A CENTURY OF HARD-WON BATTLES

1920
- Fighting the Mass Deportation of Immigrants
- ACLU FOUNDED IN NEW YORK

1925
- STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOHN THOMAS SCOPES
- Separation of Church & State in Schools

1933
- Freedom of Speech & Literary Expression
- UNITED STATES v. ONE BOOK CALLED ULYSSES

1938
- ACLU ESTABLISHED IN TEXAS
- Right to Free Speech & Freedom of Association for Pecan Shellers

1944
- Denouncing the Internment of Japanese-Americans
- KOREMATSU v. UNITED STATES

1945
- Right to Counsel for Criminal Defendants
- Gideon v. WAINWRIGHT

1954
- BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION
- Desegregation of Public Schools

1957
- GRISWOLD v. CONNECTICUT
- Right to Privacy in Reproductive Health

1963
- Right to Remain Silent
- MIRANDA v. ARIZONA

1965
- Upholds Roe v. Wade and Protects Right to Abortion
- PLANNED PARENTHOOD v. CASEY

1966
- Right to Challenge Deportation in Court
- IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICES v. ST. CYR

1976
- LOVING v. VIRGINIA
- Marriage Equality for Interracial Couples

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- BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION
- Upheld by Rejection of School Prayers

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- 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.

PEOPLEPOWER

- 260,000+ ONLINE ACTIVISTS
- 53,000+ MEMBERS & DONORS
- 11,000+ VOLUNTEERS
- 900+ VOLUNTEER LEGAL OBSERVERS
- 200+ LEGAL ACTIONS
- 60+ STAFF IN TEXAS

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.