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September 17, 2019

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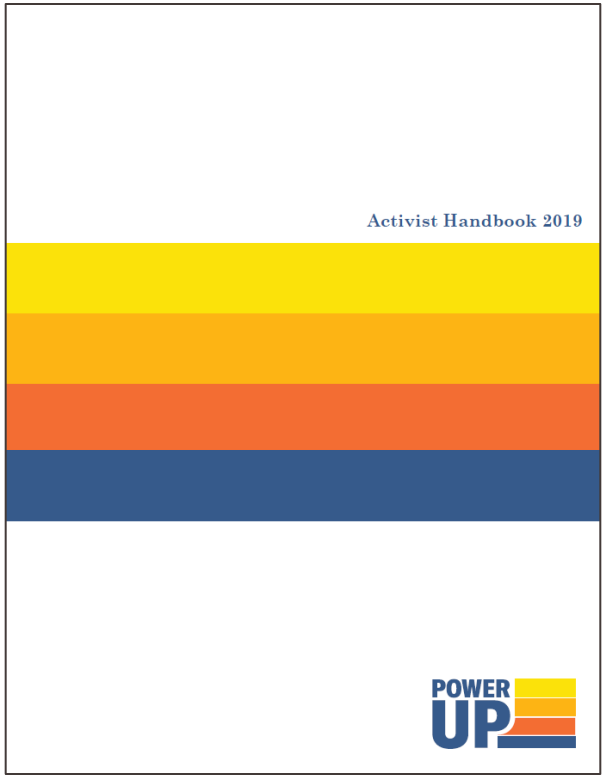
Power Up Overview

Power Up Handbook



- Click on the link in the Zoom chat box or go to www.aclu-wa.org/power-up-handbook.
- We will also send this via email with a link to the webinar recording.

Power Up Preview

Tuesday, September 17 **5:30-7pm**	**Laying the Foundation** Welcome, Introduction to the ACLU, Moving from Issues to Action, Root Cause Tree Tool
Tuesday, October 1 **5:30-7pm**	**Understanding Our Role in the Movement** Race Equity & Allyship
Tuesday, October 15 **5:30-7pm**	**Building Collective Power** Personal Narrative, Recruiting Volunteers, Building Effective Teams
Tuesday, October 29 **5:30-7pm**	**Designing the Blueprint** Identifying Stakeholders & Targets, Power Mapping, Strategy Chart
Thursday, November 14 **5:30-7pm**	**Navigating the Legislative Process** Understanding Committees, Bill Process, & WA Legislative Website
Thursday, November 21 **5:30-7pm**	**Choosing & Using Tactics + Bringing It All Together** Lawmaker Engagement Tactics, Sustaining Your Activism

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Zoom Logistics

- The success of Power Up is built on participation!
  - On the Zoom toolbar, you can raise your hand to be unmuted or type a question or comment in the chat box.
  - On future calls, we will do activities and small group conversations via Zoom "break out rooms."
- You will receive a reminder email prior to each webinar session with Zoom log-in information.
- A recording of this call will be sent out later this week.
- If you have any questions about how to use the technology, please email me at rgilchrist@aclu-wa.org.

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Introductions

Why We Use Pronouns

- We recognize that gender is a spectrum and people might have a different gender identity than the one you perceive them to have. Sharing your pronouns shows respect for everyone's gender identity and creates a more welcoming space for all.

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Introductions

Please take a minute to type in the chat box (if you're on the web) and introduce yourself.

1. Name
2. Pronouns
3. City
4. What are you hoping to get out of this training?

Community Agreements

1. Observe the “Platinum” rule.
2. Acknowledge intent and address impact.
3. Be present and lean in.
4. Be mindful of technology use.
5. Hear and be heard.
6. Observe the “One mic, one voice” rule.
7. Avoid putting people on blast.
8. Care for yourself and others.
9. Commit to learning.
10. Have fun!

