Looking back on 2020 brings to mind the Dickensian cliché: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” The havoc a pandemic can wreak, even as we see the very best of the human spirit engaged in fighting it. Tens of millions voting decisively against a wannabe dictator, even as the peaceful transition of power is disrupted. Millions demonstrating across the country for months against racism, while millions of others seem very comfortable voting for a vision that casually enables Christian White supremacy.

Dickens was writing in the 1850’s about events at the end of the 1700’s. My fervent hope is that future writers will be able to say that this period in our history did not merit more superlatives than any other: that this was not the beginning of the end in this republic for liberal democracy or the separation between religion and government.

In 2020, our hardworking staff and committed volunteers adapted superbly to the pandemic. The AHA’s Education Center was able to increase their virtual offerings tenfold, and adapt to feature humanist perspectives on coping with the pandemic. In August, more than 1,300 humanists attended our virtual 79th Annual Conference, one of our most successful ever.

Advancing antiracism was front and center at the AHA, as the Board of Directors, maybe the most diverse in the nonreligious movement, said that “humanism and social justice go hand in hand,” in its statement made a few days after the killing of George Floyd.

The advocacy work of the AHA continued to advance in 2020 in all aspects, particularly on the legal and the legislative fronts. In a first for any nontheist organization, Congress heard testimony from the AHA. As a result of our leading efforts with help from our allies, both houses of Congress passed resolutions requiring the U.S. Government to support the repeal of blasphemy laws around the world, repeals that could quite literally save lives in many countries. The U.S. District Court in South Carolina ruled in favor of the AHA in its longstanding lawsuit against Greenville County School District over school-sponsored prayers.

We were also looking ahead and planning for the future as we adopted the AHA Strategic Plan for 2021-2023. This positions the AHA to better promote public awareness of humanism, embrace the full population of American humanists, and advocate for humanist positions.

In 2021 the AHA will be saying au revoir to one of the most effective leaders in American nontheism, Executive Director Roy Speckhardt. In fifteen years at the helm, Roy guided the transformation of the AHA from an organization focused on the philosophical aspects of humanism to a grassroots and advocacy organization that punches above its weight. Some of the recent milestones he oversaw include catalyzing the formation of the Congressional Freethought Caucus, naming of humanists in federal legislation for the first time, and our staff attorney arguing a case at the U.S. Supreme Court. While we are grateful for all his contributions, and that he has committed to continue to be involved as a volunteer chairing the Board Committee on Advancement, his leadership of the staff will be sorely missed. His successor will be chosen through a nationwide search currently underway involving all stakeholders at the organization.

As we all work our way through what will hopefully be a less challenging year in 2021, I hope you continue to live our humanist values, showing that you would rather be good than godly any day.

Sunil Panikkath
The mission of the American Humanist Association (AHA) is to advance humanism. Advocating for equality for nontheists and a society guided by reason, empathy, and our growing knowledge of the world, the AHA promotes a worldview that encourages individuals to live informed and meaningful lives that aspire to the greater good.
defending the first amendment

The AHA’s Appignani Humanist Legal Center (AHLC) continues to be the leading legal advocacy arm of the nontheist movement. It defends the rights of atheist, humanist, and secular minorities in the courts, while adding the humanist perspective to the most consequential church-state separation cases in the United States today.

2020 Litigation

Prayer at Public School Graduation Ceremonies in Greenville, SC: The U.S. District Court of South Carolina ruled in favor of the AHA in its longstanding lawsuit against Greenville County School District over school-sponsored prayers, Christian hymns, and the use of religious venues at public school graduations. The victory is the culmination of a six-year court battle between the AHA and the school district.

Ten Commandments Display in Little Rock, AK: The AHA filed suit in federal court to remove a controversial Ten Commandments display from the state capitol grounds in Little Rock, Arkansas. The case is pending, awaiting summary judgment litigation.

Police Prayer Vigil in Ocala, FL: In November 2014, the AHA brought this case on behalf of citizens of Ocala, Florida, who objected to the police department’s sponsorship of a prayer rally. After extensive discovery we received a favorable decision, but the city asked the court to reconsider based on another recently decided case and we are currently awaiting a ruling, expected by summer 2021.

