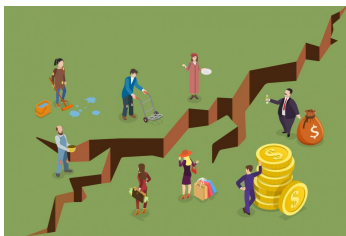




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The Trump administration's Department of Justice (DOJ) on April 21 announced the [indictment](#) of the [Southern Poverty Law Center \(SPLC\)](#). This is an unfortunate but not surprising turn of events.

Not surprising because of the Trump administration's well-known pattern of hostility to historical civil rights laws and protections. That the administration has now decided to weaponize the DOJ to charge a venerable civil rights organization such as SPLC with violations of the law have been anticipated within concerned communities. For example, recently [FBI Director Kash Patel](#) ended all ties between the bureau and the SPLC, [accusing](#) the group of being a "partisan smear machine."

SPLC has fought for civil rights protections for people of color, immigrants, LGBTQ+ people, women, workers, people with disabilities, and Arab, Muslim, and South Asian communities for 55 years. SPLC has also been one of the nation's leaders in identifying, tracking and exposing some of the nation's most violent white supremacist hate groups.

An organization with such a rich history of combatting injustices should be venerated and not targeted by a government agency bent on using its powers to undermine more than a century of civil rights gains. This administration views the struggle for civil rights as a threat to its power. Moreover, in order to quench its thirst for absolute power, the administration is compelled to dismantle mechanisms of civil rights protections.

For that reason, it is important that we stand with and support The Southern Poverty Law Center until the legal travails are complete — with full confidence that SPLC will be vindicated.

**Get Involved**

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is committed to social justice and is part of coalitions that work to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources and opportunities that allow them to meet their basic needs. Support us by [joining NASW](#) or signing up for our [Action Alerts](#).

### **Coalition Members**

NASW is supporting SPLC along with other members of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Here are the members of the coalition:

*ACLU*

*Advancement Project*

*AFT*

*Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated*

*American Association of People with Disabilities*

*American Association of University Women (AAUW)*

*American Atheists*

*American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrialized Organizations (AFL-CIO)*

*American Humanist Association*

*Americans for Financial Reform*

*Americans United for Separation of Church & State*

*Amnesty International USA*

*Andrew Goodman Foundation*

*Arab American Institute*

*Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC*

*Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote)*

*Asian Law Caucus*

*Autistic Self Advocacy Network*

*Bend the Arc: Jewish Action*

*Black Voters Matter Fund*

*Brennan Center for Justice*

*Center for Law and Social Policy*

*Center for Reproductive Rights*

*Center for Responsible Lending*

*Children's Defense Fund*

*Coalition of Black Trade Unionists*

*Common Cause*

*Community Change*

*Constitutional Accountability Center*

*Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)*

*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*

*Demos*

*Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)*

*Education Law Center*

*End Citizens United Action Fund*

*Equal Justice Society*

*Fair Elections Center*

*FairVote*

*Feminist Majority Foundation*

*Freedom From Religion Foundation*

*Hispanic Federation*

*Human Rights Campaign*

*Human Rights First*

*Impact Fund*

*Japanese American Citizens League*

*Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)*

*Justice for Migrant Women*

*Justice in Aging*

*Labor Council for Latin American Advancement*

*Lambda Legal*

*LatinoJustice PRLDEF*

*Lawyers for Good Government*

*Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*

*League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)*

*League of Women Voters of the United States*

*Legal Aid at Work*

*Legal Defense Fund (LDF)*

*Movement Advancement Project*

*NAACP*

*National Abortion Federation*

*National Association of Social Workers*

*National Bar Association*

*National Black Justice Coalition*

*National CAPACD*

*National Center for Law and Economic Justice*

*National Center for Learning Disabilities*

*National Coalition for the Homeless*

*National Consumer Law Center*

*National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)*

*National Council of Jewish Women*

*National Disability Rights Network*  
*National Employment Law Project*  
*National Fair Housing Alliance*  
*National Health Law Program*  
*National Hispanic Media Coalition*  
*National Organization for Women*  
*National Partnership for Women & Families*  
*National Urban League*  
*National Women's Law Center*  
*Native American Rights Fund*  
*NCNW*  
*NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice*  
*New Jersey Institute for Social Justice*  
*OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates*  
*Oxfam America*  
*People For the American Way*  
*PFLAG National*  
*Public Citizen*  
*Public Justice*  
*Reproductive Freedom for All*  
*Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights*  
*SAGE*  
*Sikh Coalition*  
*Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)*  
*Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)*  
*The Advocates for Human Rights*  
*The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS)*  
*The Workers Circle*  
*The Workers Circle*  
*Truah*  
*UnidosUS*  
*United Church of Christ Media Justice Ministry*  
*Voices for Progress*  
*VoteRiders*  
*Voter Participation Center*  
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*Western States Center*  
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