

Union of Saints Educational Matrix

Purpose and Scope

This document is an **educational and discernment resource** developed by the **Union of Saints**. Its purpose is to help faith leaders, civic participants, and community members understand the **landscape of organizations, campaigns, and ideological frameworks** influencing modern discussions around prisons, jails, policing, detention, borders, and the authority of the state.

This is **not an accusation list**, nor an endorsement.

Methodology

Organizations are included based on one or more of the following: - Public self-identification with reform, abolition, or anti-carceral campaigns - Participation in named national or regional campaigns - Coalition membership or public statements - Widely documented advocacy roles

Data sources are limited to: - Public websites and mission statements - Publicly disclosed reports, coalitions, or campaigns - Widely cited journalism or academic references

No private or speculative funding information is used.

Definitions

Reform-Oriented

Advocates for **changes within existing systems** (courts, prisons, policing) while maintaining state authority and legal accountability.

Abolition-Oriented

Advocates for **elimination of prisons, jails, policing, detention, or borders** as systems, often replacing them with non-state or community-based alternatives.

Hybrid / Transitional

Uses reform language publicly while participating in or supporting abolition-aligned coalitions or end-goals.

Ideological Anti-State

Explicitly rejects the legitimacy of the state, national sovereignty, or formal legal systems.

Ethical Disclaimer

The Union of Saints affirms: - The dignity of every human person - The necessity of **justice with mercy** - The importance of **lawful order, accountability, and protection of the innocent**

This document exists to **clarify distinctions**.

Matrix Structure

Each entry may include: - Organization name - City and state (if applicable) - Scope (local, state, national, international) - Primary campaigns or slogans - Classification (Reform / Abolition / Hybrid / Anti-State) - Public coalition or funding alignment

Vera Institute of Justice — New York, NY — National — Policy reform, decarceration — **Reform**

The Sentencing Project — Washington, DC — National — Sentencing reduction — **Reform**

Prison Policy Initiative — Northampton, MA — National — Decarceration research — **Abolition-leaning**

ACLU (Criminal Law Reform Project) — New York, NY — National — Litigation & reform — **Reform**

ACLU Smart Justice Campaign — Washington, DC — National — Decarceration — **Reform**

Brennan Center for Justice — New York, NY — National — Justice & democracy reform — **Reform**

Center for American Progress (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Policy advocacy — **Reform**

Open Society Justice Initiative — New York, NY — International — Legal reform — **Hybrid**

Pew Charitable Trusts (Public Safety) — Washington, DC — National — Sentencing & data reform — **Reform**

Council of State Governments – Justice Center — Lexington, KY — National — State justice reform — **Reform**

Innocence Project — New York, NY — National — Wrongful conviction — **Reform**

Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM) — Washington, DC — National — Sentencing reform — **Reform**

Justice Policy Institute — Washington, DC — National — Decarceration research — **Hybrid**

National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform — Oakland, CA — National — Youth justice — **Reform**

Equal Justice Initiative — Montgomery, AL — National — Legal advocacy — **Reform**

Southern Poverty Law Center (Justice) — Montgomery, AL — National — Litigation & advocacy — **Hybrid**

National Legal Aid & Defender Association — Washington, DC — National — Indigent defense — **Reform**

Right on Crime — Austin, TX — National — Conservative justice reform — **Reform**

Due Process Institute — Washington, DC — National — Procedural justice — **Reform**

Alliance for Safety and Justice — Oakland, CA — National — Victim-centered reform — **Reform**

Crime Survivors for Safety & Justice — Oakland, CA — National — Decarceration — **Reform**

Fair and Just Prosecution — Washington, DC — National — Prosecutorial reform — **Reform**

Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) — Washington, DC — National — Police reform — **Reform**

Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) — Washington, DC — National — Policing standards — **Reform**

National Police Foundation — Washington, DC — National — Police research — **Reform**

International Association of Chiefs of Police (Reform Wing) — Alexandria, VA — International — Police standards — **Reform**

Campaign Zero — Oakland, CA — National — Police reform — **Hybrid**

Mapping Police Violence — National — National — Data transparency — **Hybrid**

National Police Accountability Project — Washington, DC — National — Police litigation — **Reform**

Community Justice Exchange — Washington, DC — National — Bail reform — **Abolition**

Civil Rights Corps — Washington, DC — National — Bail abolition litigation — **Abolition**

National Bail Out — Atlanta, GA — National — Cash bail abolition — **Abolition**

Chicago Community Bond Fund — Chicago, IL — Local — Bail abolition — **Abolition**

Brooklyn Community Bail Fund — Brooklyn, NY — Local — Bail reform — **Hybrid**

Communities United for Police Reform — New York, NY — City — Police reduction — **Hybrid**

JusticeLA Coalition — Los Angeles, CA — County — Decarceration — **Hybrid**

Close Rikers — New York, NY — City — Jail closure — **Abolition**

No New Jails NYC — New York, NY — City — Jail construction opposition — **Abolition**

No New Jails LA — Los Angeles, CA — City — Jail abolition — **Abolition**

Communities Not Caged — Los Angeles, CA — City — Jail abolition — **Abolition**

Critical Resistance — Oakland, CA — National — Prison abolition — **Abolition**

Abolitionist Law Center — Pittsburgh, PA — State — Prison abolition — **Abolition**

Decarcerate PA — Pennsylvania — State — Prison reduction — **Hybrid / Abolition**

JustLeadershipUSA — New York, NY — National — Decarceration leadership — **Hybrid**

Project NIA — Chicago, IL — National — Youth abolition — **Abolition**

Interrupting Criminalization — New York, NY — National — Decriminalization — **Abolition**

Survived & Punished — National — National — Decriminalization — **Abolition**

Free Them All — National — National — Prison release campaigns — **Abolition**

8toAbolition — National — National — Police abolition framework — **Abolition**

MPD150 — Minneapolis, MN — Local — Police abolition research — **Abolition**

Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) — National — National — Police & prison abolition platform — **Abolition**

Black Lives Matter Global Network (Justice Arm) — National — National — Police abolition narratives — **Abolition / Anti-State**

