

## Brief Summary of Campaign and Strategies

### **National Security and Human Rights Campaign**

The National Security and Human Rights Campaign was launched in 2008 as a three-year campaign to dismantle the flawed paradigms used to justify current national security policies, and to promote progressive policies that respect human rights and the rule of law.

The campaign provides grantmaking and operational support to challenge torture, arbitrary detention, racial profiling, excessive government secrecy, surveillance, and other policies that have destroyed U.S. credibility as a champion of human rights and have eroded support for human rights around the world. The campaign will provide significant new resources to raise awareness, shift public attitudes, promote reform, and build the capacity of key leadership organizations to address the consequences of the U.S. government's counterterrorism policies.

The Campaign has identified five policy goals as essential to restoring respect for civil liberties, human rights, and the rule of law to U.S. national security policies:

1. End arbitrary detention and the use of secret prisons, restore due process, eliminate the use of torture and extraordinary rendition of terror suspects, and close the Guantanamo Bay detention center.
2. Reform surveillance laws and policies to restrict warrantless and unchecked surveillance and restore broad privacy protections at the federal, state, and local levels.
3. Ensure that anti-terrorism laws and law enforcement activities do not target freedom of speech, association, or religious expression.
4. Reduce the practice of racial, ethnic, and religious profiling of Muslim, Arab, South Asian, and Middle Eastern (MASA) individuals and communities and build the capacity of MASA organizations to fight abusive national security policies disproportionately directed at them and promote the acceptance of MASA communities in American society.
5. Decrease government secrecy, restore strong oversight of Executive action taken in the name of national security, and expose and hold U.S. government officials and private actors accountable for abuses and violations of the law.

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For further information on the Campaign's history, goals and strategy, please visit USP's central repository of information, "USP Central", in Karl.