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WELCOME TO THE RESISTANCE

We have our work cut out for us—as the ACLU, and as the American people.

The rights of so many of us—all of us—are on the line. And so are the hard-fought victories that have been won by so many of our ancestors.

America has had at least three revolutions—our founding, which established the Constitution; the revolution of abolition and reconstruction, which established equal protection; and the modern civil rights movement, which made many of these rights real.

Our job now is to keep Donald Trump's so-called revolution from undoing the progress we have made.

Among the original American revolutionaries I admire most is Thomas Paine, and his pamphlet *Common Sense*. Reflecting on an earlier rebellion by the colonists that failed, he notes:

"We had experience, but wanted numbers; and forty or fifty years hence, we should have numbers but without experience; wherefore, the proper point between the two extremes, [is one] in which a sufficiency of [experience] remains, and a proper increase in [numbers] is obtained. And that point in time is the present time."

We have to protect our democracy with the same urgency that Paine expressed in 1776. That point in time is the present time.

We have the *experience* of representative government, of the separation of powers, the Bill of Rights, and all of our movements for justice. And we have the *numbers*. We still have members from the generation that came of age during WWII. We have Boomers, Generation X, and Millennials—and the youth coming up behind them. And since the election of Trump, as this newsletter goes to print the ACLU's membership has tripled in Northern California. We have experience. And we have growing numbers.

What do we do with our experience and with our numbers?



PHOTO BY JASON DOIY

ACLU of Northern California Executive Director Abdi Soltani

FIRST, WE GO TO COURT. It didn't take long for Trump to pursue his unconstitutional policies, or for the ACLU to follow through on our pledge that if he did, we would see him in court. The ACLU immediately challenged Trump's Muslim ban executive order—and won a stay that blocks a key piece of the discriminatory policy (read more on page 4). In California, we're representing three students from majority-Muslim countries and a Jewish organization that resettles refugees (read more on page 5).

SECOND, WE HAVE PEOPLE POWER. Thousands of people have asked the ACLU what they can do. We are excited to announce a new flank of the ACLU called **peoplepower.org**, launched on March 11. The ACLU has organized people for decades, and peoplepower.org is a new way we will work directly with people throughout the country.

This current administration has a playbook of fear. We have a playbook of freedom—the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and our nation's civil rights laws.

We have the experience. We have the numbers. And we have the Constitution.

Abdi Soltani

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FROM THE ACLU ARCHIVES: JAPANESE INTERNMENT, 75 YEARS LATER

Feb. 19, 2017 was the 75th anniversary of the day President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which authorized Japanese Internment.

On that afternoon in San Francisco, the ACLU of Northern California’s Executive Director Abdi Soltani joined other civil rights speakers at The Long March for Justice, an event at the YBCA theater live-streamed across the world, to look back on our history and what it means as we look ahead.



PHOTO BY MARTHA WINNACKER

The Long March for Justice speakers: Abdi Soltani, Hadil Mansoor Al-Mowafak, Jessica Cabrera Carmona, Karen Korematsu, Myrtle Braxton, and performer Diana Gameros.

THE ACLU OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ARCHIVES

The California Historical Society serves as the official repository of the records of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California. This collection documents the ACLU-NC’s legislative, legal, and educational efforts to protect and extend individual liberties in California, beginning in 1934, when the affiliate was established, until the present day.

One of the main collections is of the Fred Korematsu case. ACLU-NC intervened on behalf of Korematsu and against the wartime detention and relocation of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. The collection includes poignant correspondence between Korematsu and the indefatigable Ernest Besig, who served as the ACLU-NC’s executive director from 1935 to 1971.

Feb. 19, 2017 was the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which instated Japanese Internment. At a time when we see parallels such as the Muslim Ban, these archives are especially relevant.

The records are available for research at the California Historical Society’s North Baker Research Library. The library is open to the public, free of charge, Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.californiahistoricalsociety.org.