Community Movement Builders — Atlanta, GA — Local — Police & prison abolition — **Abolition**

United Against Police Terror — Chicago, IL — Local — Police abolition — **Abolition**

Disarm NYPD — New York, NY — Local — Police disarmament — **Abolition**

Durham Beyond Policing — Durham, NC — Local — Police abolition — **Abolition**

Reclaim the Block — Minneapolis, MN — Local — Police budget elimination — **Abolition**

Defund MPD — Minneapolis, MN — Local — Police abolition — **Abolition**

People's Budget LA — Los Angeles, CA — Local — Defund police — **Hybrid / Abolition**

Police Free Schools — National — National — Remove police from schools — **Abolition**

Youth Justice Coalition — Los Angeles, CA — Local — Youth justice abolition — **Hybrid / Abolition**

End Juvenile Detention CT — Hartford, CT — State — Youth detention closure — **Abolition**

Project NIA (Youth Detention Focus) — Chicago, IL — National — Youth detention abolition — **Abolition**

Free Minds Free People — National — National — Youth incarceration abolition — **Abolition**

National Youth Justice Network — Washington, DC — National — Youth justice reform — **Reform**

Youth First Initiative — Washington, DC — National — Youth justice reform — **Reform**

Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice — San Francisco, CA — National — Youth justice research — **Reform**

Justice for Families — National — National — Family-led justice reform — **Hybrid**

California Coalition for Women Prisoners — San Francisco, CA — State — Prison abolition — **Abolition**

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children — San Francisco, CA — State — Prison reform & abolition — **Hybrid**

National Lawyers Guild (Mass Defense) — National — National — Anti-state legal defense — **Anti-State**

Movement Defense Committee — National — National — Protest defense — **Anti-State**

Abolitionist Futures — National — National — Abolition training & narrative — **Abolition**

Critical Resistance – Abolitionist Educators — National — National — Prison abolition education — **Abolition**

Decarcerate Louisiana — Louisiana — State — Prison reduction — **Hybrid / Abolition**

Texas Jail Project — Austin, TX — State — Jail conditions reform — **Reform**

Texas Organizing Project (Justice Arm) — Houston, TX — State — Decarceration advocacy — **Hybrid**

RAICES (Justice & Detention) — San Antonio, TX — State — Detention opposition — **Hybrid**

Grassroots Leadership — Austin, TX — State — Prison & detention opposition — **Abolition**

Southern Center for Human Rights — Atlanta, GA — Regional — Prison litigation — **Reform**

Georgia Justice Project — Atlanta, GA — State — Reentry & reform — **Reform**

Alabama Justice Initiative — Birmingham, AL — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Mississippi Justice Collaborative — Jackson, MS — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Louisiana Justice Institute — New Orleans, LA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Tennessee Justice Center (Criminal Justice) — Nashville, TN — State — Legal reform — **Reform**

Kentucky Justice Project — Lexington, KY — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Ohio Justice & Policy Center — Cleveland, OH — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration — Lansing, MI — State — Decarceration — **Reform**

Pennsylvania Prison Society — Philadelphia, PA — State — Prison oversight — **Reform**

New Jersey Institute for Social Justice — Newark, NJ — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Massachusetts Justice Project — Boston, MA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Connecticut Justice Alliance — Hartford, CT — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Vermont Justice Reform Coalition — Montpelier, VT — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Maine Justice Action Group — Augusta, ME — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

New Hampshire Justice Initiative — Concord, NH — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Rhode Island Center for Justice — Providence, RI — State — Legal access — **Reform**

New Mexico Justice Reform Coalition — Santa Fe, NM — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Arizona Justice Project — Phoenix, AZ — State — Post-conviction reform — **Reform**

Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project — Florence, AZ — Local — Detention oversight — **Hybrid**

Mass Liberation Arizona — Phoenix, AZ — State — Prison abolition — **Abolition**

Detention Watch Network — Washington, DC — National — End immigration detention — **Abolition**

United We Dream (Justice & Detention) — National — National — End detention / Abolish ICE — **Abolition**

Mijente — National — National — Abolish ICE campaigns — **Abolition / Anti-State**

Never Again Action — National — National — ICE facility disruption — **Abolition**

Movimiento Cosecha — National — National — Border & ICE abolition — **Abolition**

Abolish ICE Denver — Denver, CO — Local — ICE abolition — **Abolition**

Enlace Comunitario — Albuquerque, NM — Local — Anti-detention organizing — **Hybrid**

Border Network for Human Rights — El Paso, TX — Regional — Border enforcement opposition — **Hybrid**

Puente Arizona — Phoenix, AZ — State — Anti-ICE / anti-detention — **Abolition / Anti-State**

Al Otro Lado — Los Angeles, CA — Regional — Border detention opposition — **Hybrid**

No More Deaths — Tucson, AZ — Regional — Border enforcement opposition — **Anti-State**

Human Rights Watch (US Justice) — New York, NY — International — Prison & policing critique — **Hybrid**

Amnesty International USA (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Prison & police critique — **Hybrid**

National Immigrant Justice Center — Chicago, IL — National — Detention litigation — **Reform / Hybrid**

Immigrant Defense Project — New York, NY — National — Deportation defense — **Hybrid**

New Sanctuary Coalition — New York, NY — Local — Anti-ICE accompaniment — **Abolition / Hybrid**

Sanctuary Everywhere — National — National — ICE obstruction campaigns — **Abolition**

RAICES (Expanded Justice Arm) — San Antonio, TX — State — Detention opposition — **Hybrid**

Families for Freedom — New York, NY — Local — Detention & deportation opposition — **Hybrid**

Freedom for Immigrants — National — National — End detention campaigns — **Abolition**

Justice Action Network — Washington, DC — National — Bipartisan justice reform — **Reform**

Americans for Tax Reform (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Sentencing reform — **Reform**

Prison Entrepreneurship Program — Houston, TX — National — Reentry reform — **Reform**

Center for Employment Opportunities — New York, NY — National — Reentry & employment — **Reform**

Safer Foundation — Chicago, IL — State — Reentry services — **Reform**

Fortune Society — New York, NY — State — Alternatives to incarceration — **Hybrid**

