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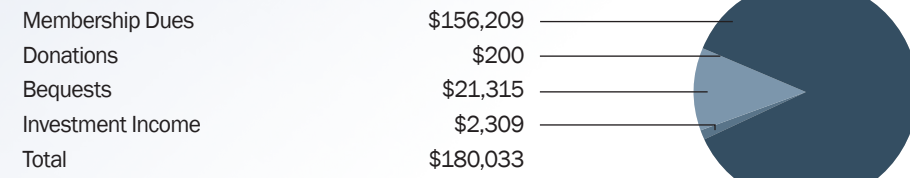


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Looking Forward to 2012

We thank you for your support that made this important work possible in 2011. We have bold and ambitious plans for the year ahead, and we are counting on you to stand with us.

Join Us

Kick off 2012 with *Lobbying 101* at the ACLU-AZ office on Friday, January 13th from 12 - 1 pm. ACLU's Policy Director Anjali Abraham will share how you can make your voice heard on important civil liberties issues during Arizona's legislative session at this interactive brown bag. Seating is limited. To RSVP and for more information, email rsvp@acluaz.org.

Pledge

You can make a tax-deductible gift in addition to your membership dues. In 2012, we ask you to consider becoming a monthly supporter to ensure we have the resources needed to meet upcoming battles head on. Your gift will support a combination of strategic litigation, public education and advocacy. www.acluaz.org/monthly

Sign Up

If you are not already on our monthly email list, please sign up on our website. This critical tool allows us to reach out to our members for urgent action and updates on our work. www.acluaz.org/email

Year in Review Online

We have published our full *Year in Review* online at www.acluaz.org/annual_report_2011. If you would like a copy of the full *2011 Year in Review* sent to you, please contact us at info@acluaz.org or call us at 602-650-1854.

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2011 Year in Review

The morning after Election Day 2011 was amazing from a civil liberties perspective. In Arizona, the voters of legislative district 18 – home of the author of SB 1070 – sent a loud and clear message that scapegoating immigrants will not be tolerated in America. In Mississippi, voters spurned an initiative that would effectively ban abortion, in vitro fertilization, and birth control in a single stroke. And in Ohio, voters repealed a law that struck at the very heart of the right to organize.

These hard fought victories came after months of battling anti-civil liberties bills across the country. For example, we helped prevent the passage of discriminatory anti-immigrant bills in 14 states and stopped enacted laws from going into effect in Arizona, Utah, Indiana, South Carolina and Georgia. In addition, we blocked a law in South Dakota that would have made access to abortion nearly impossible, and brought a legal challenge to a Kansas law that bans insurance coverage of abortion – the first lawsuit to challenge a slew of similar state laws that have passed in the last year.

On the federal level, we helped derail passage of a broad new authorization for war that would have given the Executive Branch the power to use military force – anywhere and at any time – without Congressional approval. To challenge the government's unchecked spying of Americans in the name of the “war on terror,” we recently filed over 375 requests in 31 states – including Arizona – to uncover how law enforcement is using cell phones to track Americans.



Here in Arizona, where we stand as the lead organization working daily to defend the Constitution, we have nearly doubled the size of our staff in an effort to enhance our capacity to tackle some of the country's most unique and troubling public policies.

Our work in 2011 included: safeguarding reproductive freedom, fighting Arpaio's abuses, keeping God out of public schools, combating LGBT censorship, challenging inhumane detention practices and keeping kids in school.

In the *2011 Year in Review* you will read an overview of our legal, legislative and public education work along with profiles of individuals impacted by our accomplishments that you help make possible.

Although the momentum is on our side, there is much work to be done in 2012. It's campaign season and candidates will continue to distort constitutional principles to promote their discriminatory social agenda and mislead voters. It's our responsibility – as the ACLU – to set the record straight

and challenge these false statements. We must work even harder this coming year to deepen the public's understanding of the ACLU's mission in upholding the values of fairness and equality. And we must continue to aggressively challenge any anti-civil liberties measures that undermine democracy and chip away at individual rights. Only with your continued financial support, will we have the necessary resources to make this happen. Thank you for standing with us.



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2011 Year In Review

Legal Program Highlights

With increasing government attacks on core American values and fundamental liberties, the work of the ACLU of Arizona's legal department is now more important than ever. This year, our legal docket reflects our work on impact litigation as well as non-litigation advocacy involving demand letters and public record investigations in key areas such as freedom of speech, reproductive rights, privacy and immigrants' rights. We share the accomplishments of our legal program with dozens of cooperating attorneys and other volunteers who work tirelessly to fend off attacks on civil liberties.

The ACLU neither accepts government funding nor charges clients and plaintiffs in legal actions. The financial contributions we receive from ACLU supporters is critical in making our litigation work possible. We are grateful to the cooperating attorneys and law firms that provided over one million dollars in legal services in 2011, ensuring the promises of the Constitution are real for everyone in this country.

Legal inquires processed: 1,504
Cases in litigation: 17
Demand letters: 29
Public records requests: 72
Value of donated legal services: \$1,159,939

Our litigation work is critical as we represent individuals like 68-year-old Julian Mora, a legal permanent resident who has lived in the U.S. for 30 years, and his son Julio Mora, 21, who were singled out from white drivers on a public roadway, stopped without justification, ordered out of their truck, zip-tied, and transported to a worksite immigration raid being conducted nearby by Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. At the worksite, they were detained by deputies for three hours without food, water, or the ability to use the bathroom unescorted, until they were given a chance to prove that they were lawfully in the United States.



