

100 YEARS OF HOPE + IMPACT

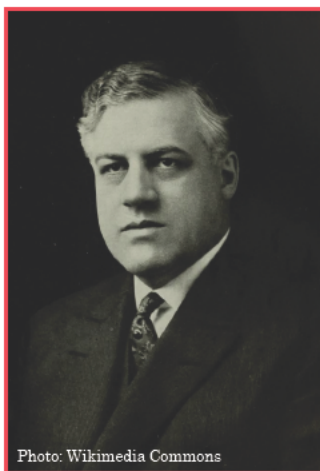


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A. Mitchell Palmer, U.S. Attorney General, 1919-1921

PROTECTING PROTESTORS

In its first year, the ACLU championed the targets of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, including immigrants engaged in political activity. The organization also supported the right of trade unionists to hold meetings and organize, and secured the release of hundreds of activists imprisoned for their antiwar activities.

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CHALLENGING OVERREACH

In 1957, police tricked their way into the house of Dollree Mapp with a false warrant and charged her with possessing 'lewd and lascivious' material. In 1961, citing the ACLU's arguments, the Supreme Court reversed Dollree Mapp's conviction and adopted the exclusionary rule—a constitutional prohibition against using illegally obtained evidence—as a national standard.

1961



A modern day picture of Dollree Mapp's Cleveland home

DEFENDING FREE SPEECH

In *Tinker v. Des Moines*, the ACLU won a major Supreme Court victory on behalf of public school students suspended for wearing black armbands in protest of the Vietnam War, a major First Amendment victory.

1969



Mary Beth Tinker, junior high school student who, along with a group of students, decided to wear black armbands to school to protest the war in Vietnam, 1965



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Director, ACLU Women's Rights Project 1972-1980 (Photo: 1977)

ADVANCING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

During the 1970s, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg led the ACLU in a host of important legal battles—many before the Supreme Court—that established the foundation for the current legal prohibitions against sex discrimination in this country and helped lay the groundwork for future women's rights advocacy.

1972

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We do more than just defend the rights and liberties guaranteed to everyone by the Constitution. We also define what those rights and liberties are. For the last 100 years, we have provided contemporary meaning to the protections afforded people by the Constitution, making our nation much more inclusive.”

Hasan Kwame Jeffries, President of the Board of Directors, ACLU of Ohio



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I'm proud to support the important work of the ACLU because it is such a powerful voice—and sometimes a lone voice—in support of our most basic civil rights and liberties, like reproductive freedom, voting rights, and equal treatment under the law. I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that an important part of the legal and political history of this country was shaped by the ACLU.”



Jessie Hill, Volunteer Attorney, ACLU of Ohio

SAFEGUARDING PRIVACY

2001

Since the tragic terrorist attacks of 9/11, the ACLU has been working vigorously to oppose policies that sacrifice our fundamental freedoms in the name of national security. From opposing the Patriot Act, to challenging warrantless spying, to challenging the indefinite detention of terrorism suspects without charge or trial.



Photo: Wikimedia Commons
President George W. Bush signing The Patriot Act, 2001

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The ACLU represents one of the last strong-holds that is protecting us from draconian assaults on our rights and liberties. In this tense moment, the ACLU is a beacon of strength and justice that all people of faith should rally behind. As a woman, I feel like the ACLU of Ohio is the only thing standing between me and my rights to bodily autonomy.”

Rabbi Lindsey Danziger, Board of Directors, ACLU of Ohio



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President Donald Trump, inauguration day, 2017

UPHOLDING OUR CONSTITUTION

Since President Trump's inauguration in January 2017, the ACLU has taken over 240 legal actions against the administration's attempts to eradicate civil liberties.

NOW

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While I have been a supporting member of the ACLU for many years, I was never actively involved until, after 40 years of practicing law, I retired. I am now a volunteer with the ACLU, an organization I have found to be a ferocious defender of the U.S. Constitution, which has never, ever been more important in our country than today.”



Marty Krebs, Volunteer Attorney, ACLU of Ohio

ENDING SEGREGATION

The ACLU joined forces with the NAACP to challenge racial segregation in public schools. The resulting Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* that ended the era of “separate but equal” was a major victory for racial justice.

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For every constitutional freedom we enjoy, the ACLU has been there every step of the way to ensure they are not eradicated. From championing women's rights to securing free speech, these battles are fought and won because of your generous support and the ACLU of Ohio's perseverance to preserve democracy.”

Darlene English, National Board Representative, ACLU of Ohio



Photo: John Filo
Kent State University students and National Guardsmen, 1970

CALLING OUT KENT STATE

On May 4, 1970, students at Kent State University faced down the National Guard, as they voiced their anger over the United States' military involvement in Cambodia and

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Vietnam. At 12:24 p.m. a group of National Guardsmen turned and fired into the crowd of students, injuring nine and killing four. The ACLU was on campus within days, and for nearly a decade after the shootings, the ACLU worked for justice on behalf of the students who were killed or injured.

SECURING REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

1973



Photo: Wikimedia Commons
A pro-choice demonstration, 1976

The ACLU was involved in the 1973 Supreme Court victories in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, which held that the right to privacy encompasses a woman's right to decide whether she will terminate or continue a pregnancy.



Photo: Wikimedia Commons
Ruby Bridges escorted by U.S. Marshals to and from the all-white William Frantz Elementary School, 1960

2015

ENSURING LOVE WINS

The ACLU won a landmark Supreme Court victory in *Obergefell, et al. v. Hodges*, which made the freedom to marry the law of the land. James Obergefell and late spouse John Arthur were Ohio residents who legally married in the state of Maryland.



Photo: ACLU
James Obergefell, plaintiff in *Obergefell, et al. v. Hodges*, 2015