

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 11-2006

Juan Tomas Leon,

Petitioner,

v.

Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General
of the United States,

Respondent.

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* Petition for Review of an
* Order of the
* Board of Immigration Appeals.
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* [UNPUBLISHED]
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Before WOLLMAN, MELLODY, and SMITH, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Guatemalan citizen Juan Tomas Leon petitions for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), which affirmed an immigration judge's denial of withholding of removal.¹ We conclude that substantial evidence supports the BIA's determination that Leon failed to show it was more likely than not that he would be

¹Leon also pursued asylum and relief under the Convention Against Torture, but he does not address these claims in his brief; thus, they are waived. See Chay-Velasquez v. Ashcroft, 367 F.3d 751, 756 (8th Cir. 2004) (appellant waives claim that is not meaningfully raised in opening brief).

persecuted on account of a protected ground if returned to Guatemala. See 8 U.S.C. § 1231(b)(3) (alien may not be removed to country if alien's life or freedom would be threatened in that country because of race, religion, nationality, membership in particular social group, or political opinion); Wijono v. Gonzales, 439 F.3d 868, 872 (8th Cir. 2006) (standard of review; applicant for withholding of removal has burden to show clear probability of persecution, which is same as showing persecution is more likely than not to occur).

Accordingly, we deny the petition. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.