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Our History, Our Power

A brief historical overview of the ACLU

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'WATCHDOG' of our CIVIL LIBERTIES
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Red Scare, 1917-1920

Palmer Raids, November 1919 & January 1920

The New York Times

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1920. TWO CENTS

REDS RAIDED IN SCORES OF CITIES; 2,600 ARRESTS, 700 IN NEW YORK; DEPORTATION HEARINGS BEGIN TODAY

RAIDS ON 13 CENTRES HERE

Federal Officers Seize Hundreds of Reds at Their Meeting Places.

NOVY MIR PAPERS SEIZED

Eight Hundred Warrants Out in New York City and More in New Jersey.

HEARING AT ELLIS ISLAND

Aliens to Be Deported Promptly —Citizens Will Face Trial for Anarchy.

Raiders Ordered to Make Cleanup Thorough; Warned Against Violence or Taking Valuables

RAID FROM COAST TO COAST

Secret Service Men Make Simultaneous Swoop.

PREPARING FOR SIX MONTHS

Have Evidence Showing Campaign to Form Soviet Councils and Overthrow Government.

MORE RAIDS WILL FOLLOW

Deportation of Prisoners Accused of Advocating Revolution Will Be Asked.

Founding of the ACLU, 1920

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For Instance:

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¶ In the steel towns of western Pennsylvania, the workers and their organizers held meetings during the strike and after, in open defiance of local ordinances in conflict with the Constitution. In some towns the authorities submitted. In others the cases are in the courts.

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¶ There are a few cities, too, in the country where speech and assemblage are absolutely free—due chiefly to the strength and determination of local labor and liberal forces. And there is always freedom for those with political power (note the Irish movement in America.)

Rights can be maintained only by insisting upon them, — by organization, protest, demonstrations, test cases in the courts, and publicity.

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Founding of the ACLU of Washington, 1935

ACLU-WA Milestones

- Supporting UW student's challenge of curfew and internment order for Japanese Americans – 1942
- City of Seattle passes law banning discrimination based on race in housing transactions via grassroots pressure – 1968
- First lawsuit in WA to seek right to marry for gay couple – 1972
- Seattle becomes first city to bar police from collecting information about political activities without suspicion – 1979
- Women's right to choose guaranteed under state law – 1991
- Adoption of I-1000 ("Death with Dignity") – 2012
- Recreational marijuana legalized – 2012
- Death penalty abolished by WA Supreme Court – 2018

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The ACLU Today

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Moving from Issues to Action

What is Activism?

- Activism = Actions people take, individually and collectively, to challenge power imbalances and create positive change

- Why constituent advocacy? Lawmakers work for you!

- Remember! The ACLU is nonpartisan. We don't endorse or oppose candidates.

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What is Power?

Consumer Power

- Using boycotts or other means of organizing consumers to hit corporations at their bottom line.

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Disruptive Power

- Using strikes or protests to disrupt everyday business to cut into profits and shame bad corporate actors.

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Legal/Regulatory Power

- Using the courts and regulatory agencies to hold individuals and institutions accountable for violating people's rights, thereby motivating them to change their behavior.

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Political Power ⟵ Our Focus

- Electing lawmakers who will support your legislative agenda and holding them accountable when they are in office, and changing laws through direct democracy.

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Identifying Root Causes

Root Cause Tree Tool

LEAVES

What problems have directly impacted community members identified?

