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2020 FREEDOM REPORT

“Justice, justice, you shall pursue...” —Deuteronomy 16:20
Dear Friend & Fellow Member of the ACLJ,

Let me ask you an important question: What is “essential” to you? For the first time in my lifetime — and perhaps yours — we’re compelled to consider this question more deeply than ever before. My response: Life. Religious liberty. Justice. Personal freedom.

By God’s grace, the ACLJ is passionately fighting for these essential pillars of society every day. With your support, we’ve positioned ourselves at the forefront of every effort to protect life, religious liberty, and the Constitution during this tumultuous year. Despite unprecedented challenges, you and the ACLJ have stood strong and fought hard for freedom and justice. We’ve experienced tremendous victories … essential victories … and we’re not done yet. The work of the ACLJ never stops, regardless of the circumstances surrounding our nation and world.

The year 2020 has proven: We are essential. Our fight for freedom is essential. And your unflagging support of our work is essential too, as it has empowered us to directly engage in the battles for life — religious liberty — justice — and personal freedom for the last 30 outstanding years. We are dedicated to continue to fight these battles for you, your family, and the generations to come. God bless you for being faithful.
“For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory” (Deuteronomy 20:4 NIV).

Major Free Speech Victory for Pro-Life Protestors

In Miano v. Miller, the ACLJ secured a major victory in the fight to protect the free speech rights of our pro-life clients in Iowa, whose right to advocate on behalf of the unborn outside Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities was unconstitutionally threatened.

Conscience Rights Prevail

The ACLJ exposed forced participation in abortion at the University of Vermont in an unprecedented win for life and pro-life healthcare professionals. After the University forced pro-life nurses to participate in abortions, we filed a complaint for discrimination against the school’s Medical Center on behalf of one of the nurses whose conscience rights were violated — and we succeeded. *Medical personnel should never be forced to violate their morals or religious beliefs in the workplace.*

Huge Victory for Life

Thanks to the ACLJ’s persistence and the pro-life work of the Trump Administration, $60 million in Title X funding has been pulled from the abortion industry. Together, we are steadily dismantling the behemoth that is Planned Parenthood!

Women and Babies Win in Kentucky:

**Supreme Court Victory for Life**

Thanks to an order from the Supreme Court of the United States, Kentucky’s “Ultrasound Informed Consent Act,” requiring that a doctor perform an ultrasound for the woman to view prior to seeking an abortion, will stand. This decision is a tremendous win in support of women and the sanctity of life.

Victory in the Fight Against Antisemitism

A lawyer sued the state of Arizona over what he erroneously called suppression of free speech due to his support for anti-Israel organizations and activities such as those by the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. The ACLJ filed a critical amicus brief in the case and is gratified that the state of Arizona and the Ninth Circuit agreed with us — choosing not to reward or encourage this lawyer’s discriminatory behavior.

Stunning Victory Against the Corrupt Deep State

A U.S. appeals court ordered a federal judge to drop the Michael Flynn case and accept the Department of Justice’s request to dismiss the charges — a full vindication of Lieutenant General Flynn and a big win for the ACLJ’s Government Accountability Project.
Securing Pro-Life Protections Amidst Pandemic

We filed 10 amicus briefs against Planned Parenthood in just over three weeks in support of states that stopped elective abortions along with other elective procedures and, as a result, were targeted by the abortion provider.

ACLJ FOIA Requests Reveal the Truth

The ACLJ’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and persistent efforts to reveal the truth regarding the improper targeting of former National Security Adviser General Michael Flynn are paying off. We are engaged in multiple federal court cases, uncovering political bias at the top levels of the FBI and DOJ, as well as from other senior officials of the Obama Administration. We won’t rest until justice is served.

VICTORY: No Abortion in Coronavirus Relief Bill

We exposed and helped to defeat the outrageous Pelosi-Schumer abortion funding provision in the pandemic relief bill — stopping the extreme Left from exploiting the pandemic to misuse your tax dollars and fund abortion.

Religious Liberty Victory for FBI Agent

The ACLJ took action for a Christian FBI agent who contacted us after he was asked to remove a chalkboard containing Bible verses from the top of his workspace. The FBI, upon receiving our demand letter, was quick to review the matter and correct its course. Religious liberty must always prevail!