Missionaries Class at Public School District in Stilwell, Oklahoma: The AHA filed a lawsuit in October 2020, on behalf of a 5-year-old child and her parents. Maryetta Schools was hosting a Christian Missionaries assembly for students in prekindergarten through eighth grade in clear violation of the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause. The case is currently in the earliest stages of litigation and expected to ramp up throughout the 2021 calendar year.

Demand-letter Activism

In 2020 the AHA’s legal team sent targeted demand letters—virtually all successfully resolved—to various government entities objecting to church-state violations. Several noteworthy victories include:

Unconstitutional Prayer Display at Texas Public School

The AHA’s letter details that for at least two weeks in April, the words “Just Pray” were prominently displayed on the Judson High School marquee at the entrance to the school and asked that Judson Independent School District cease the display, as well as any other similar actions that violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

Arkansas Governor Issues Unconstitutional Prayer Proclamation

The AHA admonished Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson for issuing an unconstitutional Christian prayer proclamation. “This proclamation marginalizes citizens of every other faith in Arkansas as well as those who do not believe in any god or gods,” read the letter.

Unconstitutional Christian Displays at Texas Public School

The AHA sent a letter demanding the Somerset Independent School District in Texas remove a proselytizing Christian display: a classroom door display that proclaims, in large font, “I always thought LOVE was shaped like a [heart] But LOVE is actually shaped like a [Christian Cross],” with cutouts of a heart and a Christian cross.
Unconstitutional Texas Public School Activity
The AHA admonished officials from Tyler Independent School District (TISD) in Texas for unconstitutionally holding school activities at Green Acres Baptist Church. The letter reads: “Green Acres Baptist Church is a traditional church sanctuary, is used regularly for chapel services and contains stained glass portraying a large cross, and religious literature in the pews. TISD’s practice of opening a mandatory convocation with a chaplain-led prayer, particularly when students are present, violates the Establishment Clause.”

Unconstitutional Religious Statements made by Louisiana Governor Jon Bell Edwards
In August 2020, the AHA contacted Louisiana Governor Jon Bell Edwards regarding statements made calling for days of fasting and prayer. The email reminded the governor of his obligation to remain neutral towards religion in his official capacity.

Amicus Briefs (friend-of-the-court) Activity

Amicus Brief Challenging Christian Symbols on Government Property
AHA attorneys, in conjunction with secular and interfaith allies, filed an amicus curiae brief at the First Circuit Court of Appeals in support of a lower court ruling in favor of the City of Boston in denying a request to fly the Christian Flag in front of City Hall.

Amicus Brief filed at U.S. Supreme Court Challenging Exceptions to Affordable Care Act’s Contraceptive Mandate
The AHA co-signed an amicus curiae brief alongside American Atheists and Center for Inquiry supporting the State of Pennsylvania in Little Sisters of the Poor Saints Peter and Paul Home, Petitioner v. Pennsylvania, et al. The secular coalition’s brief asked the high court to reject arguments for a religious exemption from key provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including contraceptive coverage.

Amicus Brief Filed at U.S. Supreme Court Challenging an Eleventh Circuit Ruling
The AHA filed a friend-of-the-court brief supporting Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)’s case, Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski, at the Supreme Court. The AHA urged the Supreme Court to accept ADF’s case to overturn the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit’s ruling that would leave many victims of First Amendment violations without a remedy. After the high court agreed to take the case, AHA filed another amicus brief at the next stage of the case in September.

Amicus Brief in Support of Adoption Services Free from Religious Discrimination
In August 2020, The AHA joined the Center for Inquiry and the Freedom from Religion Foundation in a friend-of-the-court brief filed at the Supreme Court. The brief argued that allowing a religious entity’s sectarian beliefs to control the administration of a governmental program, such as adoption, would violate the Establishment Clause. Arguments in the case Fulton v. City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania were heard in November.