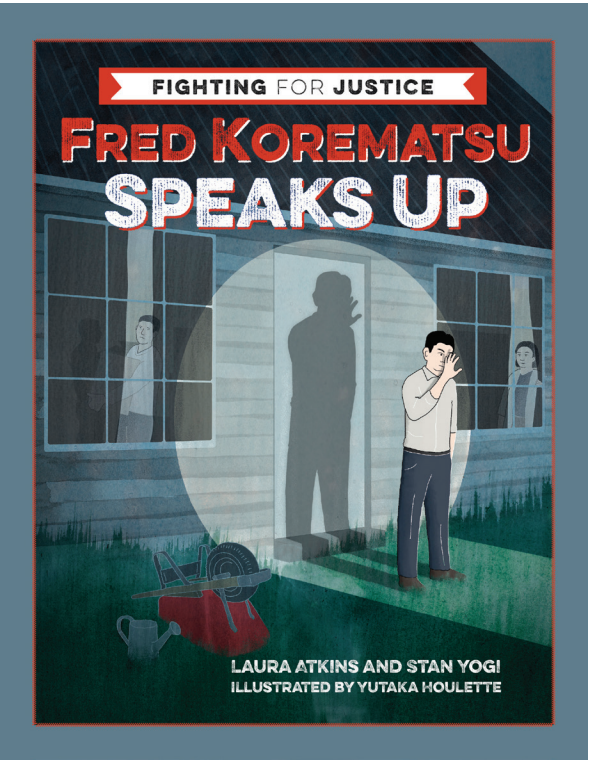
NEW CHILDREN’S BOOK ABOUT FRED KOREMATSU

At age 23, Fred Korematsu defied the government’s WWII orders that all Japanese Americans report to facilities to be incarcerated. The ACLU of Northern California represented Korematsu all the way to the Supreme Court. Now, when the lessons of Korematsu’s life are even more important to remember, a new book for children, *Fred Korematsu Speaks Up*, has just been released.

DISCOUNT FOR ACLU MEMBERS

ACLU members can receive a 30% discount. To receive your discount, search for “Fred Korematsu Speaks Up” on www.heydaybooks.com. When you check out, enter “ACLU” in the “Do you have a coupon?” box.

This book makes a wonderful gift for children and adults alike. It is co-written by the ACLU-NC’s former staff member Stan Yogi.



LESSONS FROM INTERNMENT: RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PROFILING ARE NEVER WARRANTED

By Julia Harumi Mass

My mother was seven years old when she and her family were evacuated from the West Coast and forced to live in an Army barrack behind barbed wire in an internment camp in Heart Mountain, Wyoming. Born in Los Angeles, she had been taught in school to be a proud and loyal American citizen, so the wholesale exclusion and relocation of her community was both terrifying and confusing.

On the journey to Wyoming, the prisoners were ordered to keep their shades down when the train passed through towns; my mother thought this must be because people hated her and her community so much that they didn’t want to see their faces. She was incarcerated at Heart Mountain for three years before she and her family were permitted to return to their home in Los Angeles.

Months ago, my mother told us she was feeling anxious and having trouble sleeping because Donald Trump’s rhetoric and campaign promises were reminding her of that time. Since Trump won the general election, we have heard more reports of anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant vandalism, harassment and violence. A prominent Trump supporter invoked the Japanese American internment as “precedent” for creating a registry of Muslim Americans.

In the years following the 9/11 attacks, when scapegoating and targeting of Arab and Muslim Americans peaked, the ACLU opposed discriminatory policies and practices and documented abuses. We opposed the NSEERS program—the revival of which is under consideration by President Trump. That program required the registration of tens of thousands of men and boys from Arab- and Muslim-majority countries and subjected them to tracking and travel restrictions. NSEERS was suspended in 2011 after it was shown to be completely ineffective as a tool to protect national security.

Right now, we want to affirm core American values of religious tolerance and inclusion and to remind members of Muslim communities that the ACLU will be vigilant in protecting these values and corresponding rights. We have compiled a great deal of Know Your Rights information for people facing anti-Muslim discrimination and government surveillance based on perceived religion or national origin.



ACLU attorney Julia Harumi Mass’s family at a Japanese Internment camp in 1944.

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As an adult in the early 80s, my mother participated in the redress movement, seeking an apology and recognition of wrongdoing from

the government for its incarceration of Japanese Americans and residents. A clinical social worker, she testified before the Congressional Committee on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians about the psychological effects of the camps on Japanese American families and individuals. The Commission later issued a report, “Personal Justice Denied,” which details how the government executed the internment of over 120,000 people without individual review, “virtually without regard for their loyalty to the United States,” and “despite that fact that not a single act of espionage, sabotage or fifth column activity was committed” by Japanese Americans or residents. Instead, the report determined

that the decisions were based on “race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership.”