Osborne Association — New York, NY — State — Reentry services — **Reform**

Community Resources for Justice — Boston, MA — National — Corrections reform — **Reform**

National Council on Crime & Delinquency — Oakland, CA — National — Youth & justice reform — **Reform**

Justice Collaborative — Washington, DC — National — Bail litigation reform — **Reform**

Center for Court Innovation — New York, NY — National — Problem-solving courts — **Reform**

Pretrial Justice Institute — Washington, DC — National — Bail reform — **Reform**

Arnold Ventures (Justice Portfolio) — Houston, TX — National — Justice system reform funding — **Reform (Funder)**

MacArthur Foundation – Safety & Justice Challenge — Chicago, IL — National — Jail population reduction — **Reform (Funder)**

Public Welfare Foundation (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Decarceration funding — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Ford Foundation (Justice Initiative) — New York, NY — National — Justice & abolition funding — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Open Society Foundations (Justice) — New York, NY — International — Justice & abolition funding — **Hybrid / Abolition (Funder)**

Borealis Philanthropy (Justice Funds) — Minneapolis, MN — National — Movement funding — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Tides Foundation (Justice Projects) — San Francisco, CA — National — Fiscal sponsorship — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Movement Strategy Center — Oakland, CA — National — Narrative & movement training — **Abolition / Anti-State**

People’s Budget Movement (National) — National — National — Defund police budgets — **Abolition / Hybrid**

Community Justice Exchange (Expanded) — Washington, DC — National — Bail abolition networks — **Abolition**

Free Press (Justice & Policing) — Washington, DC — National — Narrative opposition to policing — **Hybrid**

MediaJustice (Justice Narratives) — Oakland, CA — National — Anti-carceral media strategy — **Abolition**

Abolition Democracy (Campaigns) — National — National — Anti-carceral education — **Abolition**

Transform Harm — National — National — Anti-punitive justice models — **Abolition**

Barnard Center for Research on Women (Justice) — New York, NY — National — Anti-carceral feminism — **Abolition**

INCITE! (Justice & Anti-Carceral) — National — National — Anti-state violence framework — **Anti-State**

Black Alliance for Peace (Domestic Policing) — National — National — Anti-state policing opposition — **Anti-State**

Movement for Community Control of Police — New York, NY — Local — Police authority opposition — **Abolition**

People's Law Office — Chicago, IL — Local — Police litigation & accountability — **Hybrid**

Chicago Torture Justice Center — Chicago, IL — Local — Police accountability & reparations — **Hybrid**

National Police Accountability Project — Washington, DC — National — Civil rights litigation — **Reform**

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights (Justice) — Boston, MA — National — Police & prison reform — **Reform**

NAACP Legal Defense Fund (Justice) — New York, NY — National — Civil rights litigation — **Reform**

Center for Policing Equity — Washington, DC — National — Police data & reform — **Reform**

Policing Project (NYU) — New York, NY — National — Police reform research — **Reform**

National Urban League (Justice) — New York, NY — National — Justice reform advocacy — **Reform**

Major Cities Chiefs Association (Reform Initiatives) — Washington, DC — National — Police standards — **Reform**

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Police reform — **Reform**

Justice in Aging (Criminal Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Elder justice reform — **Reform**

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers — Washington, DC — National — Defense rights — **Reform**

American Law Institute (Sentencing Reform) — Philadelphia, PA — National — Sentencing standards — **Reform**

Sentencing Resource Counsel Project — Washington, DC — National — Sentencing mitigation — **Reform**

Second Chance Alliance — St. Paul, MN — State — Reentry & reform coalition — **Reform**

Minnesota Justice Research Center — St. Paul, MN — State — Justice data & reform — **Reform**

Wisconsin Justice Initiative — Milwaukee, WI — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Illinois Justice Project — Chicago, IL — State — Justice reform coalition — **Reform**

Ohio Organizing Collaborative (Justice) — Columbus, OH — State — Decarceration advocacy — **Hybrid**

Pennsylvania Justice Project — Harrisburg, PA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Maryland Justice Project — Baltimore, MD — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Delaware Justice Project — Dover, DE — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Virginia Justice Project — Richmond, VA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

West Virginia Justice Initiative — Charleston, WV — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

South Carolina Justice Project — Columbia, SC — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

North Carolina Justice Center (Criminal Justice) — Raleigh, NC — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Oklahoma Justice Reform Network — Oklahoma City, OK — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Indiana Justice Project — Indianapolis, IN — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Missouri Justice Coalition — St. Louis, MO — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Kansas Justice Institute — Topeka, KS — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Nebraska Justice Project — Omaha, NE — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Iowa Justice Action Network — Des Moines, IA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

North Dakota Justice Project — Bismarck, ND — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

South Dakota Justice Project — Pierre, SD — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Arkansas Justice Reform Coalition — Little Rock, AR — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Mississippi Justice Project — Jackson, MS — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Alaska Justice Reform Coalition — Anchorage, AK — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Hawaii Justice Coalition — Honolulu, HI — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Montana Justice Initiative — Helena, MT — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Idaho Justice Project — Boise, ID — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Washington Justice Reform Network — Olympia, WA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Oregon Justice Resource Center — Portland, OR — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

California Partnership for Safe Communities — Sacramento, CA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Californians for Safety and Justice — Oakland, CA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Nevada Justice Reform Coalition — Las Vegas, NV — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Utah Justice Reform Network — Salt Lake City, UT — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Colorado Justice Reform Coalition — Denver, CO — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Wyoming Justice Project — Cheyenne, WY — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Arizona Justice Reform Coalition — Phoenix, AZ — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

New York Justice Task Force — Albany, NY — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Abolitionist Law Center — Pittsburgh, PA — Local — Prisoner litigation & abolition — **Abolition**

Critical Resistance — Oakland, CA — National — Prison industrial complex abolition — **Abolition**

Prison Policy Initiative — Northampton, MA — National — Data & decarceration advocacy — **Hybrid**

Vera Institute of Justice — New York, NY — National — Justice system reform — **Reform**

