

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

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Dear Member:

This letter seeks your ACLU membership contribution for 1972.

The ACLU aims to grow by half in 1972. Will you help by increasing your contributions by half?*

1972 is going to be rough.

The President is reshaping the Supreme Court to make it hostile to civil liberties. Federal grand juries are conducting wide-ranging political inquiries. Long dormant loyalty programs are being re-invigorated. There will be the dissent and turmoil of a Presidential election year (remember 1968). And, if the recent past is a guide, the federal government will continue to respond to demands for rights in a spirit that reflects the meanest and least generous aspects of the American tradition.

But while it will be rough, the outlook for civil liberties is by no means hopeless. More people than ever before are organized and active in efforts to protect civil liberties.

We can maintain an open society, but it will take a lot of work.

It will also take a lot of money. That is why we are asking ACLU members to increase their contributions by half. It is asking a lot, but we hope you will agree that the cause is worth it.

Sincerely,


Aryeh Neier

- * If it will make it easier, make your contribution in quarterly installments. The enclosed form can be used to pledge quarterly gifts.

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