Groundbreaking Pro-Life Bill

The Oklahoma legislature passed — and the Governor signed into law — one of the most innovative pro-life bills in history. The Unborn Person Wrongful Death Act allows the parents and grandparents of unborn children to sue abortionists who perform coerced abortions. Our support of this effort was essential!

VICTORY: A Record Number of Conservative Judges Confirmed

We continue calling for the U.S. Senate to prioritize the confirmation of conservative judges. Since taking office, President Trump has appointed, and the U.S. Senate has confirmed, two Supreme Court Justices, 53 federal appeals court judges, and 146 federal district court judges. These confirmations of judges who are devoted to the U.S. Constitution will continue to reap benefits for decades to come.

With your help, we will continue working in state and federal courts to ensure abortion is NO EXCEPTION in a national emergency.
These are extraordinary times; and while our nation is facing a global pandemic, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Planned Parenthood, and their liberal allies are aggressively working to gain power, advance their extreme agenda, and take control of your liberties. We won’t let that happen.

The ACLJ is safeguarding life and freedom — our work protecting liberty and the Constitution and defending unborn babies has not stopped or even slowed down.

We’re still engaged in the battles for your freedoms and for the lives of the unborn. We are mobilized — we are vigilant — and we are deeply grateful for your support in making it possible.

Attacks on People of Faith

The ACLJ is doing everything within our power to protect your religious liberties … under attack during the global health crisis.

We filed a major lawsuit in California against Governor Gavin Newsom’s unconstitutional ban on singing in church. Such a ban is an unconstitutional abuse of power and sets a dangerous precedent we cannot ignore.

Churches in California have been closely following CDC guidelines to protect their congregations, yet they have been forced into silence in the name of “health and safety.” At the same time, karaoke is still permitted at area bars and protestors are permitted to sing and chant.

This state-enforced ban on singing in church is clearly targeted at religion and a clear violation of the First Amendment. While the Coronavirus pandemic is real and we all want to keep America safe, nothing should be allowed to trample any American’s constitutional right to worship freely.

Attacks on the Unborn

The ACLJ is diligent on every front to prevent the radical Left from leveraging the COVID-19 crisis to expand abortion and abortion funding.

As the global pandemic continues, the ACLJ is actively working to stop the abortion industry from endangering the most vulnerable and innocent among us: unborn children. We’re taking action to stop Planned Parenthood and the Left from expanding abortion during this health crisis.

The ACLJ’s legal team filed 10 amicus curiae briefs in just over three weeks, supporting six states that implemented important, commonsense pro-life mandates: Alabama, Arkansas, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Tennessee.

In each one, we defended the constitutionality of reasonable state measures restricting elective abortion procedures.

We have also repeatedly helped stop House Speaker Pelosi’s outrageous attempts to include...
billions in aid to the abortion industry as part of Coronavirus aid packages.

And we’re investigating the alleged unlawful distribution of relief funds that were meant for small businesses but “wound up” going to Planned Parenthood.

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In each of our emergency briefs, we defended the constitutionality of these reasonable state measures restricting elective abortion procedures during the pandemic.

In the Fifth Circuit (Texas) and the Eighth Circuit (Arkansas), the federal appellate courts agreed with the ACLJ’s amicus briefs and confirmed that certain abortions can be restricted by emergency order.

In the face of uncertainty and turbulence in our world right now, the ACLJ will remain vigilant against House Speaker Pelosi and the liberal Left’s reprehensible anti-life schemes. We will make sure life and liberty are protected at every level. We will not back down in defense of the ESSENTIAL RIGHT TO LIFE.

ABORTION: An “Essential Service”?

"Abortion is an essential healthcare service. States should not be using a public health crisis to infringe on a woman’s constitutional right.”

—Joe Biden
2020 Presidential Candidate
Even before the Coronavirus pandemic, you and the ACLJ were leaders in the battle for life.

The year 2020 is no different.

In the midst of a global health crisis, our essential work to protect the unborn has continued without interruption. We mobilized nationwide to shut down the abortion industry’s expansive attacks. We are doing everything to defeat the abortion empire — in courts, in Congress, in state legislatures, and in the court of public opinion.

Through your ongoing support, the ACLJ has gone to extraordinary lengths to preserve life and protect the vulnerable. We’ll continue to battle back aggressive efforts by the Left to take lives through abortion and siphon taxpayer funds in order to pad its bottom line.

