Impact Report

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Intelligence Project
from public spaces.

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CONFRONTING HATE AND EXTREMISM

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consistent with the vision of
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Out the Vote
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Cure Program.

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Original material provided

EQUITY, JUSTICE, AND COVID-19

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The SPLC has tracked hate groups and domestic extremists’ activities for four decades — exposing their threats to our democracy and documenting their growing influence. The events of 2020 — a deadly global pandemic, racial justice protests, and fraudulent claims about the presidential election — were used as opportunities for hatemongers to sow racial division, circulate propaganda, and recruit members.

**IN 2020, THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER**
- Informed the public about the increased mobilization and lethality of extremists through our report, *When the ‘Alt-Right’ Hit the Streets: Far-Right Political Rallies in the Trump Era*, detailing far-right, anti-government, and white nationalist threats in the United States.
- Served as a primary source to over 2.7 million people after a *presidential debate referenced Proud Boys*, a SPLC-designated hate group.
- **Testified to Congress** on alarming incidents of white supremacy in the military.
- Campaigned for the *removal of Confederate symbols* in public spaces — which culminated in the January 2021 Defense Bill mandating the removal of Confederate symbols and names from all U.S. military outposts; provided technical assistance for Confederate monument removal across the country, the pace of which accelerated after high-profile police killings of Black men and women across the country.
- **Alerted poll workers and state election officials** to threats posed by extremists to intimidate voters and disrupt the election process ahead of the presidential election and Senate runoffs in Georgia.
- Combatted online radicalization of youth, in partnership with *American University’s Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL)*, by providing free resources designed to help caregivers, educators, and others recognize and respond to radicalization in the COVID-19 era.
- Exposed the ties of *elected and appointed government officials* to hate groups and white nationalist outlets like VDARE and correspondents like Jack Posobiec.
- **Defended conversion therapy bans from anti-LGBTQ hate groups’ attacks** and held hate groups accountable for their harassment and violence through innovative legal action.
- Launched a new podcast, *Sounds Like Hate*, an audio documentary about the dangers of everyday people engaged in extremism and ways people have escaped a life of hatred.

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**BY THE NUMBERS**

1,404

hate groups and anti-government groups tracked across the country.

168

Confederate monuments and symbols removed from public spaces.

179,282

downloads of our Sounds Like Hate podcast.

18.7 M+

page views of Intelligence Project material.
The South has been historically overlooked as a viable national political organizing force, a perception that changed for many in 2020. The region is home to some of the most robust and transformative change movements in our nation’s history. To effectively counter the structural racism and other forms of oppression in this region, we’re heavily investing in building capacity for democratic organizing and civic participation.

### BY THE NUMBERS

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<td><strong>$12M</strong></td>
<td>Provided to grassroots Get Out the Vote efforts in our Deep South states.</td>
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During 2020, the pandemic laid bare longstanding systemic racism and exacerbated an already severe wealth gap. The spread of COVID-19 and its rippling economic and social consequences disproportionately harmed the communities we work alongside for equity and justice. We quickly mobilized, leveraging our resources to address critical needs during this national crisis.

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- Granted $2 million to fund over 604,000 meals to help families in the Deep South, putting food on tables amidst increased unemployment and shelter-in-place orders.
- Won our class-action lawsuit against Betsy DeVos’ Department of Education over a proposed rule that would have funneled much-needed CARES Act relief from public to private schools.
- Helped release people from detention where they remained at increased risk of contracting COVID-19 and held the criminal justice system accountable for its blatant disregard for the health and safety of human lives.
- Forced ICE to comply with court-ordered health assessments, protecting detained people at heightened risk of COVID-19 complications, as part of our fight to reduce populations in abusive immigrant detention.
- Informed over 19,000 people incarcerated in our Deep South states on benefits available to them through the CARES Act stimulus. Protected access to housing, utilities, unemployment allowances, stimulus benefits, other public services and lessened wealth-based discrimination in the justice system.
- Provided critically needed rapid-response resources on trauma-informed approaches to distance learning to families and educators amid COVID-19 school closures.
- Promoted just, humane and anti-racist migration and asylum policies, defended immigrant workers’ rights — many of whom were deemed essential during the pandemic — and provided legal support to immigrants who were arbitrarily imprisoned.
- Advocated to end overly punitive discipline practices and policing in schools, which feed institutionalization and juvenile justice system involvement, disproportionately harming Black and Brown children and children with disabilities. We litigated 12 lawsuits defending the due process rights of students who’d been unjustly disciplined in their schools.
- Nearly doubled the online audience of Learning for Justice from 157,638 to 273,518 by helping educators navigate difficult but necessary classroom discussions on American racism and police violence after the tragic killings of Black men and women at the hands of police and vigilantes.
- Facilitated professional learning for over 190,000 educators who participated in virtual trainings or on-demand webinars with our anti-bias, anti-racist education specialists.
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OUR MISSION

The Southern Poverty Law Center is a catalyst for racial justice in the South and beyond, working in partnership with communities to dismantle white supremacy, strengthen intersectional movements, and advance the human rights of all people.

COVER SPLC client Rosemary McCoy is fighting Florida’s modern-day poll tax. During 2020, we escalated our efforts challenging the discriminatory requirement that returning citizens pay all fines, fees, and restitution before they can vote. This policy provides no safeguards to the public and only serves to prevent millions of people from accessing the ballot.