



# SEVEN POINT PLAN OF ACTION FOR TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

As Donald J. Trump takes the oath of office, the American Civil Liberties Union is committing to a seven point plan of action for the new Administration.

The ACLU's plan of action includes concrete steps to:

## **1. Demand government accountability and transparency**

- File Freedom of Information Act requests;
- Defend whistleblowers and journalists who rely upon them.

## **2. Protect the rights of immigrants**

- Mount rapid response to immigration raids;
- File systemic litigation to challenge Fourth Amendment violations and racial profiling in street-level immigration enforcement;
- Develop legal theories to defend sanctuary cities against federal action;
- Represent “Dreamers” when their status comes under attack;
- Bring systemic litigation to challenge excessive and punitive immigration detention;
- Challenge unconstitutional immigration policies that discriminate against Muslims.

## **3. Defend reproductive rights**

- Oppose efforts to defund Planned Parenthood;
- File litigation to challenge any new federal restrictions on abortion access;
- Challenge laws that permit the use of religion to discriminate by allowing health care providers and social service agencies to turn women away when they seek reproductive health care services or information;
- Challenge abortion restrictions at the state level through litigation and advocacy;
- Challenge existing restrictions on abortion that are more vulnerable to challenge following the Supreme Court's decision in *Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt*.

## **4. Protect first amendment rights**

- Respond aggressively to threats against Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian (AMEMSA) communities;
- Expand efforts to defend and inform protestors through know-your-rights materials, provide legal observers at protests and file lawsuits to protect protestors;
- Fight dragnet government surveillance that sweeps up innocent Americans' information.

## **5. Defend LGBT rights**

- Fight the rescission of federal LGBT protections;
- Sue the Department of Defense if it reinstates the ban on open military service by transgender people;
- Oppose religious exemption measures both in state legislatures and Congress that discriminate against LGBT individuals;
- Fight anti-transgender rights bills in Congress and in state legislatures.

## **6. Defend core civil rights and civil liberties from erosion**

- Identify, investigate and challenge the worst police departments for Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment violations;
- Intervene in federal consent decrees with police departments and private employers regarding racial and gender discrimination;
- Litigate against the worst voter suppression measures.

## **7. Mobilize the American people**

- Deploy our 750,000 card-carrying members in direct citizen action -- protests, petitions, lobbying;
- Raise \$100 million for a “Constitutional Defense Fund” in support of this plan- \$47 million of which has already been raised.