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, a law with purposes including acknowledging the “fundamental injustice” of the evacuation, relocation, and internment, to “apologize, on behalf of the people of the United States,” and to “inform the public about the internment...so as to prevent the recurrence of any similar event.”

My mother remains a fiercely loyal American. She recently told us she wants “God Bless America” to be played at her funeral. I dearly hope that the work of the Japanese American redress movement and the lawmakers who passed the 1988 Civil Liberties Act have their intended effect of preventing a similar event, namely religious or national origin discrimination against Muslim Americans, immigrants, and visitors. The ACLU certainly will do everything in our power to prevent it.

Julia Harumi Mass is a Senior Staff Attorney with the ACLU of Northern California.

THE ACLU'S PLAN TO FIGHT TRUMP'S POLICIES

THE ACLU'S PLANS ACROSS THE NATION

When President Donald Trump won the election, we warned him that if he implemented the policies he proposed, we'd see him in court. He did, and we sued.

Since then, we've received a surge in donations that will fund sustained litigation, grassroots mobilization, and increased advocacy in battleground states. "This is what we do. It's why the ACLU was created," said ACLU Executive Director Anthony D. Romero, calling the public response "astonishing." From the election to Feb. 8, almost a million dollars in online donations were made, totalling \$79 million, and membership has more than doubled. Where is the money going?

- ♦ \$40 million to build up our state offices with 100 new staff positions.
- ♦ \$13 million to build a grassroots member-mobilization program.
- ♦ \$21 million to hire new lawyers, advocates, and other staff in ACLU headquarters.

ACLU BLOCKS TRUMP'S MUSLIM BAN

President Trump's executive order suspends resettlement of refugees and bans the entry of nationals from seven Muslim-majority countries. It is a Muslim ban wrapped in paper-thin national security rationale. The ACLU immediately challenged Trump's executive order in court. Federal District Court Judge Ann M. Donnelly issued a stay, blocking a key portion of President Trump's discriminatory policy from taking effect.




The United States is a nation governed by the rule of law and not the iron will of one man. The courts are the bulwark of our democracy. This is merely the first skirmish in a long battle to vigorously defend the Bill of Rights from the authoritarian designs of the Trump administration.

DEMANDING TRANSPARENCY FROM TRUMP

The day Trump took the oath of office, we filed a Freedom of Information Act request demanding any and all government documents that addressed conflicts of interest and violations of the Emoluments Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Trump has refused to sell or place his businesses in a blind trust. We are currently investigating potential violations of the Emoluments Clause. Trump has not fully answered questions about his looming conflicts of interest. The ACLU is demanding access to key documents concerning these conflicts.

MORE ACLU WORK AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

- ♦ Challenging state restrictions on abortion.
- ♦ Taking Gavin Grimm's heroic fight for transgender students' rights, which could affect trans life for generations, to the U.S. Supreme Court on March 28.
- ♦ Telling North Dakota's governor to keep Standing Rock water protectors safe by ensuring police do not violate rights.
- ♦ Revealing new documents that show TSA's behavior detection program is unscientific and unreliable but still continues. 

At press time, the ACLU was diving into action to fight Trump's second Muslim ban executive order.

PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF CALIFORNIANS IN TRUMP'S AMERICA

Ever since candidate Trump announced his plans to trample on the rights of immigrants and Muslims, the ACLU of Northern California started gearing up to challenge the many nefarious policies and programs promised by the new administration.

In the short time since the inauguration, we've already seen a Muslim ban enforced at airports across the country, ICE agents raiding sanctuary cities, and "tough on crime" executive orders that will target communities of color. We know there is more to come.

We will continue to defend the rights of our state's most vulnerable communities, just as we have swiftly responded to the attempts at discrimination that have come so far.