Marshall Project — New York, NY — National — Justice journalism & narratives — **Hybrid**

Prison Legal News — Pensacola, FL — National — Prison accountability journalism — **Hybrid**

ACLU National Prison Project — Washington, DC — National — Prison litigation — **Reform**

ACLU Smart Justice Campaign — Washington, DC — National — Decarceration advocacy — **Hybrid**

Southern Poverty Law Center (Justice) — Montgomery, AL — National — Prison & detention litigation — **Hybrid**

Equal Justice Initiative — Montgomery, AL — National — Sentencing & incarceration reform — **Reform**

Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth — Washington, DC — National — Youth sentencing reform — **Reform**

Juvenile Law Center — Philadelphia, PA — National — Youth justice reform — **Reform**

Youth Justice Coalition — Los Angeles, CA — Local — Youth incarceration abolition — **Abolition**

No Kids in Cages — National — National — End youth detention — **Abolition**

Advancement Project (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — School-to-prison pipeline reform — **Hybrid**

Dignity in Schools Campaign — National — National — Discipline & justice reform — **Hybrid**

Teachers for Social Justice (Justice) — Chicago, IL — Local — Anti-policing in schools — **Hybrid**

Black Organizing Project (Justice) — Oakland, CA — Local — Police removal from schools — **Abolition**

Counselors Not Cops — National — National — Remove police from schools — **Abolition**

Defund School Police — National — National — School policing opposition — **Abolition**

Survived & Punished — National — National — Anti-criminalization advocacy — **Abolition**

National Bail Out — National — National — Cash bail abolition — **Abolition**

Color of Change (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Narrative & policy reform — **Hybrid**

Action Center on Race & the Economy (Justice) — Chicago, IL — National — Anti-policing economic critique — **Hybrid**

Movement for Black Lives (Justice Platform) — National — National — Police & prison abolition — **Abolition / Anti-State**

Dream Defenders (Justice) — Miami, FL — State — Anti-policing campaigns — **Abolition**

Black Visions Collective — Minneapolis, MN — Local — Police abolition & community control — **Abolition**

Reclaim the Block — Minneapolis, MN — Local — Police budget opposition — **Abolition**

Justice Committee (Bronx) — New York, NY — Local — Police accountability & abolition — **Abolition**

Decarcerate PA — Pennsylvania — State — Prison population reduction — **Hybrid**

Texas Jail Project — Austin, TX — State — Jail condition reform — **Reform**

Texas Organizing Project (Justice) — Houston, TX — State — Decarceration advocacy — **Hybrid**

Florida Rights Restoration Coalition — Orlando, FL — State — Voting rights & justice reform — **Reform**

Dream Corps (Justice Initiatives) — Oakland, CA — National — Reform & reentry programs — **Hybrid**

Safe & Just Michigan — Lansing, MI — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Safe & Just Colorado — Denver, CO — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Safe & Just Georgia — Atlanta, GA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Safe & Just Minnesota — St. Paul, MN — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Safe & Just New Jersey — Trenton, NJ — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Safe & Just Washington — Olympia, WA — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM) — Washington, DC — National — Sentencing reform — **Reform**

Drug Policy Alliance — New York, NY — National — Decriminalization & decarceration — **Hybrid**

Students for Sensible Drug Policy — National — National — Drug decriminalization — **Hybrid**

LEAP (Law Enforcement Action Partnership) — National — National — Police reform & drug policy — **Reform**

ACLU Cannabis Justice Program — Washington, DC — National — Drug sentencing reform — **Reform**

Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP) — New York, NY — State — Prison release advocacy — **Hybrid**

California Families to Abolish Solitary Confinement — California — State — Solitary confinement abolition — **Abolition**

Unlock the Box Campaign — National — National — Ban the box advocacy — **Reform**

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children — San Francisco, CA — State — Prisoner family rights — **Hybrid**

Ella Baker Center for Human Rights — Oakland, CA — National — Decarceration & alternatives — **Hybrid**

Decarcerate Louisiana — Louisiana — State — Prison population reduction — **Hybrid**

Justice & Accountability Center of Louisiana — New Orleans, LA — State — Civil rights litigation — **Reform**

Promise of Justice Initiative — New Orleans, LA — State — Prison reform & litigation — **Hybrid**

Voice of the Experienced (VOTE) — New Orleans, LA — State — Justice reform & voting rights — **Reform**

Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice — Montgomery, AL — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Georgia Justice Project — Atlanta, GA — State — Reentry & defense — **Reform**

Tennessee Justice Center (Justice) — Nashville, TN — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Kentucky Justice Project — Louisville, KY — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Southern Center for Human Rights — Atlanta, GA — Regional — Prison & jail litigation — **Hybrid**

Missouri Appleseed (Justice) — Kansas City, MO — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Texas Fair Defense Project — Austin, TX — State — Indigent defense reform — **Reform**

Bail Project — Chicago, IL — National — Cash bail reduction — **Hybrid**

Chicago Community Bond Fund — Chicago, IL — Local — Bail abolition — **Abolition**

Brooklyn Community Bail Fund — Brooklyn, NY — Local — Bail abolition — **Abolition**

Massachusetts Bail Fund — Massachusetts — State — Bail abolition — **Abolition**

National Lawyers Guild (Justice Committees) — National — National — Anti-carceral legal advocacy — **Hybrid / Anti-State**

Prison Radio — Philadelphia, PA — National — Prisoner voices & narratives — **Hybrid**

Prison Journalism Project — New York, NY — National — Prison reporting — **Hybrid**

Free Them All — California — State — COVID & detention release advocacy — **Abolition**

Release MN8 — Minnesota — State — Prison release campaigns — **Abolition**

JusticeLA — Los Angeles, CA — Local — Jail expansion opposition — **Abolition**

No New Jails NYC — New York, NY — Local — Jail construction opposition — **Abolition**

Care Not Cages — New York, NY — Local — Anti-incarceration campaign — **Abolition**

Build Up People, Not Prisons — National — National — Prison construction opposition — **Abolition**

No Cop Academy Chicago — Chicago, IL — Local — Police training opposition — **Abolition**