Julio Mora (left) and his father Julian Mora with ACLU-AZ Legal Director Dan Pochoda.

Public Education

In addition to our litigation and lobbying efforts, the ACLU Foundation of Arizona works on a daily basis to ensure the voices in defense of civil liberties are heard and the people of Arizona know and understand their constitutional rights. We are committed to deepening the public's understanding of the ACLU's mission in upholding the values of fairness and equality. Community outreach is delivered via public forums, newsletters, events, our website, social media, press releases and radio and television in both English and Spanish.

The ACLU community is strong in Arizona and our numbers are growing. Hundreds of supporters and individuals participated in ACLU community events and forums in 2011 and we nearly doubled our followers on Twitter and Facebook. Our supporters and followers are critical to drawing attention to laws and policies that threaten our rights and to spreading the understanding of the ACLU's mission and work.

ACLU-sponsored forums: 18
Attendance at ACLU forums: 650
Twitter Followers: 1,314
Facebook Friends: 897
News releases issued: 31
ACLU mentions in the press: 93
Website visits: 30,290

Through public education, we work to ensure that young people know their rights. After years of resistance from school administrators, the ACLU of Arizona helped students push Yuma High School officials to recognize the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) as an official school club in the spring of 2009. As Yuma's first high school GSA, it set an example for students at other high schools. "It made it really easy for me to establish a GSA at my school," said Gila Ridge High School senior Kellsey Borrud. "Since Yuma High had a GSA, the administrators at my school were like, 'okay.'" Kellsey is an out lesbian and prides herself on being an example for other students and people in her community. Bringing *Out in the Silence* to Yuma meant a lot to her.



Gila Ridge High School senior Kellsey Borrud.

Legislative and Policy

The policy department works with the ACLU-AZ's other departments to identify and implement the organization's policy priorities. Public Policy Director Anjali Abraham conducts all legislative lobbying efforts, including drafting legislation, tracking proposed bills, testifying for or against especially noteworthy bills, and meeting with lawmakers and key legislative staff. The ACLU-AZ also maintains relationships and monitors policy activities at the federal, county, and municipal levels. Additionally, we collaborate with coalition partners to ensure that Arizonans' civil liberties remain secure and robust.



Judy Mangione speaks about being tased by police.

Our nearly 7,500 members and supporters in Arizona help make the ACLU's presence at the Capitol possible. In 2011, members responded with strength by taking action to help defeat several discriminatory bills. Our members helped defeat two anti-14th Amendment bills, successfully lobbied Governor Brewer to veto a school tuition/tax-credit bill benefiting private schools and costing the state \$9 million, and stood up for free speech by urging the Tucson City Council to support the dismissal of charges against Occupy Tucson protesters. Members also took action to help shine light on flaws in a church/state entanglement bill that would have given government workers the right to discriminate based on their religious views.

Number of members and supporters: 7,368
New ACLU-AZ members: 763
Number of action alert subscribers: 5,245
Volunteers and interns: 38

Through our important advocacy efforts, we work to help people like Judy Mangione, a 49-year-old mother of four children who was tased six times at a Cardinals football game. Her story sheds light on the misuse of Tasers by police. She accidentally dropped a pom-pom over the ledge during a football game and within minutes, four police officers arrived at the scene. The officers handcuffed and tased her: once in each arm, once in the leg, once in the hand, and twice in the chest. She was given no warning. We are now working to urge law enforcement agencies to revisit their policies so that what happened to Judy will not happen to another unarmed civilian.

Development

Substantial financial resources are essential to pursuing the wide-ranging legal, legislative and educational activities of the ACLU of Arizona. The ACLU does not take government money and relies on investments from our supporters across the country to help guarantee the protections of the Constitution for everyone in this country. In addition to ACLU membership dues, we receive tremendous support from members who make additional tax-deductible donations to the ACLU Foundation of Arizona.

It is because of this tremendous commitment by Arizonans who recognize that these extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures and extraordinary support, that we have been able to accomplish so much and impact so many lives in 2011. Your increased support of our work at this crucial time allows us to strike back against current threats to our civil liberties and build on our hard-won victories to achieve results that once seemed unimaginable.

Number of supporters who increased their gift in 2011: 2,572
Number of supporters who included the ACLU in their estate plans: 90

Supporters like Louis Lantz have invested at an increased level in 2011 to help make this work possible. Louis has been a card-carrying member of the ACLU for many years and is committed to civil liberties. He is inspired by the strategic staff growth and dynamic leadership at the ACLU of AZ. It is because of the support of members like Louis that the ACLU has the resources to meet the challenges our state and nation face. In addition to his annual membership dues, Louis doubled his generous tax-deductible gift to the ACLU Foundation of Arizona. It is critical at this time to support an independent organization that will consistently defend the civil liberties of everyone in this country. In addition to his increased support, Louis has joined the Development Committee to "encourage other members to support the ACLU."



ACLU-AZ supporter Louis Lantz and his granddaughter.