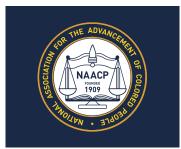
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## Impact of Donor Disclosure on Organizations and People

# **REAL STORIES** OF HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION



#### Supreme Court Protections — NAACP vs. Alabama

During the 1950's Civil Rights movement, the state of Alabama tried to force the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to report the names and address of its supporters. The NAACP knew if its membership list was made public, those people would be targeted for harassment, intimidation, and even violence. They fought all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and won. The Supreme Court ruled that **donations to private organizations can remain private in order to protect people's safety.** 



#### Political Motivations — Wisconsin Act 10 "John Doe" Raids

Cindy Archer's home was raided by state police in the early morning hours because she supported an organization advocating for Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's union reforms. After years of being investigated, Cindy was never charged with a crime. Ultimately, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled the investigation was ordered by an opponent of Walker's who wanted to punish people who supported the union reforms. But the damage was done: **Cindy lost her job, her privacy, and her peace of mind.** 



#### "Cancel" Campaigns — Freedom Foundation

Freedom Foundation is a nonprofit think tank that helps citizens understand and exercise their constitutional rights to refrain from joining a union. **Using information pulled from Freedom Foundation's IRS forms, a campaign to "cancel" the organization was launched targeting its board and staff.** Board members' businesses have been picketed and anonymous letters sent to their customers accusing them of being racist and homophobic. Photos of their staff, along with personal information like birthdates and home addresses, were featured on the campaign's website. Last year a bullet was even fired through the window of the Freedom Foundation's headquarters.