

# BORDC *BILL of RIGHTS* DEFENSE COMMITTEE

## Are you concerned that the government's "war on terror" policies undermine our civil rights and liberties?

Join the Bill of Rights Defense Committee's national network of people taking meaningful action to restore protections guaranteed under the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution.

### Our History

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Founded in November 2001, the Bill of Rights Defense Committee (BORDC) is helping hundreds of communities across the country participate in an ongoing national debate about civil liberties and antiterrorism legislation that threaten liberties, such as the USA PATRIOT Act and Homeland Security Act. Recognizing the need to educate people about new threats to civil liberties and to take action, we launched a national movement of cities and towns educating their communities and passing resolutions to protect the rights and liberties of their residents. To date, eight states and more than 400 cities, towns, and counties have passed resolutions.

In 2008, with public anger over executive lawlessness growing, BORDC launched a new initiative: the People's Campaign for the Constitution (PCC). The PCC is a nonpartisan grassroots approach to restoring civil liberties and protections by holding congressional representatives accountable to protect and defend the Constitution. Find out more at [www.constitutioncampaign.org](http://www.constitutioncampaign.org).

### Our Mission

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To promote, organize, and support a diverse, effective, national grassroots movement to restore and protect civil rights and liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Our purpose is to educate people about the significance of those rights in our lives; to encourage widespread civic participation; and to cultivate and share the organizing tools and strategies needed for people to convert their concern, outrage, and fear into debate and action to restore Bill of Rights protections.

### Our Initiative for the New Congress

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The People's Campaign for the Constitution is a non-partisan grassroots movement to take back our constitutional rights. Join the PCC today and work with a coalition in your community or district to hold your legislators accountable to their oaths to protect and defend the Constitution.

Find more information and resources or to find a coalition in your area at our website: [www.constitutioncampaign.org](http://www.constitutioncampaign.org).

### Our Vision and Values

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BORDC is guided by the Bill of Rights, which were adopted to limit the power of the state over individuals and to preserve basic human and individual rights for every person under U.S. jurisdiction or control, even in times of war and national crisis, and regardless of who holds elected power. The standards of the Bill of Rights define the fundamental protections for every person in our society, namely:

- First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and religion, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, and freedom to dissent;
- Liberty from unwarranted government intrusion;
- Nondiscrimination and equal protection of the law;
- The expectation of privacy, and protection from unreasonable search and seizure;
- Due process of law and freedom from arbitrary imprisonment via habeas corpus;
- A speedy and public trial by an impartial jury; and
- Protection from cruel and unusual punishment.