

## ***Spotlight on Human Rights - May 2016***

**Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)**

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The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) is dedicated to advancing and protecting the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Based in New York City, CCR was founded in 1966 by attorneys who represented civil rights movements in the South.

CCR employs litigation, education, and advocacy to advance the law in a positive direction. It works to empower poor communities and communities of color, to guarantee the rights of those with the fewest protections and least access to legal resources. It also is committed to training the next generation of constitutional and human rights attorneys.

CCR maintains a US and global focus in 14 areas of major concern such as torture, government surveillance, drone killings, discriminatory policing, racial injustice, Muslim profiling and others. Among its current cases it is seeking to hold former Bush Administration officials accountable for post 9/11 sweeps of Muslim, Arab and South Asian men for detention and abuse as well as attempting to hold a private US military contractor accountable for torture at Abu Gharib prison in Iraq.

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