REPRESENTING STUDENTS AFFECTED BY THE MUSLIM BAN

In February, we filed a lawsuit against President Trump on behalf of three university students who would be restricted from traveling under the Muslim ban. We argued that the ban constitutes an unlawful attempt to discriminate against Muslims and to establish a preference for one religion over another, violating the First Amendment, and the equal protection and due process rights granted under the Fifth Amendment.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

We also joined ACLU affiliates across the country in filing Freedom of Information Act requests with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to find out how its officials are interpreting and executing the president's Muslim ban. These documents will help us find out if immigration officials are defying court orders that blocked the Muslim ban.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAININGS


We're holding weekly Know Your Rights trainings to teach immigrants, refugees, AMEMSA (Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian) communities, and others how to protect themselves if confronted by law enforcement. (See the back page of this newsletter for more information.) We're working with leaders in immigrant communities to make sure schools and health clinics and other threatened resources remain available. And we are working on creating a rapid response legal network to respond to immigration raids.

DEFENDING AGAINST ICE RAIDS

We've sued ICE before and we're ready to do it again. During the last raids in 2007, ICE agents were storming into people's homes and pulling them out of their beds, even out of the shower. We saw how they operated then and we're ready to document the treatment, gather the evidence, and sue over illegal raids.

We're also working on bills in Sacramento that will limit law enforcement participation with ICE and protect the records of all Californians from use for immigration enforcement, and racial or religious targeting. We are ready to stand with the sanctuary cities and counties in our state to defend the federal threats.

With all of this religious and national origin targeting, we have our work cut out for us.

Thankfully, we can draw on the thousands of new and old volunteers and the outpouring of support we've received since the election to expand our reach and continue the fight. 



21-year-old Stanford University student and ACLU client Hadil Mansoor Al-Mowafak, who's challenging the Muslim ban.



LEGAL UPDATES

By Bethany Woolman

SANCHEZ V. CALTRANS
LAWSUIT TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF
HOMELESS CALIFORNIANS

Filed in December, this suit charges the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) with violating the constitutional rights of homeless people by confiscating and destroying their property in ongoing sweeps. On multiple occasions, Caltrans has given improper or misleading notice before raiding encampments—refusing plaintiffs an opportunity to move their belongings before destroying them in trash compactors. “We can’t tell people to pull themselves up by their bootstraps if we’ve confiscated and destroyed their boots,” said ACLU of Northern California Senior Staff Attorney Michael Risher. The suit requests a permanent statewide injunction to stop Caltrans from continuing to violate the law, as well as damages for people whose property has been illegally taken and destroyed in Oakland, Emeryville, and Berkeley.

HERNANDEZ V. CALIFORNIA DMV
CHALLENGE TO THE DMV’S SUSPENSION OF
DRIVER’S LICENSES

The ACLU of Northern California sued the California Department of Motor Vehicles in October for illegally suspending the driver’s licenses of low-income Californians. Many Californians do not have valid driver’s licenses because they cannot afford to pay the exorbitant fines and fees associated with a routine traffic citations. “State law allows the DMV to suspend the licenses of people who willfully refuse to pay these fines and fees,” said ACLU of Northern California Legal Director Christine Sun. “But most California traffic courts do not give drivers a meaningful opportunity to prove that their failure to pay is due to poverty, rather than willful non-compliance.” The ACLU of Northern California also has an ongoing lawsuit against Solano County due to the unconstitutional traffic court policies that disproportionately affect low-income residents.

SOCIAL MEDIA MONITORING
SOFTWARE
PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST REVEALS
POLICE SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY

The technology and civil liberties team at the ACLU of California filed a Public Records Act request last July, requesting information from 63 California law enforcement agencies about any acquisition or use of social media monitoring software. “The groundbreaking findings revealed that police departments, district attorneys, sheriff departments, and federal fusion centers across the state had acquired this powerful software, and with no public notice

or input,” said ACLU of Northern California Technology and Civil Liberties Policy Attorney Matt Cagle. The records also showed that marketing materials for this software referred to unions and activist groups as “overt threats,” and showed use of the product to monitor activists protesting police brutality in Ferguson, Mo. and Baltimore, Md. In response to the ACLU’s advocacy, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram ended their data-sharing relationships with one of the more egregious software companies. Analysis of the records is ongoing.

BAY AREA AFFORDABLE
HOUSING
COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AFTER FACEBOOK’S
PROPOSED HEADQUARTERS EXPANSION

Last December, the ACLU of Northern California partnered with a coalition of community groups in East Palo Alto to negotiate a groundbreaking agreement with Facebook. The agreement creates an unprecedented partnership between the community groups, Facebook, and the cities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park—developing innovative solutions to tackle affordable housing, displacement, and economic opportunity in the Bay Area.