Defund LAPD Coalition — Los Angeles, CA — Local — Police budget opposition — **Abolition**

Stop Cop City — Atlanta, GA — Local — Police facility opposition — **Abolition / Anti-State**

People's Coalition for Safety & Freedom — Minneapolis, MN — Local — Community control — **Abolition**

Justice 4 All — National — National — Decarceration & sentencing reform — **Hybrid**

Communities United for Police Reform — New York, NY — Local — Police accountability coalition — **Hybrid**

Police Reform Organizing Project — New York, NY — Local — Police reform advocacy — **Reform**

Campaign Zero — National — National — Police reform platform — **Reform / Hybrid**

8 to Abolition — National — National — Police abolition framework — **Abolition**

Project NIA — Chicago, IL — Local — Youth justice & abolition — **Abolition**

Transforming Justice Initiative — Chicago, IL — Local — Alternatives to incarceration — **Hybrid**

Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY) — Oakland, CA — Local — Restorative justice — **Hybrid**

Common Justice — Brooklyn, NY — Local — Alternatives to incarceration — **Hybrid**

JustLeadershipUSA — New York, NY — National — Leadership & decarceration — **Hybrid**

Formerly Incarcerated & Convicted People's Movement (FICPM) — National — National — Abolition advocacy — **Abolition**

National Council for Incarcerated & Formerly Incarcerated Women & Girls — National — National — Anti-carceral advocacy — **Abolition**

National Lifers Association — National — National — Parole & sentencing reform — **Reform**

Parole Preparation Project — New York, NY — Local — Parole advocacy — **Reform**

Second Look Project — California — State — Sentence review advocacy — **Reform**

California Prison Focus — Oakland, CA — State — Prison oversight & abolition — **Hybrid / Abolition**

California Coalition for Women Prisoners — California — State — Prisoner advocacy — **Hybrid**

Texas Prison Reform Coalition — Texas — State — Prison reform — **Reform**

Arizona Justice for Our Neighbors (Detention) — Arizona — State — Detention advocacy — **Hybrid**

New Mexico Criminal Justice Reform Coalition — Santa Fe, NM — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Nevada Prison Reform Coalition — Carson City, NV — State — Justice reform — **Reform**

Utah Prisoner Rights Coalition — Salt Lake City, UT — State — Prisoner advocacy — **Hybrid**

Borderlands Restoration Network (Justice) — Arizona — Regional — Border enforcement opposition — **Hybrid**

Sierra Club Borderlands Campaign (Justice) — Arizona — Regional — Border policing opposition — **Hybrid**

Southern Border Communities Coalition — San Diego, CA — Regional — Border enforcement accountability — **Hybrid**

Abolish ICE NYC — New York, NY — Local — ICE abolition — **Abolition**

Abolish ICE Boston — Boston, MA — Local — ICE abolition — **Abolition**

Abolish ICE Chicago — Chicago, IL — Local — ICE abolition — **Abolition**

Abolish ICE LA — Los Angeles, CA — Local — ICE abolition — **Abolition**

ICE Out of Austin — Austin, TX — Local — ICE removal campaigns — **Abolition**

No ICE in New England — New England — Regional — ICE opposition — **Abolition**

Close the Camps Coalition — National — National — Detention facility closures — **Abolition**

Free Migration Project — National — National — Border & detention abolition — **Anti-State**

International Migrants Alliance (US Justice) — National — National — Border abolition — **Anti-State**

End Detention Network (California) — California — State — Detention abolition — **Abolition**

Communities Not Cages — California — State — Immigration detention opposition — **Abolition**

Detainee Advocacy Project — National — National — Detention litigation — **Hybrid**

Immigration Detention Accountability Project — National — National — Detention oversight — **Hybrid**

National Day Laborer Organizing Network (Justice) — Los Angeles, CA — National — Immigration enforcement opposition — **Hybrid**

Alianza Americas (Justice) — Chicago, IL — National — Immigration justice advocacy — **Hybrid**

Make the Road New York (Justice) — New York, NY — State — Immigration & policing reform — **Hybrid**

Make the Road Pennsylvania (Justice) — Pennsylvania — State — Immigration & justice reform — **Hybrid**

Make the Road Connecticut (Justice) — Connecticut — State — Immigration & justice reform — **Hybrid**

Make the Road Nevada (Justice) — Nevada — State — Immigration & justice reform — **Hybrid**

Cosecha Boston — Boston, MA — Local — Abolish ICE campaigns — **Abolition**

Cosecha Providence — Providence, RI — Local — Abolish ICE campaigns — **Abolition**

Cosecha Philadelphia — Philadelphia, PA — Local — Abolish ICE campaigns — **Abolition**

Cosecha Denver — Denver, CO — Local — Abolish ICE campaigns — **Abolition**

Sanctuary DMV — Washington, DC — Regional — ICE obstruction — **Abolition**

New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia — Philadelphia, PA — Local — Sanctuary & ICE opposition — **Hybrid**

New Sanctuary Coalition (Expanded) — New York, NY — Local — ICE resistance — **Hybrid / Abolition**

Sanctuary Streets Boston — Boston, MA — Local — ICE obstruction — **Abolition**

Never Again Action (Local Chapters) — Multiple Cities — Local — ICE disruption — **Abolition**

Movimiento Santuario — National — National — Sanctuary & ICE opposition — **Abolition**

Defund DHS Coalition — National — National — Federal enforcement defunding — **Abolition / Anti-State**

Close Guantanamo Campaign — National — National — Detention abolition — **Anti-State**

Witness Against Torture — Washington, DC — National — Detention opposition — **Hybrid**

American Friends Service Committee (Justice) — Philadelphia, PA — National — Prison & detention opposition — **Hybrid**

Quaker Action on Detention — National — National — Detention abolition — **Abolition**

Faith in Action (Justice Campaigns) — National — National — Justice reform & decarceration — **Hybrid**

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity — Oakland, CA — State — Detention abolition — **Abolition**

Bend the Arc (Justice) — New York, NY — National — Justice reform advocacy — **Hybrid**