TRUNK

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Root Cause Tree Example

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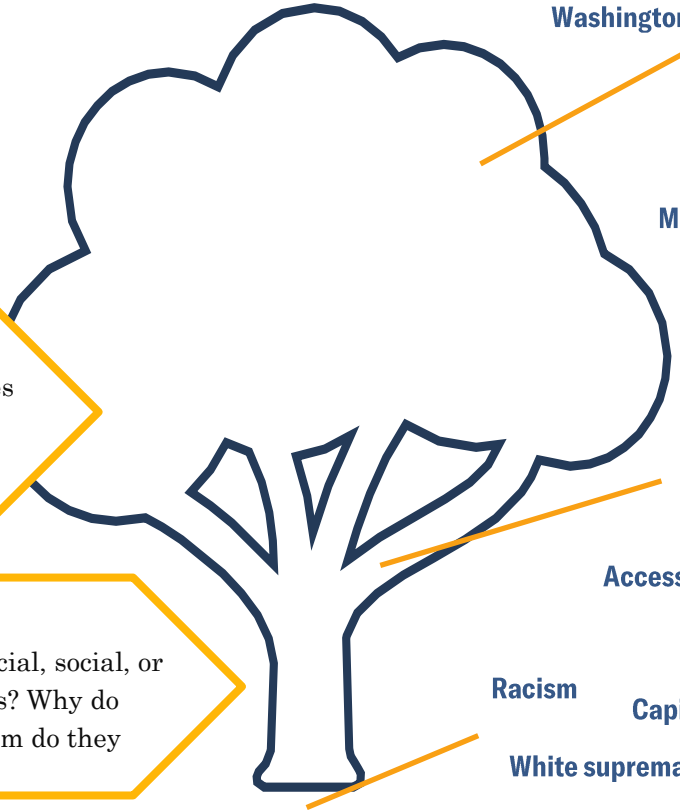

Racial disproportionality in Washington's criminal justice system

Mandatory minimums

For-profit prison system

Discriminatory risk assessment tools

Suspensions & expulsions (school-to-prison pipeline)

Redlining & housing discrimination

Police profiling

Education access

Access to health care & drug treatment

Racism

Capitalism

White supremacy

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Wrap-Up

Next Session: Tuesday, October 1

- You will receive an email reminder on Friday, September 27.
- Please note! There will be different call-in information, so make sure you are opening the right email.
- We will also send information about our online group prior to the next session.

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Get Out the Vote!

- Request ACLU Voter postcards by emailing activism@aclu-wa.org.
- Send back completed postcards to Power Up by October 11.
- Returned postcards will be addressed and mailed out to low-propensity voters in Washington before the November general election.

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Check out our Local Elections Toolkit

- Visit www.aclu-wa.org/elections to find:
  - 5 Questions to Ask Your Candidate for Local Office
  - A guide to using state election resources
  - Voting rights restoration information
  - How to get out the vote to other ACLU supporters

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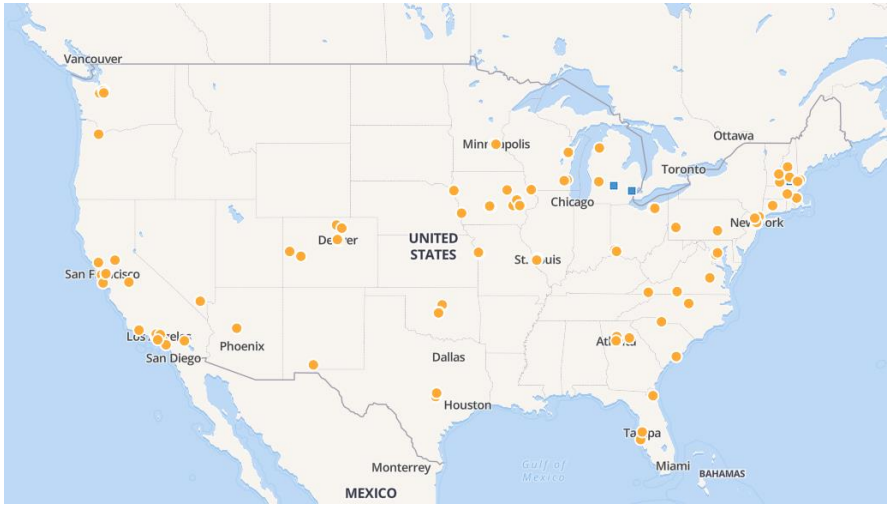
Stay Engaged!



- Go to www.peoplepower.org to find events near you or post your own event!
- Email activism@aclu-wa.org to be added to our statewide People Power listserv.

TOMORROW: Seattle City Council hearing on police collective bargaining agreement at 6pm

https://go.peoplepower.org/event/action/20708

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