

# A CENTURY OF HARD-WON BATTLES



Fighting the Mass Deportation of Immigrants

ACLU  
FOUNDED IN  
NEW YORK

1920

Freedom of Speech & Literary Expression

UNITED STATES v.  
ONE BOOK CALLED  
ULYSSES

1933



Denouncing the Internment of Japanese-Americans

KOREMATSU v.  
UNITED STATES

1944

Right to Counsel for Criminal Defendants

GIDEON v.  
WAINWRIGHT

1963



Right to Remain Silent

MIRANDA v.  
ARIZONA

1966

Upholds *Roe v. Wade* and Protects Right to Abortion

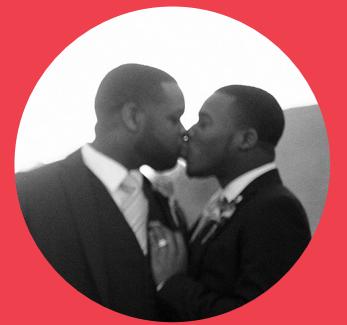
PLANNED PARENTHOOD v. CASEY

1992

Right to Challenge Deportation in Court

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICES v. ST. CYR

2001



Marriage Equality for Same-Sex Couples

OBERGEFELL v. HODGESON

2015

1925

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOHN THOMAS SCOPES

Separation of Church & State in Schools

1938

ACLU ESTABLISHED IN TEXAS

Right to Free Speech & Freedom of Association for Pecan Shellers



1954

BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Desegregation of Public Schools



1965

GRISWOLD v. CONNECTICUT

Right to Privacy in Reproductive Health

1967

LOVING v. VIRGINIA

Marriage Equality for Interracial Couples



2000

SANTA FE v. DOE

Freedom of Religion Upheld by Rejection of School Prayers

2003

LAWRENCE v. TEXAS

Privacy & Equal Protection for Lesbian & Gay Adults

2019

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE v. NEW YORK

No Citizenship Question on the 2020 Census

Half a century after the historic Stonewall uprising, we're still fighting for LGBTQ equality. And we remind Texans: **Pride is still protest.**



With attempts to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and the passage of laws attempting to outlaw abortion, we are doubling down to defend this fact: **Abortion is a right.**

## A YEAR OF ACTION IN TEXAS

- Thanks to the ACLU's *Ms. L v. ICE* litigation, over 98% of the children originally known to be **separated from their families** by the inhumane "family separation policy" have been released, most to parents or sponsors.
- Our litigation stopped the government from **deporting asylum-seeking victims** of violence; we filed suit to stop the Trump administration's "Remain in Mexico" policy; and we challenged the prolonged detention of asylum-seekers facing persecution in their countries of origin.
- We exposed **abuses by border patrol agents** in El Paso, where asylum-seekers were confined in an outdoor pen, and in the Rio Grande Valley, where families were forced to sleep outside—prompting the Inspector General to call for immediate changes.
- We filed a lawsuit representing the Sierra Club that challenged Trump's **abuse of emergency powers** to use taxpayer funds to build a border wall—and won. We will protect our wins to the Supreme Court.
- We coordinated an effort to stop the city of Mineral Wells from passing an **abortion ban**—and continue fighting six other cities' similar municipal bans.
- We won a legal settlement that ended the attempted, **discriminatory purge of eligible Texas voters**—mostly naturalized citizens—from the rolls. The State agreed to rescind the mistake-ridden list of nearly 100,000 individuals.
- Our report "Death, Damage, and Failure" exposed the **human and environmental damage** that would be wrought by Trump's proposed border-wall expansion.
- While our client—a young immigrant known as Jane Doe—was able to obtain an abortion against the objections of the Trump administration, our class action lawsuit challenging the government's **attempt to restrict abortion rights** continues.
- We spearheaded the passage of bills that defend the health, safety, and dignity of incarcerated people, including ending the **abusive policy of shackling pregnant inmates**.
- We argued the appeal for a Fort Worth woman sentenced to five years in prison for casting a provisional ballot—which wasn't even counted. Attempting simply to exercise her civic duty, Crystal Mason is **victim to frenzied prosecutions** over nonexistent voter fraud.



We fight to defend individuals like Crystal Mason, unfairly targeted by unjust systems that block equal protection and **the right to fully participate in democracy.**

As the Trump administration attempts to slam the door on people fleeing persecution and violence, we are **fighting the government every step of the way.**



## PEOPLEPOWER

**260,000+** ONLINE ACTIVISTS

**53,000+** MEMBERS & DONORS

**11,000+** VOLUNTEERS

**900+** VOLUNTEER LEGAL OBSERVERS

**200+** LEGAL ACTIONS

**60+** STAFF IN TEXAS

As we look to 2020, lawmakers who launch hostile attacks on civil rights are up against **the strongest ACLU in history** — thanks to your support.

- The ACLU blocked Trump’s attempt to include a **citizenship question on the 2020 Census** and scare immigrants and people of color from being counted.
- Since marriage equality became the law of the land, we’ve helped defeat **dozens of anti-LGBTQ bills** at the Texas Legislature. We launched a legislative advocacy training for transgender and gender nonconforming individuals.
- We represented **youth facing discrimination in schools** based on gender identity and continue to field requests from transgender and gender nonconforming students via TXTransKids.org, an online hub to ensure K-12 students have the resources they need to protect their rights.
- We continued our litigation in four lawsuits across Texas to fight racism in the criminal justice system and end the unconstitutional practice of **wealth-based detention**— money bail and jail terms for failure to pay fines and fees.
- Around the country, we are elevating the significant role prosecutors play in driving **mass incarceration**. In Dallas, we conducted a public education campaign that drove voter engagement in the race for district attorney. We’re expanding voter education work across Texas.

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