The Fight Against Planned Parenthood

It is ESSENTIAL that we face this giant — a group that performs more than 345,000 abortions a year and has profited from the sale of aborted babies’ body parts.

- We filed 10 briefs in federal courts nationwide to help shut down Planned Parenthood’s claims that abortion is an “essential service” during this pandemic.
- We’re working daily to ensure pandemic relief goes where it’s needed — to struggling taxpayers — NOT into an abortion slush fund.
- We are appealing a devastatingly unjust jury verdict that awarded Planned Parenthood millions of dollars from pro-lifers who exposed the abortion provider’s sale of body parts from aborted babies.
- We’ve taken the fight for life to the international stage. President Trump defunded International Planned Parenthood in one of his first major pro-life acts as President. Now, House Democrats have passed a bill that would reverse his vital pro-life order. We’re fighting back.
- We submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to find out how Planned Parenthood unlawfully obtained $80 million in Coronavirus relief funding specifically allotted to small businesses as part of the CARES Act — and whether the abortion giant committed fraud or other illegal acts to obtain the money.

Federal and State Legislation

It is ESSENTIAL that our nation’s laws protect life.

- The ACLJ is aggressively engaged with state legislatures across the country to protect the unborn — and we’re seeing...
victories in states like Oklahoma, where our concerted efforts led to the passage of a groundbreaking pro-life law allowing parents and grandparents of unborn children to sue an abortionist who coerces a woman into an abortion.

- We’ve mobilized against adding a “right to abortion” into the Virginia state constitution, which would obliterate virtually every pro-life law in the state.
- We’re petitioning for passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act to extend legal protection to unborn children beginning at 20 weeks of pregnancy, the age a baby is scientifically proven able to feel pain.
- We’re pushing for passage of the critical Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to ensure protection for late-term babies born alive after an abortion procedure. Liberals in the House and Senate still refuse to pass this basic human rights bill.

In the Courts

It is ESSENTIAL that the case for life be made, argued, and defended at all costs.

- We’re preparing for a return to the Supreme Court of the United States to defeat the deadly ObamaCare abortion-pill mandate once and for all. No religious organization, no American, no pro-life business owner should be forced to facilitate the provision of abortion-inducing pills against their conscience.
- We are appealing a court judgment requiring pro-life whistleblowers to pay millions of dollars because they exposed Planned Parenthood’s harvesting and selling of aborted babies’ body parts.
- We’re at the Supreme Court helping protect the free speech rights of pro-life advocates. We filed three such amicus briefs at the Supreme Court this year.
- We’re in court, protecting healthcare professionals targeted by employers for their pro-life beliefs. We’re supporting a new federal rule ensuring that conscience rights will be protected and entities that force medical professionals to perform or assist in abortions will lose federal taxpayer funding.

Planned Parenthood and the abortion lobby will do whatever it takes to drastically expand abortion, but they can be stopped. Earlier this year, an ACLJ legal team was at the Maryland state legislature to testify against legislation that would enshrine abortion in the state constitution. Just as the hearing was about to begin, the bill’s sponsor pulled the abortion bill in response to the opposition and our written testimony. Thank you for being a part of the ACLJ’s essential efforts for life!
In this, our 30th year fighting for life, the ACLJ will not turn our attention away from the countless unborn babies whose very lives depend on us. We will not back down. Our message is clear: Protecting babies is essential.

The Rights of Pro-Life Citizens

It is ESSENTIAL that free people retain the right of conscience.

- We filed a lawsuit on behalf of a nurse who was denied a teaching position at a major university for “being pro-life.” The court in this case has ruled that animus against pro-life job applicants has no place in the hiring process. The ACLJ won’t tolerate discrimination, especially when it violates the First Amendment right to freedom of speech.

- Another pro-life nurse was forced to participate in a gruesome late-term abortion against her will. We filed a critical complaint with the federal government to defend her rights.

- We’re supporting a new federal rule ensuring conscience rights will be protected and that entities that force medical professionals to perform or assist in abortions will lose federal taxpayer funding.

- After nearly a decade of litigation through all levels of the federal judiciary, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld, once and for all, the right of the Little Sisters of the Poor to follow their religious convictions against participating in the Obama-era abortion-pill mandate. We have fought this pro-life battle to defeat the abortion-pill mandate’s assault on liberty every step of the way. This is a resounding victory for religious liberty!