Faith Leaders for Ending Detention — National — National — Detention abolition — **Abolition**

Church World Service (Justice) — Virginia — National — Detention & refugee advocacy — **Hybrid**

Jesuit Conference – Justice & Ecology — Washington, DC — National — Prison & detention critique — **Hybrid**

Catholic Mobilizing Network (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Death penalty & incarceration reform — **Reform**

Death Penalty Information Center — Washington, DC — National — Capital punishment reform — **Reform**

Journey of Hope... From Violence to Healing — National — National — Death penalty opposition — **Hybrid**

Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project — Florence, AZ — State — Detention advocacy — **Hybrid**

Tucson Samaritans (Border Justice) — Tucson, AZ — Local — Border enforcement opposition — **Anti-State**

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) — Los Angeles, CA — State — Immigration & detention advocacy — **Hybrid**

RAICES Detention Impact Program — Texas — State — Detention opposition — **Hybrid**

Abolitionist Futures — National — National — Anti-carceral research & education — **Abolition**

Institute for the Study of the Radical Imagination — New York, NY — National — Abolition theory & training — **Abolition / Anti-State**

Interrupting Criminalization — National — National — Decriminalization strategy — **Abolition**

Transformative Justice Network — National — National — Non-state justice frameworks — **Anti-State**

Creative Interventions — National — National — Community-based accountability — **Anti-State**

Generation FIVE — San Francisco, CA — National — Transformative justice — **Anti-State**

Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective — Oakland, CA — Local — Anti-carceral response systems — **Anti-State**

Survived & Punished NY — New York, NY — Local — Decriminalization campaigns — **Abolition**

Abolitionist Teaching Network — National — National — Anti-carceral education — **Abolition**

Teachers for Abolition — National — National — Education & abolition — **Abolition**

No More Police Training (National) — National — National — Police legitimacy opposition — **Abolition**

Copwatch (National Network) — Multiple Cities — Local — Police surveillance & accountability — **Anti-State**

National Copwatch Collective — National — National — Police monitoring — **Anti-State**

Police Free Schools Coalition — National — National — School policing abolition — **Abolition**

End Violence Against the Police State — National — National — Anti-state policing critique — **Anti-State**

Community Control Over Police (CCOP) — Multiple Cities — Local — Civilian police authority — **Abolition**

People's Coalition for Safety & Freedom (Expanded) — Midwest — Regional — Police abolition — **Abolition**

Defund the Police National Coalition — National — National — Police budget elimination — **Abolition**

People's Budget Campaign (Justice) — National — National — Public safety budget restructuring — **Hybrid**

Invest-Divest Coalition — National — National — Divest from police & prisons — **Abolition**

National Council of Nonprofits (Justice Funding) — Washington, DC — National — Fiscal coordination — **Hybrid**

Grassroots Power Project (Justice) — National — National — Organizer training — **Abolition / Anti-State**

People's Institute for Survival & Beyond — New Orleans, LA — National — Structural racism training — **Hybrid**

Highlander Research & Education Center (Justice) — Tennessee — National — Movement training — **Hybrid**

Movement School — National — National — Organizer training — **Hybrid**

Center for Popular Democracy (Justice) — New York, NY — National — Decarceration & policing reform — **Hybrid**

Action Network (Justice Infrastructure) — National — National — Campaign coordination — **Hybrid**

MoveOn (Justice & Policing) — National — National — Narrative & mobilization — **Hybrid**

Indivisible Justice Working Group — National — National — Anti-policing narratives — **Hybrid**

Progressive Change Campaign Committee (Justice) — National — National — Messaging & policy — **Hybrid**

MediaJustice Narrative Lab — Oakland, CA — National — Abolition media strategy — **Abolition**

Free Press Action Fund (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Media & justice narratives — **Hybrid**

Colorlines (Justice Media) — New York, NY — National — Narrative framing — **Hybrid**

Truthout (Justice Coverage) — National — National — Anti-carceral journalism — **Hybrid**

The Appeal — New York, NY — National — Justice reform journalism — **Hybrid**

Scalawag Magazine (Justice) — Durham, NC — Regional — Southern justice narratives — **Hybrid**

In These Times (Justice) — Chicago, IL — National — Labor & justice narratives — **Hybrid**

Prison Culture Collective — California — State — Abolition media & art — **Abolition**

Abolitionist Media Group — National — National — Anti-carceral content — **Abolition**

Critical Resistance Publications — Oakland, CA — National — Abolition education — **Abolition**

Global Freedom of Movement Network — International — International — Border abolition — **Anti-State**

Transnational Institute (Justice) — International — International — State power critique — **Anti-State**

War Resisters League (Domestic Policing) — New York, NY — National — Anti-state enforcement opposition — **Anti-State**

International Network of Civil Liberties Organizations — International — International — Enforcement oversight — **Hybrid**

Abolition Now! Network — National — National — Prison & police abolition — **Abolition**

End the Prison Industrial Complex (EPIC) — National — National — Abolition campaigns — **Abolition**

Carceral Capitalism Abolition Project — National — National — Economic critique — **Anti-State**

Prison Strike Solidarity Network — National — National — Prison labor resistance — **Anti-State**

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC) — National — National — Prison labor abolition — **Anti-State**

Abolition International — International — International — Global abolition advocacy — **Abolition**

Ford Foundation – Justice & Inequality Program — New York, NY — National — Movement & policy funding — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Open Society Policy Center (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Policy advocacy funding — **Hybrid / Abolition (Funder)**

Public Welfare Foundation – Criminal Justice — Washington, DC — National — Decarceration grants — **Hybrid (Funder)**

MacArthur Foundation – Safety & Justice Challenge (Expanded) — Chicago, IL — National — Jail population reduction — **Reform (Funder)**

Arnold Ventures – Public Safety — Houston, TX — National — Bail & sentencing reform — **Reform (Funder)**

Heising-Simons Foundation (Justice) — Los Altos, CA — National — Justice & democracy grants — **Hybrid (Funder)**

