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2017 IMPACT REPORT

ACLU LEGAL ACTION DURING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

In the months since Donald Trump was sworn into office, his administration has undermined the pillars of our democracy through dangerous and unconstitutional policies.

With smart, strategic legal action, the ACLU has stood in their way at every turn—staying true to our promise to see them in court—not allowing for a single one of Trump’s assaults on our civil liberties to go unanswered.

Since President Trump took office, the ACLU has challenged the administration and others on issues of government accountability, criminal justice reform, immigrants’ rights, LGBT rights, the use of religion to discriminate, voting rights, women’s rights and reproductive rights.

AS OF TODAY, WE’VE LAUNCHED 116 LEGAL CHALLENGES AND COUNTING....

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FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION
ACT (FOIA)
REQUESTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Let me begin with my thanks. In this challenging year, your support has been critical to our work. “We the people” has never felt more important, more urgent.

Together, you and the ACLU have blocked some of the worst policies to come out of the White House and statehouses nationwide. We have filed over 100 legal actions at the federal and local level since January. We have litigators and lobbyists on-the-ground in every state in the nation, giving us both the geographic and political reach to generate maximum impact.

With our history of building partnerships across the political spectrum, the ACLU has also continued to advance key issues that have bipartisan support, such as criminal justice reform.

And through our newly launched People Power initiative, we have been creating targeted, effective citizen action that not only bolsters all of our work but also helps advance public opinion on landmark issues.

I know that the challenges ahead are daunting, and the pace of the work will be relentless. But, I also know that, with you by our side, we will continue to stand strong in defense of the rights and liberties promised to every person in this country—throughout the Trump presidency and beyond.

Once again, thank you. Quite simply, we could not do this work without you.

Anthony D. Romero

VOTING RIGHTS UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

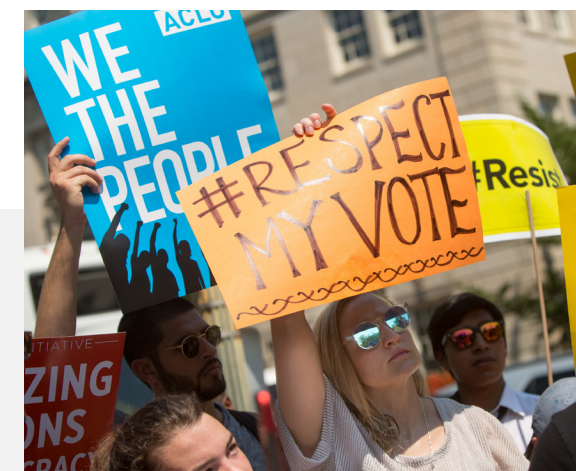
The Department of Justice has gone “from being a staunch ally on voting rights to one that we expect to be our adversary in court,” says Dale Ho, director of the ACLU’s Voting Rights Project.

But that has not slowed us down. The ACLU won a major victory in May when we defeated North Carolina’s discriminatory voter suppression law.

Now, we are litigating 20 cases in 13 states. Here are just a few examples of where we are currently defending the right to vote:

- Wisconsin: where we are challenging a restrictive voter ID law
- Kansas: our fight continues against unlawful, additional registration requirements
- Ohio: we are working to end the purge of registered voters from the rolls

We are also demanding transparency from Trump’s Commission on Election Integrity. This sham Commission—



established to justify laws that make voting more difficult—is co-chaired by a familiar ACLU opponent: Kris Kobach. Last year, we sued Kobach four times over attempts to suppress votes when he was Kansas’ Secretary of State—and we won, every single time. We look forward to seeing Kobach and his Commission in court again.

ACLU AT THE SUPREME COURT

When President Trump was sworn in, we assured him that he would contend with the full fire-power of the ACLU if his administration pursued dangerous policies that violated our vital freedoms. Now, the ACLU will be presenting five cases in the next term of the U.S. Supreme Court on some of the most urgent civil liberties issues confronting our nation, including:



MUSLIM BAN
challenging President Trump's ban on immigrants from six predominantly Muslim countries (*Trump v. IRAP*)



VOTING RIGHTS
challenging Ohio's practice of purging voters from the rolls for failing to vote (*Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute*)



USING RELIGION TO DISCRIMINATE
arguing that religious beliefs do not provide businesses with a license to discriminate (*Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado*)



PRIVACY
arguing that the government is required to get a warrant before it can obtain records from our cell phone providers that detail everywhere we've been (*Carpenter v. United States*)



IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS
challenging long-term detention of immigrants (including lawful permanent residents, asylum seekers, and survivors of torture) facing deportation hearings who pose no threat of flight or danger to the community (*Jennings v. Rodriguez*)

Please join us on September 25th at 3pm Eastern for an exclusive conference call and insider look at the upcoming Supreme Court Term with David Cole, ACLU National Legal Director. To RSVP: www.aclu.org/conversations

WHAT'S NEXT

Critical Civil Liberties Issues on the Horizon



STOPPING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE LGBT COMMUNITY

Last month, the White House launched one of the most gratuitous and extraordinary attacks on LGBT people's civil rights in years—attempting to push transgender service members out of the military and stating that LGBT people are not protected from discrimination under the Civil Rights Act. The ACLU is using all of the tools available to us to make sure protections for LGBT people are not rolled back. We're in the courts, challenging new state-based anti-LGBT laws, and fighting attempts to discriminate against LGBT people based on religious exemptions. We're organizing, we're fighting back and we're making it clear that we will not stand for discrimination.

PROTECTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

So far this year, 43 states have introduced abortion restrictions—and, in many of these states, the ACLU is the only thing standing between anti-choice legislation and access to reproductive health services. But our hard work is paying off: This July, a federal court permanently blocked Alabama from enforcing a cruel and restrictive law impacting minors' access to abortion. And in Arkansas, a federal district court blocked four unconstitutional abortion laws from taking effect. We've put a stop to 12 other abortion restrictions this past year through the courts, and though these victories are worth celebrating, we anticipate the fight will only intensify in the year ahead.

DEFENDING IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS

The ACLU has launched a multi-front defense of immigrants' rights—in the streets, in the airports, in the courts and in legislatures across the country. We are heading to the Supreme Court to challenge Trump's Muslim ban and the government's practice of detaining immigrants, including lawful permanent residents and asylum seekers, without due process. The ACLU is leading the resistance to Texas's SB4, an extreme anti-immigrant law. And, we are standing with sanctuary cities across the country as the Trump administration seeks to bully them into becoming extensions of the federal deportation system.



Please consider making a tax-deductible leadership contribution to defend our fundamental freedoms, and to achieve even more critical victories in 2017—and beyond.

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