



This year, in one of the most frenetic legislative sessions in recent memory, ACLU-NM advocates lobbied on over 100 different bills, defeating attacks on abortion rights, gay and lesbian relationships, and rights of the poor. A nation-wide political shift and corresponding changes in New Mexico's political leadership emboldened reactionary lawmakers to propose anti-civil liberties measures in unusual numbers, creating new threats to our most basic freedoms. Additionally, the ACLU's commitment to defending freedom on all fronts, not just in single issue areas, called us to respond when few other organizations could.

The scope and diversity of our efforts really stand out when you track the ACLU's activity on our priority policy concerns over the course of 2010-2011. Last year the ACLU-NM confronted bullying in public schools, challenged a policy denying full separation pay to soldiers discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," released a detailed report on conditions in New Mexico's main immigrant detention center, and educated public school officials across the state about religious liberty and church-state separation, among many, many other efforts.

Not only did the ACLU-NM lobby on scores of bills, but our legal staff ended the year with a docket of over 30 ongoing cases. Some of them were requests for public records to investigate government overreaching, while other cases involved large-scale litigation, such as our case challenging sexual assault by a male nurse at the privately-managed NM Women's Correctional Facility in Grants.

One of the ACLU-NM's greatest strengths is our capacity to respond when the need is urgent. So, when Secretary of State Dianna Duran announced late in the legislative session that she had discovered 'evidence' of undocumented immigrants trying to vote—an apparent tactic to influence the legislature's votes on key voter ID and drivers' license bills—we responded with public records requests to test the basis for such allegations.

Although we tend to focus on cases that create lasting, widespread policy change, we also try to respond to smaller—but no less urgent—injustices where we can. When an Ojo Caliente school threatened to expel 15-year-old Raphaela Vierek for comments she posted online using her home computer, the ACLU-NM sent legal staff to defend her at her disciplinary hearing. The school immediately reinstated Raphaela and she escaped losing an entire semester over a few poorly chosen words.

All year long, as strategically and aggressively as possible, and in every corner of the state, the ACLU defends the full spectrum of civil rights and liberties in New Mexico. We provide a fundamental check on government power—one that many in the state take for granted. We carry out this mission because supporters like you recognize the enduring value of freedom.

Thank you for a successful 2010-2011 and for your unfailing commitment to liberty.

Peter Simonson  
Executive Director

**IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS**  
SB 1070: "SHOW ME YOUR PAPERS!"  
Arizona Governor Jan Brewer sends shockwaves throughout the nation by signing into law SB 1070, a bill requiring law enforcement to investigate the immigration status of anyone they come into contact with.  
Fearing that this law would lead to widespread racial profiling and diminish public safety, the ACLU publicly condemns the law and files a legal challenge, preventing it from taking effect.

**GOING TO AZ? KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.**  
ACLU-NM issues a travel alert to all New Mexicans, warning of the risk of racial profiling and other rights violations when visiting Arizona.  
ACLU-NM also disseminates "Know Your Rights" information in English and Spanish to the public.

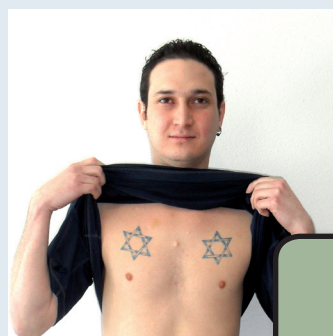
**INVESTIGATING "SECURE COMMUNITIES"**  
ACLU-NM files a public records request, seeking documents that would reveal patterns of racial profiling in the Metropolitan Detention Center's (ABQ) immigration screening program known as "Secure Communities."

**ABUSE DOCUMENTATION LAUNCH**  
The ACLU-NM Regional Center for Border Rights rolls out a binational online abuse documentation system. Nonprofits, watchdog groups and affected individuals can now document and track instances of abuse by local and federal law enforcement in the border region.

**DETENTION CENTERS EXPOSED**  
The ACLU-NM Regional Center for Border Rights publishes a 79 page report (Left) exposing human rights abuses at the immigrant detention center in Chaparral, NM.  
The report's publication garners national media coverage, heightening scrutiny and oversight of detention practices.

**SB 1070-LIKE POLICY COMES TO NEW MEXICO**  
Governor Susana Martinez issues an executive order requiring New Mexico State Police to inquire into all criminal suspects' immigration status. ACLU-NM publicly denounces the order in the press.

**"NO FEAR" BILL PASSES SENATE**  
SB 152, a bill ACLU-NM helped draft, passes in the state senate. This law would reduce racial profiling and increase public safety by prohibiting law enforcement officials from inquiring into suspects' immigration status.



**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR INMATES**  
ACLU-NM advocates on behalf of Steven Blacker (Above L) and Hodayah Johnson (Below L), two Jewish inmates who were denied religious freedom while in New Mexico corrections facilities.  
Blacker, an inmate in a religiously-oriented "God Pod," was coerced by jail guards and staffers to participate in Christian worship. In another facility, prison officials denied Johnson kosher meals and a copy of the Torah because they did not believe that an African-American could also be Jewish.  
ACLU-NM secures policy changes in both facilities, ensuring greater religious freedom for inmates.

**ACLU-NM FILES NO-FLY LIST LAWSUIT**  
Las Cruces resident, U.S. Air Force veteran and former firefighter Steven Washburn (Right) was stranded in Ireland for several months after he was placed on the "no fly list" without explanation. To return home, he was forced to fly to Mexico via South America and enter the country on foot, where he was further detained at the Juarez point of entry.  
ACLU-NM and the National ACLU files suit, demanding that the U.S. government remove Washburn and six other innocent American citizens from the list.



**FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION EVENTS**  
ACLU-NM hosts a series of education events to celebrate freedom of expression. Events include art shows, concerts, spoken word productions and panel discussions, all focused on our First Amendment rights to free speech and expression.

**PROTECTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN SCHOOLS**  
Protecting student religious freedom while ensuring the separation between church and state can pose tricky questions in the public school setting. To help schools navigate these sometimes murky waters, ACLU-NM publishes, "Protecting Religious Liberty in Public Schools: A School Official's Guide," and distributes a copy to every superintendent and principal in the state.

**WAR ON CHRISTMAS?**  
ACLU-NM publishes an article in the Santa Fe New Mexican debunking the "War on Christmas" myth and calling on New Mexicans to celebrate America's proud tradition of religious diversity and tolerance.

**FREE SPEECH**  
In the course of a casual conversation with a colleague, Border Patrol Agent Bryan Gonzalez (Above) mentions that he favors the legalization of marijuana. A few months later, the Border Patrol fires him for his "unpatriotic" views.  
ACLU-NM files a suit in Federal Court alleging that the Border Patrol violated Gonzalez's right to free speech.



**ANTI-MUSLIM BILL**  
ACLU-NM publishes an article in the ABQ Journal, condemning a proposed constitutional amendment that would enshrine disapproval of Muslims in the NM Constitution by unnecessarily banning Sharia Law.



**TELLING THEIR STORIES**  
ACLU-NM begins a relationship recognition campaign for gay and lesbian couples. In conjunction with the National ACLU, ACLU-NM interviews hundreds of couples to identify compelling personal stories that highlight the LGBT community's shared values of love, commitment and family.



**DEMANDING EQUALITY FOR LGBT SERVICE MEMBERS**  
U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard Collins (Right), based in Clovis, NM, was discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) after he was recognized off-base with his partner. Adding insult to injury, the Air Force withheld half of his separation pay.  
When the Department of Defense refuses to alter this discriminatory practice, ACLU-NM and the national ACLU files a class action lawsuit on behalf of every service member who lost their full separation pay simply because they are gay.



**DADT REPEALED**  
After many years of advocacy by the ACLU and other LGBT rights organizations, Congress repeals "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the discriminatory law that prohibited gay and lesbian service members from serving openly.

**DEFENDING DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS IN THE PRESS**  
Amid concerns that Gov. Martinez could repeal benefits for domestic partners of state employees, ACLU-NM raises awareness by placing a front-page article in the ABQ Journal (Left) that highlights the impact revoking these benefits would have on LGBT families in New Mexico.

**DOMAS KILLED**  
In the 2011 legislative session, ACLU-NM and other LGBT rights organizations defeat four so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA) bills that would forever deny fairness and relationship recognition to gay and lesbian couples in New Mexico.



**EXCESSIVE STUDENT PUNISHMENT**  
Ojo Caliente student Raphaela Vierek (Left), 15, posted a tongue-in-cheek rant online from her home computer after her high school IT administrator restricted access to her favorite online art community. Her school suspended her for two weeks and threatened to expel her permanently.  
At her disciplinary hearing, ACLU-NM successfully argues that the school grossly overreacted, violating Vierek's right to free speech. The school immediately reinstates Vierek and returns her to her studies.



**FIGHTING AGAINST SCHOOL BULLYING**  
ACLU-NM joins a lawsuit against Española Public Schools for failing to address a known bullying problem and their practice of employing private security guards who encourage and participate in the abuse themselves.  
Student accounts of the bullying epidemic are chilling, including relentless harassment and physical assaults—some of which were filmed and posted to the Internet (Left) to further humiliate their victims.

**ANTI-BULLYING BILL PASSES**  
ACLU-NM and other allied organizations successfully push for a bill that requires all school districts to adopt stronger anti-bullying policies. The bill includes specific protections for LGBT students.

**CORPORAL PUNISHMENT BANNED**  
ACLU-NM and other allied groups successfully lobby for a bill banning corporal punishment in New Mexico, ending an ineffective practice that is applied disproportionately to the poor, minorities and developmentally disabled.

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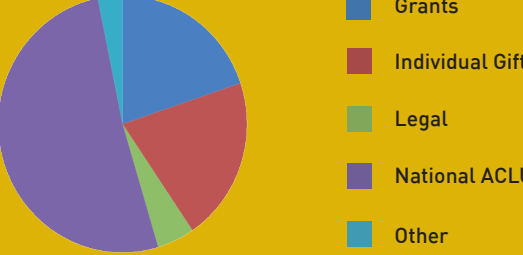
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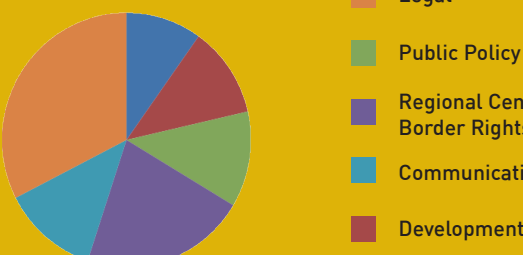
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Revenue		
Grants	\$215,238	
Individual Gifts	\$224,365	
Legal	\$52,897	
National ACLU	\$557,951	
Other	\$34,778	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,085,230</b>	

### ACLU-NM FOUNDATION EXPENSES\* (4/01/2010 - 3/31/2011)

Expenses		
Legal	\$370,168	
Public Policy	\$138,749	
Regional Center for Border Rights	\$244,045	
Communications	\$141,310	
Development	\$131,552	
Administration	\$111,987	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,137,813</b>	

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Revenue	
Individual Gifts	\$3,785
National ACLU	\$49,696
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$53,481</b>

### ACLU-NM UNION EXPENSES\* (4/01/2010 - 3/31/2011)

Expenses	
Public Policy	\$3,820
Communications	\$49,696
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