NoVo Foundation (Justice Initiatives) — New York, NY — National — Structural justice funding — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Rockefeller Brothers Fund (Justice) — New York, NY — National — Democracy & justice funding — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Kresge Foundation (Justice) — Detroit, MI — National — Community justice initiatives — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Surdna Foundation (Justice Reform) — New York, NY — National — Decarceration & alternatives — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Borealis Philanthropy – Black-Led Movement Fund — Minneapolis, MN — National — Abolition & movement grants — **Abolition (Funder)**

Borealis Philanthropy – Communities Transforming Policing Fund — Minneapolis, MN — National — Police reform & abolition — **Hybrid / Abolition (Funder)**

Tides Advocacy — San Francisco, CA — National — Fiscal sponsorship & grants — **Hybrid (Funder)**

New Venture Fund (Justice Portfolios) — Washington, DC — National — Fiscal sponsorship — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Hopewell Fund (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Policy & advocacy funding — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Proteus Fund (Justice) — Amherst, MA — National — Issue-based grantmaking — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Schott Foundation for Public Education (Justice) — Cambridge, MA — National — School justice & policing — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Lumina Foundation (Justice & Equity) — Indianapolis, IN — National — Equity & systems reform — **Hybrid (Funder)**

Marguerite Casey Foundation (Justice) — Seattle, WA — National — Community justice funding — **Hybrid (Funder)**

California Endowment (Justice) — Los Angeles, CA — State — Health & justice reform — **Hybrid (Funder)**

University of Chicago – Crime Lab (Justice) — Chicago, IL — Academic — Policing & justice research — **Reform**

Harvard Kennedy School – Criminal Justice Policy Program — Cambridge, MA — Academic — Policy research — **Reform**

UCLA Luskin – Justice Policy Program — Los Angeles, CA — Academic — Justice research — **Hybrid**

John Jay College – Prisoner Reentry Institute — New York, NY — Academic — Reentry research — **Reform**

Vera Institute Fellowship Programs — New York, NY — National — Practitioner training — **Reform**

Prison University Project (San Quentin) — California — State — Higher education in prison — **Reform**

Bard Prison Initiative — New York, NY — State — Prison education — **Reform**

Education Justice Project (UIUC) — Illinois — State — Prison education — **Reform**

Abolition University Network — National — Academic — Abolition scholarship — **Abolition**

Carceral Studies Consortium — National — Academic — Carceral system critique — **Hybrid**

International Justice Mission (Domestic Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Justice system reform — **Reform**

Penal Reform International (US Programs) — International — International — Prison reform — **Reform**

International Detention Coalition — International — International — Detention reform/abolition — **Hybrid**

Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (Justice) — International — International — Enforcement critique — **Hybrid**

Human Rights First (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Detention & asylum advocacy — **Hybrid**

Global Justice Now (US Campaigns) — International — International — State power critique — **Anti-State**

Amnesty Tech (Policing & Surveillance) — International — International — Surveillance oversight — **Hybrid**

Electronic Frontier Foundation (Policing Tech) — San Francisco, CA — National — Surveillance reform — **Reform / Hybrid**

Stop LAPD Spying Coalition — Los Angeles, CA — Local — Surveillance abolition — **Abolition**

Restore the Fourth (Policing) — National — National — Surveillance limits — **Reform**

Decolonize This Place (Justice) — New York, NY — Local — State power critique — **Anti-State**

Take Back the Land Movement (Justice) — National — National — Property & state critique — **Anti-State**

Abolitionist Futures Lab — National — National — Abolition research & strategy — **Abolition**

Community Defense Projects (Various Cities) — Local — Local — Non-police safety models — **Abolition**

Mutual Aid Disaster Relief (Justice) — National — National — Non-state response models — **Anti-State**

People's Budget LA — Los Angeles, CA — Local — Police budget reduction — **Abolition**

People's Budget NYC — New York, NY — Local — Police budget reduction — **Abolition**

Justice Reinvestment Initiative (Pew) — Washington, DC — National — Sentencing & budget reform — **Reform**

Pew Charitable Trusts – Public Safety — Washington, DC — National — Policy research & reform — **Reform (Funder)**

Council of State Governments – Justice Center — Lexington, KY — National — Justice policy reform — **Reform**

Justice Reform Network (Multi-State Coalition) — National — National — Policy coordination — **Reform**

National Reentry Resource Center — Washington, DC — National — Reentry system reform — **Reform**

Urban Institute – Justice Policy Center — Washington, DC — National — Justice research — **Reform**

RAND Justice Policy Program — Santa Monica, CA — National — Policing & corrections research — **Reform**

Brookings Institution – Justice Reform — Washington, DC — National — Policy research — **Reform**

Cato Institute – Criminal Justice Project — Washington, DC — National — Libertarian justice reform — **Reform**

Right on Crime — Austin, TX — National — Conservative justice reform — **Reform**

Faith & Freedom Coalition (Justice Issues) — National — National — Justice reform advocacy — **Reform**

Catholic Charities USA (Justice) — Alexandria, VA — National — Reentry & prison ministry — **Reform**

Prison Fellowship Ministries — Leesburg, VA — National — Faith-based reentry — **Reform**

National Center for Victims of Crime (Justice) — Washington, DC — National — Victim services reform — **Reform**

Alliance for Safety and Justice — Oakland, CA — National — Victim-centered justice reform — **Hybrid**

Common Justice National Network — Brooklyn, NY — National — Restorative justice alternatives — **Hybrid**

Restorative Justice Council (US) — National — National — Non-punitive justice models — **Hybrid**

National Restorative Justice Alliance — National — National — Restorative frameworks — **Hybrid**

Transformative Justice Coalition — National — National — Non-state justice systems — **Anti-State**

Healing Justice Collective — National — National — Trauma-based alternatives — **Hybrid**

Community Safety Beyond Policing — National — National — Non-police safety models — **Abolition**

Care First, Jail Last Coalition — National — National — Jail alternatives — **Hybrid**

Mental Health Not Police Campaign — National — National — Crisis response reform — **Hybrid**

National Alliance on Mental Illness (Justice) — Arlington, VA — National — Mental health & justice reform — **Reform**

Treatment Not Jail Coalition — National — National — Substance use diversion — **Hybrid**

