



**KEEP AMERICA  
SAFE AND FREE**

THE ACLU CAMPAIGN TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION

## **ACLU Facts and Figures**

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The American Civil Liberties Union is the nation's premier guardian of liberty, working daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws of the United States. It is nonpartisan and nonprofit, with headquarters in New York, a legislative office in Washington, D.C. and more than 300 chapters nationwide.

The ACLU was founded in 1920 by Roger Baldwin, Crystal Eastman, Albert DeSilver, Jane Addams, Felix Frankfurter, Helen Keller and Arthur Garfield Hayes and others.

### **Membership**

Membership is open to all. The minimum dues for basic membership is \$20 a year. The ACLU currently has 400,000 members and supporters.

### **Budget**

The ACLU is supported by dues and more than \$50 million in contributions annually from individuals and grants from foundations, and receives no government funding. It does not charge its clients. The ACLU Foundation is the tax-deductible, 501(c)(3) arm of the ACLU.

Eighty percent of the ACLU budget directly supports litigation, legislation and public education programs. Fundraising costs average 12 percent of total expenses, and management and administration account for an additional 8 percent. This level of efficiency consistently ranks the ACLU and ACLUF among the nation's best-run charitable organizations, with high approval ratings from industry watchdog groups.

### **Current Campaign: "Keep America Safe And Free: The ACLU Campaign To Defend The Constitution"**

This campaign to safeguard democracy in a time of crisis, launched Oct. 16, 2002, sounds an alarm about Bush administration efforts to curtail basic liberties under the pretext of rooting out

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terrorism. It seeks to influence government through public activism, advocacy, litigation and lobbying, and includes \$2.5 million for cable TV ads in major markets, spelling out the dangers of increased spying on Americans and other government actions taken since Sept. 11, 2001.

### **Staff and Leaders**

The ACLU is the nation's largest public-interest law firm, with staffed affiliates covering the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. More than 100 ACLU attorneys at the national and affiliate offices collaborate with approximately 2,000 volunteer attorneys in close to 6,000 cases annually. The ACLU appears before the U.S. Supreme Court more than any other organization except the U.S. Department of Justice.

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