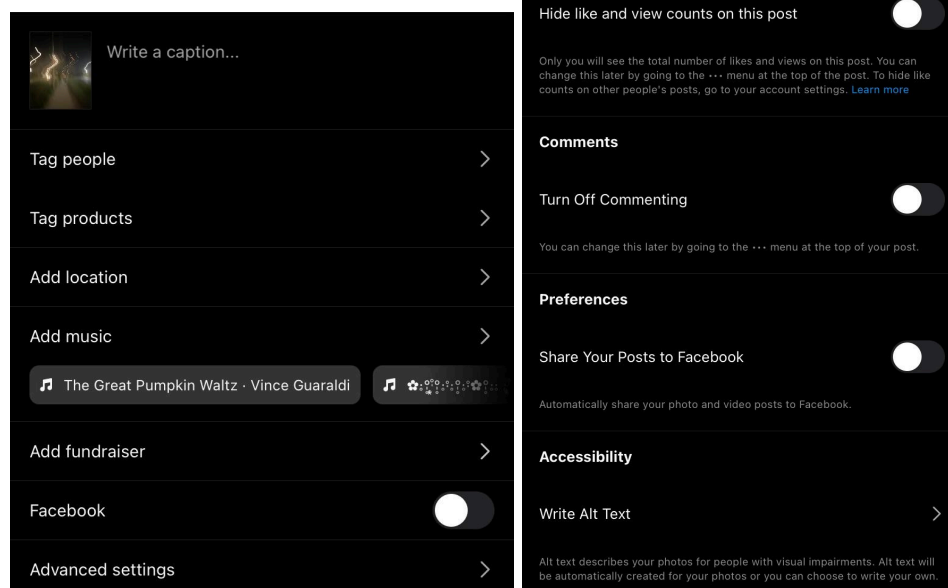
Facebook Post

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How to make your posts accessible

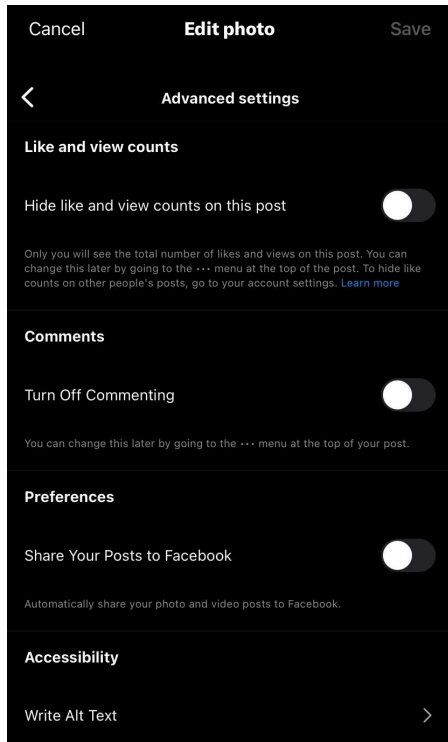
Alt text for each graphic is located in the graphics drive.

- **Instagram**
 1. Once you've written your caption, made the appropriate tags and other edits, select "Advanced Settings" at the bottom of the menu
 2. Once in advanced settings, select "Write Alt Text" under the "Accessibility" heading
 3. Example of alt text: "A group of 5 people smiling on a sunny day. They are sitting on grass" OR "A graphic with text that says "End Perpetual Punishment"



- **Twitter**

1. Once you've added an image to your Tweet, click on the image
2. Select "Write Alt Text" underneath the "Accessibility" heading
3. See example of alt text above



- **Facebook**

1. Once you've added in image to your Facebook post, click on the three dots on the right hand corner of the image
2. Select "Edit Alt Text"
3. See example of alt text above

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