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Despite promises of change, the Obama administration has proven itself either unwilling or unable to impose limits on either domestic surveillance or profiling according to race, religion, and national origin in the wars on drugs, terror, and immigration. In this political context, civil society efforts to restore civil rights and civil liberties must extend beyond traditional policy advocacy and litigation efforts to include creative public education strategies and grassroots campaigns to mobilize concerned Americans from all walks of life. The Bill of Rights Defense Committee (BORDC) addresses each of these needs.

- To inform and mobilize a growing online audience, BORDC crafts and promotes cutting-edge materials. For instance, [our blog](#) has nearly doubled in traffic over the past year, and we distribute our monthly [newsletter](#) to more than 40,000 subscribers around the country. BORDC also leverages online social media resources, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube videos like [The unPATRIOTic Act & COINTELPRO 2.0](#), and creative [infographics](#).
- Across the country, BORDC builds a grassroots movement to restore the rule of law and civil liberties through offline organizing by recruiting grassroots allies to launch multi-ethnic and transpartisan civil rights campaigns. Our [Local Civil Rights Restoration campaign](#) model helps local allies raise awareness of abuses by local law enforcement authorities relating to domestic surveillance as well as profiling according to race, religion, national origin, and ideology.
- BORDC offers opportunities for individual activists across the country to raise their voices by leveraging their professional skills. For instance, we bring teachers together to compile [curricular tools](#) to help bring civil liberties issues into their classrooms, and also organize lawyers for projects such as [FOIA requests](#) seeking information about government surveillance activities, some of which have revealed materials later highlighted by allied advocacy organizations.
- In our nation's capital, BORDC pursues aggressive policy advocacy on civil liberties issues, creating political space by standing by principles out of favor on Capitol Hill. In the past year, we've led efforts to dramatically limit (rather than modestly modify) the PATRIOT Act, seek transparency into constitutionally abusive FBI policies, stop the [extension of the FBI director's term](#), and prevent [indefinite military detention without trial](#) from being codified in US law.
- To educate the public and influence the media's framing of civil liberties issues, BORDC proactively engages the press and mass media. Our [media appearances in 2011](#) have included op-eds in dozens of newspapers from *The Washington Times* to *The Sacramento Bee*, online analysis in outlets from *The Huffington Post* to *Truthout*, and [interviews on broadcast outlets](#) including FOX News, CNN, Al-Jazeera, and radio stations around the country.