

## Spotlight on Human Rights-February 2016

# Human Rights First

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org>

Human Rights First has a key slogan: **“It’s not about who THEY are, it’s about who WE are”!** Human Rights First is an independent advocacy organization whose mission is to foster human rights by challenging the United States to live up to its ideals.

Its position is that U.S. leadership is essential in the global struggle for human rights. It presses our government and private companies to respect human rights and the rule of law. When this does not happen, Human Rights First demands reform, accountability and justice.

The organization sees upholding human rights not only as a moral value, but vital to American national interests. It is a source of policy solutions and ideas in areas such as refugee rights globally and at the US Southern border, ending torture by the U.S., LGBT rights, closing Guantanamo prison, combating human trafficking, and many other areas. It places a high value on developing bi-partisan approaches to human rights issues whenever possible.

HRF has offices in New York, Washington and Houston. It offers a free weekly online newsletter, *Washington Week on Human Rights*, has a regular presence on social media and has recently initiated the UPTOGOOD movement [https://www.uptogood.org/user\\_profile\\_listing.php?user\\_id=2258](https://www.uptogood.org/user_profile_listing.php?user_id=2258) to assist Syrian refugees.

**On human rights, the United States must be a beacon. America is strongest when our policies and actions match our values.**