The result is a community compact under which Facebook will make an initial contribution valued at more than \$20 million. It finances benefits for low-income families, a housing fund to develop and preserve affordable housing, and a tenant assistance fund to provide legal and rental assistance to low-income tenants threatened with displacement. “Our contribution reflects an organizational commitment to affordable housing as not just an economic justice issue but also a civil rights issue,” said ACLU of Northern California Staff Attorney Novella Coleman. The former federal HUD secretary, Julian Castro, lauded the agreement as a prime example of an affordable housing partnership between the tech sector and the community.

SIMS V. CDCR
SUIT CHALLENGING UNCONSTITUTIONAL
DEATH PENALTY LAW

This November, the ACLU of Northern California filed a lawsuit challenging a California death penalty statute that gives the California Department of Corrections unbridled discretion to develop an execution protocol. “The department has a repeated history of developing policies that have been declared unlawful and cruel,” said Senior Staff Attorney Linda Lye. “The current law shields legislators from accountability on the death penalty process.” Plaintiffs in the case are two men who have been sentenced to death in California.

Bethany Woolman is a Communications Strategist at the ACLU of Northern California.

THANK YOU TO EACH
OUR DONORS

We are profoundly grateful for the outpouring of support that comes with so many kind messages. One example comes from San Francisco’s City Lights Books.

ACLU of Northern California attorney Al Bendich successfully defended City Lights bookstore owner Lawrence Ferlinghetti in an anti-censorship case in 1957, when Ferlinghetti was prosecuted for obscenity for publishing Allen Ginsberg’s famous poem *Howl*.

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November 29, 2016,

Dear Friends and Allies at the ACLU,

Please accept this donation as a gesture of solidarity as we enter difficult times, in which the critical role of the ACLU will be more important than ever.

Thank you for all of the work you do, and know that you have allies and supporters in our institution.

With all best wishes, and sincere gratefulness,

Elaine Katzenberger
Elaine Katzenberger
Executive Director



Elaine Katzenberger of
City Lights Booksellers & Publishers

REMEMBERING AN ACLU
MEMBER WHO JOINED IN
THE 1950S: DEDICATED
ACTIVIST EMILY SKOLNICK

Emily Skolnick began volunteering with the ACLU during the age of McCarthyism, first fighting the demands for “loyalty oaths” from faculty and staff at local colleges. She helped found the local San Mateo Chapter of the ACLU of Northern California and served on its board for six years.

When the San Mateo chapter could not afford to pay their phone bill, Emily offered her home number to serve as the organization’s hotline. She hosted chapter meetings at her home for decades, continuing to do so into her 90s.

She died peacefully at home in Santa Cruz on Jan. 29, at 101 years of age, with her family by her side.



Emily Skolnick with former ACLU-NC Executive
Director Dorothy Ehrlich and Rosa Parks

PHOTO BY RICK ROCAMORA

IN MEMORIAM:
AILEEN HERNANDEZ

Aileen Hernandez, the first woman appointed to the Equal Employment Opportunity Council, co-founder of the National Organization for Women and its second president, and the vice chairperson of the ACLU’s National Advisory Council for more than two decades, passed away on Feb. 13 in San Francisco, Ca., at the age of 90.

Hernandez’s life embodied the movement forward for women and people of color. She was honored by the ACLU of Northern California with our annual civil liberties award in 1989 for her decades of work for equality and justice.



HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A BILL AND THEN A LAW

By Natasha Minsker

Since 1950, our Sacramento office has played a key role in supporting legislation to protect and advance the civil rights and civil liberties of every Californian. Last year alone, the ACLU kept track of over 600 bills, many of which we sponsored.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SPONSOR A BILL?

When the ACLU signs up to sponsor a bill, it means we are involved in drafting the bill and providing guidance on what civil rights impacts the bill could have. But we rarely work alone. Like the ACLU, other advocacy groups also sponsor bills. At the end of the day, the bill language is the result of a collaboration between the sponsors and the bill’s author—the legislator who is carrying the bill.

When we sponsor a bill, we also provide resources for advocacy, which includes meeting with legislators, testifying in support of the bill during hearings, seeking support from other groups, drafting fact sheets and sample support letters, and providing communications support. We encourage you to get involved in the legislative process by participating in our action alerts and our annual Conference & Lobby Day.