We must keep battling the abortion industry because Planned Parenthood’s business of death is booming ...

It just broke its own disturbing record for the most abortions in a single year — up 3.9% over the prior year to a staggering 345,672 — despite its ruse that abortion only constitutes a tiny portion of its business.

Now it has the largest-ever market share on abortions and boasted its second most profitable year in history, while also receiving a record number of taxpayer dollars … an all-time high of $616.8 MILLION.

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Eleven Christians will die today from deadly persecution — simply for their belief in Christ.

Where do we draw the line? What number is too many?

In Nigeria alone, the news is sobering. More than 1,200 Christians have been mercilessly slaughtered in the first six months of 2020 alone by violent Islamic jihadists. As the murder rate continues to rise, there is no question this is a human rights crisis that is quickly escalating into genocidal violence beyond control.

At the ACLJ, we are fighting for the religious freedom of our brothers and sisters in Nigeria and around the world. One Christian under attack for their faith is one too many. We cannot allow this evil to continue. And we won’t.

We are working on multiple fronts to stem the tide of hostility and persecution....

Christian pastor and U.S. permanent resident John Cao has suffered three years of wrongful imprisonment in China for his faith.

- After the ACLJ filed a complaint on February 7, 2019, with the U.N. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the WGAD adopted Opinion No. 35/2019 (China), during its 85th session, regarding Pastor Cao’s unlawful detention. The WGAD noted that “his arrest was carried out in a manner that singled out Mr. Cao on the basis of his religion” and was a clear violation of articles 7 and 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights — therefore, he should be released immediately. Unfortunately, China has yet to comply with the WGAD’s opinion, and Pastor Cao continues to be unlawfully detained.

- The ACLJ continues to fight for Pastor Cao; we recently made a new oral intervention at the U.N. on his behalf. His health has already suffered from his incarceration, and COVID-19 is putting him at even greater risk. The nightmare must end.

Seventeen-year-old Leah Sharibu remains a prisoner of the Nigerian Islamic militia Boko Haram because she will not renounce her faith in Jesus and convert to Islam.

- The bloodthirsty terror group, which has sworn allegiance to ISIS, has threatened to murder this young woman — and time is running out.

- The ACLJ has taken direct action at the U.N. to obtain her freedom and save her life.

- We have presented critical written and oral submissions at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).
urging swift international action on Leah’s behalf. We have also launched a petition campaign — it has garnered the support of more than 248,000 individuals worldwide. We continue fighting for this courageous young Christian. This travesty must end.

The ACLJ is aggressively fighting for persecuted Christians in India, Nigeria, Iran, China, Burma, and Pakistan — nations where brutal violence is skyrocketing.

- We’re at the UNHRC, submitting documents and urging action. We’re presenting oral interventions at the U.N. in Geneva.

- We have drastically expanded our Global Persecution Initiative to take urgent action to protect Christians in Pakistan. In the last 10 years, the ACLJ’s affiliate and European Centre for Law and Justice’s (ECLJ) office in Pakistan, the Organization for Legal Aid (OLA), has represented more than 80 clients in the Pakistani courts, involving a wide range of issues including blasphemy, torture, rape, murder, violence, and bonded labor. About 10 cases are still ongoing.

- We continue raising the alarm for Nigerian Christians who are suffering genocidal crimes at the hands of radical Islamists.

With your help, the ACLJ is representing victims of deadly violence and persecution in Nigeria. More than 1,200 Christians have been mercilessly slaughtered there already this year by violent Islamic jihadists. This is a human rights crisis. Without you, these persecuted men, women, and children would have no voice — no one to champion their cause — no hope for peace and freedom. But you are helping the ACLJ make a difference.
Another Crisis in 2020: The Stunning Persecution of our Christian Brothers and Sisters

By Jordan Sekulow, ACLJ Executive Director

While the global pandemic has consumed much of the news focus in 2020, there is another lesser known but more ravaging crisis occurring. In places like the Middle East and North Africa, lethal persecution is pushing Christians to the edge of extinction — brutally beaten, kidnapped, tortured, raped, and murdered for their faith. It is a grim and horrific situation that deserves coverage, outrage, and action.

