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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

ZHIRIK TER-GHAHRAMANYAN,

Petitioner,

v.

**MICHAEL B. MUKASEY, Attorney
General,**

Respondent.

No. 05-70756

Agency No. A79-781-808

MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted June 6, 2008**
Pasadena, California

Before: **KOZINSKI**, Chief Judge, **BEA**, Circuit Judge, and **HUFF**,
District Judge.***

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

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

*** The Honorable Marilyn L. Huff, United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, sitting by designation.

The record doesn't compel a finding of past persecution or a well-founded fear of future persecution. See 8 C.F.R. § 1208.13(b). There was no evidence that petitioner was fired or that petitioner's father's death occurred "on account of . . . religion." 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(42)(A). The treatment petitioner's children received at school does not amount to persecution, which is "an extreme concept, marked by the infliction of suffering or harm . . . in a way regarded as offensive." Li v. Ashcroft, 356 F.3d 1153, 1158 (9th Cir. 2004) (en banc) (ellipsis in original) (internal quotation marks omitted). The IJ therefore properly denied petitioner asylum. Consequently, petitioner is also necessarily ineligible for withholding of removal. See Farah v. Ashcroft, 348 F.3d 1153, 1156 (9th Cir. 2003).

PETITION DENIED.