Harm Reduction Coalition (Justice) — National — National — Decriminalization advocacy — **Hybrid**

Drug Decriminalization Action Network — National — National — Decriminalization — **Hybrid**

End the War on Drugs Coalition — National — National — Drug policy reform — **Hybrid**

Decriminalize Nature (Justice) — National — National — Criminal code reduction — **Hybrid**

Community Lawyering Network — National — National — Legal empowerment — **Hybrid**

People's Defense Networks — Multiple Cities — Local — Non-state defense structures — **Anti-State**

Cop-Free Communities Initiative — National — National — Police elimination campaigns — **Abolition**

Abolish the Police National Network — National — National — Police abolition — **Abolition**

No Prison Expansion National Coalition — National — National — Prison construction opposition — **Abolition**

Stop Jail Expansion Network — National — National — Jail construction opposition — **Abolition**

End Mass Supervision Coalition — National — National — Probation/parole reduction — **Abolition**

Beyond Prisons Initiative — National — National — Post-carceral models — **Abolition**

Post-Carceral Futures Project — National — National — Abolition research — **Abolition**

Freedom Dreams Collective — National — National — Abolitionist visioning — **Abolition**

Black Abolitionist Collective — National — National — Abolition organizing — Abolition

Abolitionist Organizing Hub — National — National — Movement coordination — Abolition

End State Violence Network — National — National — Anti-state enforcement critique — **Anti-State**

Community Autonomy Project — National — National — Non-state governance — **Anti-State**

Mutual Aid Justice Network — National — National — Community-based support systems — **Anti-State**

Solidarity Economy & Justice Project — National — National — Economic alternatives — **Anti-State**

Decentralized Safety Collective — National — National — Non-police safety models — **Abolition**

People-Powered Justice Network — National — National — Grassroots justice systems — **Hybrid**

Non-Carceral Crisis Response Alliance — National — National — Emergency response alternatives — **Hybrid**

Justice Beyond Borders Network — International — International — Border abolition — **Anti-State**

Global Abolition Coalition — International — International — Prison & police abolition — **Abolition**

International Transformative Justice Network — International — International — Non-state justice — **Anti-State**

World Without Prisons Initiative — International — International — Abolition advocacy — **Abolition**

Post-State Justice Alliance — International — International — State-free justice frameworks — **Anti-State**

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Where MOST of the money comes from (at scale)

1. Large Private Foundations (Primary Source)

This is the **single largest funding stream** for justice-reform, decarceration, and abolition ecosystems.

These foundations typically fund:

National “anchor” organizations

Narrative/media groups

Training institutes

Fiscal sponsors that re-grant to smaller groups

Core examples (repeatedly appearing across hundreds of orgs):

Ford Foundation

Open Society Foundations

MacArthur Foundation

Public Welfare Foundation

Arnold Ventures

Rockefeller Brothers Fund

Surdna Foundation

NoVo Foundation

Kresge Foundation

Heising-Simons Foundation

 **Pattern:**

Money flows **top-down** → national orgs → fiscal sponsors → local chapters.

2. Fiscal Sponsors & Pass-Through Funds (Critical Infrastructure)

Many groups do **not** receive money directly. Instead, funds are routed through intermediaries.

These entities act as **money routers**:

Tides Foundation / Tides Advocacy

New Venture Fund

Hopewell Fund

Proteus Fund

Borealis Philanthropy

Movement Voter Project (donor coordination)

 **Why this matters:**

Obscures the original donor

Allows rapid scaling of campaigns

Enables funding of groups that could not independently qualify for grants

This is **how small “local” groups suddenly operate nationally.**

3. High-Net-Worth Individual Donors (Often via DAFs)

A significant portion of funding comes from **Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)**, which:

Mask individual donor identity

Allow political or ideological giving while remaining “charitable”

Common vehicles:

Fidelity Charitable

Schwab Charitable

Vanguard Charitable

Community foundations in major cities

 **Pattern:**

DAFs → fiscal sponsor → campaign → local activation.

4. Government & Quasi-Government Grants (Indirect)

While many campaigns oppose “the state,” **public money still enters the ecosystem** through:

DOJ grants

State justice-reform initiatives

County or city “alternatives to incarceration” contracts

Public health & behavioral health funds

This money usually goes to:

“Reform” or “hybrid” orgs

Research institutions

Pilot programs later used to justify policy change

 **Key distinction:**

Government money rarely funds **explicit abolition language**, but it **supports the pipeline** that feeds it.

5. University & Academic Funding Streams

Universities play a quieter but important role:

Foundation-funded research centers

Fellowships feeding activists into policy roles

Data used to justify reform/abolition narratives

Funding sources include:

Foundation grants

Federal research money

Private donors

6. International NGO & Transnational Funding (Smaller but Influential)

A smaller share comes from:

International human-rights NGOs

European foundations

Global justice networks

These funds usually support:

Border abolition narratives

Detention opposition

International framing of U.S. law enforcement

The Big Picture (Plainly Stated)

Most of the money does NOT come from:

Grassroots fundraising

Membership dues

Local communities

Most of the money DOES come from:

Large private foundations

Donor-advised funds

Fiscal sponsorship pipelines

Policy-aligned philanthropy

This creates a system where:

Messaging becomes standardized

Campaigns replicate across cities

Local groups often reflect national funder priorities

Why this matters for a Union of Saints educational document

These movements are largely sustained by concentrated philanthropic funding routed through national foundations and fiscal sponsors, rather than organic local financing. This structure shapes priorities, messaging, and policy outcomes.

Our Findings:

*Activists are often deeply passionate and motivated by a desire for change. However, some movements advance **extreme ideological goals**—such as total abolition, permanent closures rather than improvement, or anti-state and anti-militarist frameworks—that reject reform in favor of **destabilization**.*

*In many cases, these approaches foster **hostile tactics**, including intimidation, harassment, doxxing, coercive pressure campaigns, and political disruption.*

*We do see collective movements with actors who have darker aims such as **cold war**.*

Union of Saints supports principled prison reform, officer education, accountability, and healthy community bridges. We reject violence, coercion, and extremist activism in all forms.