

OUR MISSION

Take action together to protect and advance our civil liberties and civil rights for a more just, equitable, and caring democracy in Oregon.

Achieving Our Mission

The ACLU of Oregon builds political power in meaningful partnership with impacted individuals and communities to disrupt and defend against oppressive systems. Together, we educate and dispel misinformation, advocate at all levels of government, and fight in courts to protect and advance our democracy, civil liberties and civil rights.

OUR VISION

We envision a more just, equitable, and caring democracy in Oregon.

Together, we can create a democracy where all people and communities have:

- Fundamental freedoms and rights;
- Access and power to engage fully in our democratic processes;
- Inherent dignity, autonomy, and are valued.

Together, we can foster a democracy that:

- Centers voices that have been historically silenced, excluded, and oppressed;
- Provides opportunities and resources for all of its people to thrive; and
- Fulfills its promises to be a democracy that is of, by, and for all the people.

GET INVOLVED

- TAKE ACTION make an impact by signing petitions and sending messages to your legislators: aclu-or.org/act
- READ OUR NEWSLETTERS stay up to date on our work: aclu-or.org_publications
- FOLLOW US on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter: @aclu_or
- SUPPORT our work: aclu-or.org/donate



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BUILDING A MORE JUST, EQUITABLE, AND CARING OREGON — FOR AND BY ALL OF US

OUR POLICY PRIORITIES

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL CAMPAIGN

This summer, we launched the Equal Rights for All ballot measure campaign. This historic measure for the November 2026 ballot will ask voters to update Oregon's constitution to clarify that everyone has equal rights to make private and personal decisions about health care and marriage, regardless of one's ability to become pregnant, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

ELECTION CONTINGENCY PLANNING

This election, our core rights and freedoms are on the ballot including: the right to bodily and life autonomy, the freedom to parent our children according to our values, the right to vote and participate in our democracy, and the freedom to be each of our authentic selves.

To be prepared no matter what comes our way in November and after, we are working intently along with partner organizations to preserve our democracy and the civil liberties and civil rights of ALL Oregonians.

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

During next year's legislative session, we will advocate for policies that support immigrants' rights, protect the dignity of our homeless neighbors, and affirm the freedom to read without discriminatory censorship in public schools and libraries.

OUR LEGAL ADVOCACY

DEFENDING LGBTQ+ RIGHTS

In July, we filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of our client, John Cavanaugh, who was discriminated against by a plasma donation company based on his gender and sexual orientation.

PROTECTING ACTIVISTS FROM UNLAWFUL SURVEILLANCE

We are taking the Medford police to court for spying on progressive activists and storing intel on them in violation of Oregon law.

HOLDING POLICE ACCOUNTABLE

Working with community partners as clients, the ACLU of Oregon played a critical role in stopping the Portland police union's attempt via ballot measure to force ineffective and costly law-and-order policies onto Portland communities – as well as their attempt to roll back the independent Community Board for Police Accountability.