Christians are suffering and dying more than any other religious group in the world. An alarming study recently released by the British government describes the current state of global anti-Christian violence as being “close to … genocide.”

The ACLJ is working to stem the deadly tide before it’s too late.

With your support, we’re protecting persecuted Christians around the world.

Our international affiliate, the ECLJ, is monitoring the drastic increase in persecution, especially in countries like Pakistan, India, and Turkey. We are speaking out at the U.N. Human Rights Council. Our affiliate in Pakistan is taking legal action on behalf of brave believers who are willing to take their cases to court. We continue doing everything we can here in the U.S. and at the U.N. to push for meaningful action that results in justice and aid for victims of persecution.

We have a moral obligation to fight for our Christian brothers and sisters.

The deadly injustice must stop. Thank you for supporting our essential efforts for the persecuted.
30 Powerful Years — Thanks to Members Like You

*Essential.* There isn’t a more fitting word to describe our 30-year pursuit for life, liberty, and justice — especially in this unprecedented year.

In the midst of a global pandemic, aggression from the Left has reached a treacherous pitch. We’re battling their agenda at an unparalleled scope — going toe-to-toe with well-funded enemies with incredibly deep pockets. In the face of evil, we have not backed down. *Your faithful prayers and generosity have shaped this year of hard-fought battles and astounding victories.*

Together, we have been on the front lines of some of the most important, most *essential* battles of our day — making a powerful difference for life, religious liberty, constitutional freedoms, and more.

Thank you for the strength you bring to our work. You are making an important impact. *You are essential.*
Weaponizing a Pandemic

In a year fraught with change due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one thing remains the same: the cold, calculated evil of Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry.

While most non-essential medical procedures and appointments were canceled during the pandemic, Planned Parenthood said, “Abortion is essential” … and refused to shut down. The ACLJ stood with many states in the fight against the abortion industry. *Killing babies in a pandemic is NOT essential.*

**10 briefs in 3 weeks**
The ACLJ worked around the clock to support courageous states opposed to labeling abortion as an “essential service.” Together, we not only saved lives, but we set a precedent for future cases and legislation.

While the nation worked to flatten the curve of the pandemic, the ACLJ worked to accelerate the curve of life and liberty with your support.
Meanwhile, the EVIL AGENDA of the abortion industry has never been clearer ...

A survey conducted by the National Small Business Association in April showed less than 20% of business owners with fewer than 10 employees were approved for their Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan in the first round of stimulus funding — many only asking for a few thousand dollars.

The ACLJ has worked to STOP Nancy Pelosi and her liberal colleagues in Congress from making Coronavirus relief their personal, radical slush fund. We’ve already blocked TENS OF MILLIONS in abortion funding and will continue to stop the extreme Left from exploiting the pandemic. Our message is simple: Three strikes and you’re out.

Some Members of Congress have said that the ban on fetal tissue research should be lifted permanently; and at the very least, it should be lifted during the pandemic.

Just how far will the Left stoop to help Planned Parenthood profit from the sale of aborted babies’ body parts? Here’s your answer: They’ll leverage a global pandemic to lift the ban on one of the most heinous schemes the world has ever seen in order to make a profit.

DYK?

Places you can sing Amazing Grace in California: At your church? NO! Singing was banned in churches in California. The ACLJ is fighting to stop this draconian abuse of power targeting the Church during a pandemic.
**The ACLJ in Action**

Our essential work includes effective advocacy with the support of ACLJ members like you. Here are the top petition initiatives of this past year:

- **Stop Planned Parenthood Harvesting and Selling Babies’ Organs:** 655,464
- **Defeat the Abortion-Pill Mandate’s Assault on Religious Liberty at the Supreme Court:** 499,891
- **Defeat the Deep State; Protect Our Constitution:** 506,463
- **Defend “In God We Trust” from Atheist Attacks:** 489,654
- **Defund Planned Parenthood Now:** 410,067
- **No Abortion Funding in Coronavirus Bill:** 334,894
- **Restore the Constitution. Don’t Shred It:** 321,239
- **Censure Antisemitism in Congress:** 316,651
- **Stop Barbaric New Abortion Laws:** 312,905
- **Demand Congress Pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act:** 278,237

We also advocated for you at the Supreme Court of the United States, the United Nations, and in federal courts across the nation …

- 1 case petitioned to Supreme Court
- 8 briefs filed at Supreme Court
- 51 actions at the U.N.
- 74 FOIA requests submitted
- 10 federal lawsuits
“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1 NIV).

