



## What You Need to Know About the ACLU

### Who is the ACLU?

The ACLU is an organization that claims to be “nonpartisan,” actively defending your civil rights; but in truth, they promote a radical left-wing agenda that seeks to redefine marriage, expand abortion-on-demand, and eliminate any mention of God in the public square. In this way, they are slowly eliminating the intrinsic rights and liberties of every American.

According to their website, the ACLU is composed of more than 500,000 members and supporters, and handles nearly 6,000 court cases annually from their offices in almost every state<sup>1</sup>.

### Who founded the ACLU?

The ACLU was founded in 1920 by Roger Baldwin, Crystal Eastman, and Albert DeSilver.

- **Roger Baldwin** was a Communist. Reflecting on his early years as the ACLU's executive director, Baldwin revealed his original motives:
  - *“I am for Socialism, disarmament and ultimately, for the abolishing of the State itself... I seek the social ownership of property, the abolition of the propertied class and sole control of those who produce wealth. Communism is the goal. ...I don't regret being part of the communist tactic. I knew what I was doing. I was not an innocent liberal. I wanted what the communists wanted and I traveled the United Front road to get it.”*<sup>2</sup>
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- **Crystal Eastman** was a feminist, pacifist and socialist who believed in "impulsive radicalism and casual sex." She was an active supporter of the International Workers of the World (I.W.W.), an extreme group with very strong ties to Communism<sup>3</sup>.
- **Albert DeSilver** was a radical socialist attorney who had worked with the I.W.W., as well; in 1920, DeSilver was named associate director of the ACLU and worked to implement their agenda through legal defense, public education, and lobbying<sup>4</sup>.

### What is their agenda?

Below is a summary of the radical goals being implemented by the ACLU in their quest to destroy America's founding culture and tradition:

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.aclu.org/about/index.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=1579>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.library.csi.cuny.edu/dept/history/lavender/386/ceastman.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/september2004/160904uncomfortabletruths.htm>

**Eliminate Laws Governing Obscenity:** The ACLU labels this "censorship" and a violation of free speech and press. They seek to chisel away at cultural norms of morality by promoting pornography in books, magazines, movies, internet, radio, and television. They have and will defend the rights of child pornographers and those, for instance, in the *North American Man/Boy Love Association* (NAMBLA).

- **Promote Homosexuality:** Through their LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people) project, they hope to make the gay lifestyle a normal part of American culture. They promote promiscuity as "normal, natural and healthy," and encourage easy divorce.
- **Eliminate Religious Expression:** The ACLU seeks to eliminate any expression of "God" in the public square on the grounds that it violates the "separation of church and state." Meanwhile, they specifically target Christians, seeking to discredit founding principles and eradicate anything from "Merry Christmas" to crosses on veterans' memorials.
- **Promote A Culture of Death:** The ACLU, under the guise of "reproductive rights," fights for abortion-on-demand, assisted suicide, euthanasia, and medical research without ethical limits.

**And they are using YOUR tax dollars to implement this agenda in the form of federal funding and through huge legal awards paid by school districts and local governments.**

**Where are they located?**

The ACLU's main headquarters is located in Washington, D.C., with affiliate offices in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The ACLU has offices in 14 Texas cities with aggressive plans to open more. Affiliates handle requests for legal assistance, lobby state legislatures, and host public meetings throughout the year.

**What is Free Market doing to stop the ACLU?**

The Free Market Foundation is the ONLY Texas-based pro-family group with both a legislative and legal division (Liberty Legal Institute) able to stop the ACLU. We have been fighting them and their cohorts since 1972 and we know how to beat them. Recently, we defeated the ACLU in a religious freedom case and protected Texas school districts' rights to use the Bible as a text book in elective courses on the subject.



**How can I help stop the ACLU?**

If you haven't already, please visit [www.freemarket.org](http://www.freemarket.org) and join our frontline forces today. We will keep you up to date on the ACLU's latest tactics and how, together, we will keep them from redefining marriage in Texas and trampling our God-given rights.

Also, please ask your friends to join us in the battle and let's send a strong message to the ACLU that traditional values matter in Texas and will be vigorously protected.