Sign up for email action alerts to support ACLU-sponsored bills: www.aclunc.org/email.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BILLS
WE’RE PRIORITIZING THIS YEAR:

BAIL REFORM

Assemblymember Rob Bonta (D-Oakland) and Senator Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) introduced two bail reform bills that would put freedom and justice within reach for more Californians. The bills, AB 42 and SB 10, would decrease California’s reliance on money bail.

Every year in California, thousands of people are jailed while they await their trial simply because they can’t afford to post money bail. When this happens, people have to make an impossible decision: sit in jail while their case moves forward, plead guilty, or pay a bail bonds company a nonrefundable fee to get out—even if they are innocent.

Simply put, California’s current money bail system means people who are low-income are at a disadvantage from the start.

IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS AND
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

In January, President Trump announced a series of draconian and discriminatory immigration actions,

ignoring the lessons of the last 30 years, betraying our country’s most fundamental values, and unjustly criminalizing countless people.

Fortunately, California lawmakers were already moving forward with a series of bills to fight these measures to uphold everyone’s rights, safeguard against unjust detentions and deportations, and ensure that all Californians are able to practice their religion freely.

SB 54 (De León) will ensure that state and local resources are not used to carry out mass deportations and that our schools, hospitals, and courthouses are safe spaces for each member in our communities.

SB 31 (Lara) would safeguard against the creation of the Muslim registry. Such a registry would trample on the religious freedom rights enshrined in the Constitution. The bill would bar California local and state agencies from taking part in the creation or enforcement of any sort of government registry targeting Muslim communities.

Finally, AB 3 (Bonta) would make sure that no Californian faces mandatory detention and deportation without access to quality legal representation. AB 3 provides our public defenders with the necessary resources and training to advise their clients about any possible immigration consequences in their cases. This would be a significant step toward helping prevent avoidable deportations.

These bills recognize that immigrants and Muslim Americans are our neighbors, friends, and colleagues. They are us—and California will stand united against any assault on our communities.

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Center for Advocacy & Policy
Director Natasha Minsker

PHOTO BY STACY ANTONOPOULOS

WHAT YOU CAN DO

We have work to do here in California. Join the ACLU of Northern California in supporting that work by signing up to volunteer. You can volunteer within your own community to help build relationships, host or speak at educational events, or be a Know Your Rights canvasser at rallies and protests.

To volunteer, please fill out the form at www.aclunc.org/volunteer. Here are a few activities you can participate in where you live:



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CANVASSER Canvassers engage in one-minute conversations with participants at rallies and protests, passing out Know Your Rights wallet cards.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WORKSHOP FACILITATOR Become trained to teach people about their rights in a classroom-like setting. There are various curricula you can learn, such as Know Your Rights with the Police, Know Your Rights with ICE or the FBI, and Know Your Rights to Demonstrate.

JOIN A CHAPTER Chapters are groups of volunteers that engage in building community through public education events, collaboration with and support of local community partners, and participation in community events on behalf of the ACLU.

JOIN AN ADVOCACY LEADERSHIP TEAM Gain an in-depth understanding of key civil liberties issues being worked on in California and carry out critical organizing strategies in partnership with staff to help us achieve our policy goals.

A FREEDOM LOST FOR ONE... IS A FREEDOM LOST FOR ALL

That's why the ACLU is in all 50 states, where we are the first line of defense against America's most serious civil liberties challenges.

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WHY I'M A MEMBER

GREG ASAY

"I FIRST JOINED THE ACLU ALMOST 25 YEARS AGO after I learned about its historic role in desegregating schools, protecting free speech, and much more.

My commitment has strengthened as the organization has been on the front lines of fighting for marriage equality, protecting the rights of vulnerable populations, and opposing the post-9/11 expansion of federal surveillance programs. We the people—stronger when we work together—must be on the front lines."



JESSICA CABRERA CARMONA

"I joined the ACLU after seeing how much it has helped my city of Stockton grow its support of immigrant rights.

THE ORGANIZATION HAS LONG SUPPORTED PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY FROM FARM WORKERS TO LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.

My top civil liberties concerns are fighting against racial profiling, immigrant justice in all aspects, reproductive justice, Muslim justice and livable wage."