At the ACLJ, we’re working every day to protect Americans across the country from being denied their inalienable right to free exercise of religion and free speech. We are your voice for religious freedom in Congress, in courtrooms, and in the media. Even in a pandemic, our essential defense against the Left’s assault continues…

- We filed a major lawsuit in California against the ban on singing in church: an unconstitutional and targeted abuse of power by the radical Left in the name of a pandemic.
- We’re defending the faith of countless soldiers as an extreme, anti-Christian organization wants to bar men and women in uniform from displaying Bible verses on dog tags which include their respective Service insignias.
- A Virginia state agency has targeted, harassed, and discriminated against a Christian realtor just for putting a Bible verse (John 3:16) on her website and including “Jesus loves you” in her email signature. We’ve filed a lawsuit against this governmental agency. Harassment of Christians is unconstitutional.
- Atheist groups are again challenging “In God We Trust,” claiming it violates the First Amendment. We’ve fought them and won in court before. We must continue to take their attacks seriously and work to protect our National Motto.
- We’ve filed legal comments in support of a proposed U.S. Department of Labor rule to protect churches and religious organizations from being pressured, even forced, to hire people with opposing worldviews. We’re standing up for their right to hire like-minded people and not see their faith trampled by the government.
- We intervened on behalf of a Christian resident of a senior housing complex who was instructed to remove her crosses from her outdoor garden area pursuant to a so-called policy banning all religious décor. Fortunately, upon receipt of our letter, the management company reconsidered its policy and complied with our request. Today, our client’s crosses continue to stand in her outdoor garden, and her constitutional freedoms have been preserved.
Israel is under constant attack from terrorists. The global attempts to target, undermine, and eventually erase Israel from existence must be stopped.

Our ally is in the crosshairs. Israel’s enemies attack from many fronts: with deadly rockets on the ground, hateful antisemitism in the public square, and damaging lawfare in the courts.

The ACLJ is committed to Israel. We are engaged in the essential battle to defend her interests and the Jewish people.

- We’ve filed a brief at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in defense of Israel’s interests. The current ICC Prosecutor wants to reclassify land that rightfully belongs to Israel and designate it to a nonexistent “Palestinian State,” thereby giving it territorial authority to investigate Israelis for alleged “war crimes.” We are working to make sure it doesn’t happen.
- We have a team of lawyers on the ground in Jerusalem working daily to protect Israel’s very right to exist.
- We’re battling the U.N.’s treacherous $65 million anti-Israel lawfare slush fund.
- We’re fully engaged in two major federal lawsuits in defense of Israel’s interests — their enemies are trying to eliminate Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish State through litigation.
- Antisemitism has made its way into Congress. The ACLJ is demanding that the Left address this hateful rhetoric and censure representatives who engage in antisemitism.
- We’re preparing to file amicus curiae briefs at the Supreme Court of the United States in support of Holocaust survivors still trying to obtain compensation for losses they suffered during the Second World War.

“I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more” (Isaiah 65:19 NIV).
Every child in America, regardless of the ZIP code in which they reside, should have access to a quality education. Unfortunately, countless American children are currently trapped in failing schools. That is why the ACLJ launched our essential School Choice Initiative — to provide parents with a choice in where to send their children to school.

Quality education isn’t a privilege. It’s a right guaranteed by every state in the nation. The ACLJ is putting kids first by demanding our tax dollars go where parents need them. We must defend the right of every child to an education of their choosing.

At the ACLJ, we’ve launched our School Choice Initiative to ensure that every state allows parents to choose the school they believe will provide the best education for their children — whether it’s a private, religious, charter, homeschool, or public school — regardless of economic or social standing.

- We are drafting model state legislation to ensure that every child has equality of opportunity in education, including school vouchers.
- The ACLJ has been contacted by more than 1,400 families around the country for assistance. We are working to represent them, free of charge, to ensure students are not left behind and parents are given educational options — especially during this pandemic.
- We’ve filed briefs at the Supreme Court of the United States to defend state school choice laws to equally apply to religious education.

In our society … we spend so much time on the ‘root causes’ and the disadvantages that we forget to talk about the solutions and the advantage that we have over the rest of the world…. It is absolutely essential that we have quality education in every ZIP code, especially the poorest ZIP codes in America. That is the path forward.”

—Senator Tim Scott (SC)
It is more than ESSENTIAL ... it is your RIGHT.

The ACLJ will fight for justice and equal opportunity in education for all children by demanding school choice for America’s families.

We’re working on Capitol Hill to ensure that federal funding in education allows maximum choice for maximum results.

When a public school district in Arizona — not opening for in-person learning this fall due to Coronavirus — offered families “childcare” during the school day, held inside the district’s schools for a fee, the ACLJ stepped in. We’ve sent three legal letters on behalf of our clients to the district and a letter to the Governor of Arizona, providing our perspective on what the state’s constitution and laws require: “absolutely free” education and classroom access.

We know it works …

Through school choice programs, kids have a fighting shot at a quality education that continues on to college. With the help of the Washington, D.C., Opportunity Scholarship voucher program — which enabled parents in lower-income D.C. neighborhoods to send their kids to private schools — the graduation rate increased by 21% over their peers in public schools.

Right now, almost half of the states in the U.S. still don’t allow for some form of school choice. That means countless American kids are still receiving a subpar education and being left ill-equipped to survive after graduation, if they graduate at all.
We won a significant victory against the Deep State in federal court over the unmasking of Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn. A U.S. appeals court ordered a federal judge to drop the Michael Flynn case and accept the Department of Justice’s request to dismiss the charges — a full vindication of the Lieutenant General.

The ACLJ is engaged in numerous lawsuits against the Deep State over these exact issues.

- We’re in court against the Deep State FBI over fired Director James Comey’s spies in the White House — and against the intelligence community over the Obama Administration’s expansive unmasking.

- We’re seeing more and more high-profile officials give conflicting information and turn on each other as the lies begin to crumble. We’re right in the middle of these shocking investigations and more.

- There is a deep-rooted, anti-freedom bureaucracy in two of the most important and powerful institutions in America: the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The ACLJ is working to help root out the corruption and stop the abuse of power.

It is ESSENTIAL that the ACLJ stand up to defend the Constitution as we expose and defeat Deep State corruption in court.

Spying, unmasking, bureaucratic abuses.

It’s not the latest bestselling thriller.

It’s real. It involves the Deep State. And it’s happening now.

The ACLJ is exposing the corruption, defeating the Deep State, and defending the Constitution.
INCOME 2019

Contributions $49,913,028 84%
Major Donors, Grants, Bequests $4,434,066 7%
Other Income $5,205,994 9%
Total Income $59,553,088

EXPENSES 2019

Legal Services 46%
Media Services/Radio & TV Broadcasting 32%
Public Education Services 15%
Fundraising Expenses 5%
Managerial & Administrative Expenses 2%
Total Expenses $54,311,303

Source: Independent audited financial statements, 12/31/2019

MINISTRYWATCH.COM RANKINGS

➤ 5-star overall efficient rating by MinistryWatch
➤ #1 in fund acquisition rating
➤ #1 in asset utilization rating

Named as the top organization for “Positive Cultural Change in the U.S.”
*2017 survey by the American Culture & Faith Institute

RANKINGS

ESSENTIAL:
TRUTH, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND THE RULE OF LAW

ESSENTIAL:
TRANSPARENCY IN OUR WORK

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We’re deeply grateful for the work you make possible. Your stellar support drives our efforts, making a positive impact at every level.

Your prayers and faithfulness fuel the essential fight for life, religious liberty, and constitutional freedoms.

“I am happy to have been given the opportunity to support this cause, fighting for the lives of the unborn. May God bless each of you who are working so hard for justice. Praise Him!”
—Jody, Mississippi

“We would like to express our gratitude to you for your ministry and mission in sharing the Gospel of salvation and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Together and with this donation, we labor in service of our awesome God.”
—Ted and Vera, South Carolina

“As a fervent believer who is concerned, and in prayer, for the persecuted church, I will continue to give to the ACLJ as I am able.”
—Shaloma, Tennessee
“The ACLJ does so much good to save the babies and help Israel. I love how you are constantly helping all of us keep our religious rights.”
—Shirley, Iowa

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