Amicus Brief in Support of Limiting the Ability of Religious Employers to Discriminate Against Employees
In March 2020, the AHA joined American Atheists and the Center for Inquiry in supporting the respondents in Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru at the Supreme Court. Our Lady of Guadalupe School was consolidated with another ministerial exemption case, St. James School v. Biel. In these cases, employers (both Catholic schools) argued that the First Amendment’s religious clauses prevent civil courts from deciding employment discrimination claims because the employee and employer functioned as “ministers” in their roles.

Amicus Brief Challenging the Constitutionality of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act
In January 2020, the AHA co-signed an amicus brief at the U.S. Supreme Court in the ongoing religious freedom case, FNU Tanzin v. Tanvir. In the brief, co-signers argued that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act is unconstitutional in nature.
Combatting Blasphemy Laws

Blasphemy laws exist in more than 80 countries and are the most explicit laws banning the expression of doubts or criticism regarding religion. In several countries, the penalty for being found guilty of violating these laws is death. Blasphemy laws are used to restrict the rights of not just the nonreligious, but minorities of all faiths and philosophies, women, LGBTQ people, and political dissidents. In January 2020 the AHA testified in front of Congress—for the first time in at least thirty years—in support of a congressional resolution calling on the U.S. Government to support the repeal of blasphemy laws across the globe. We doubled the size of the AHA-led coalition to end blasphemy laws to nearly 70 national organizations. Due to the perseverance of our policy team, this lifesaving resolution was passed by Congress in December. Congress's adoption of the resolution solidified the United States' commitment to ending the criminalization of blasphemy, heresy, and apostasy around the world. Republicans and Democrats working together to get this done underscores our country's continued commitment to championing the freedom of thought, religion, conscience, and belief for all people everywhere.

National Day of Reason Resolution

The National Day of Reason is a project of the AHA that works to recognize the first Thursday in May as National Day of Reason, a counter-event to the Congressionally-mandated National Day of Prayer. The AHA worked with Congress to secure its introduction.

Defending a Humanist Leader in Nigeria

Mubarak Bala is the President of the Humanist Association of Nigeria. He was arrested on April 28, 2020, for a Facebook post in which he allegedly insulted Prophet Muhammad. Bala has been kept in isolation, without charge, since April 2020. The AHA, alongside other nontheist groups, worked tirelessly on Bala's behalf from the time we were made aware of his arrest. We spoke directly to Ambassador at-large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback about Bala's arrest and detention. On behalf of fifteen secular organizations, we delivered a letter to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom urging them to take action. And we've been elevating the case with members of the Congressional Freethought Caucus. After learning about Bala's case, Brownback and the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom issued public statements of support. Bala remains in detention, so there is still more to do and our advocacy is ongoing.

Humanists in Action

In 2020, humanists wrote letters, called congressional offices, and submitted comments for the public record more than 20,000 times through our grassroots advocacy center, the Humanist Action Headquarters. Issues included urging the Senate to Fund COVID-19 Relief for everyone regardless of immigration status and telling Congress to keep school vouchers out of COVID-19 relief bills. More humanists took action in 2020 than ever before, with a 200% increase in activity from the previous year.
“Our Resolution is a small but important step in prioritizing religious freedom and liberty of conscience worldwide and I thank AHA [American Humanist Association] for uplifting it.”

JAMIE RASKIN, Representative for Maryland’s 8th District
teaching humanism and growing community

The American Humanist Association's Center for Education strives to provide educational opportunities and resources that serve humanist and secular communities. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, we increased our virtual offerings tenfold in 2020, connecting humanists across the nation who felt isolated by the pandemic.

Humanist Studies Program

The Humanist Studies Program (HSP) explores ontological questions from a humanist perspective in historical and contemporary contexts. It provides a solid grounding in critical thinking, knowledge, truth, and humanist epistemologies, while analyzing and building a personal and articulate humanist system of values from fundamental existential questions. HSP worked in partnership with Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary running two graduate-level courses on Humanism I: The Nature of Being and one graduate-level course on Humanism II: The Anti-Racist Challenge.

HERE for Climate

The HERE for Climate project brings attention to the global climate crisis and engages humanists with actionable ways to combat climate change. Members from across the country came together to share their personal stories of how climate change effects their daily lives and what actions they take in response. Along with these motivating stories, news articles highlighting local-scale nonprofits dedicated to climate resilience and tool kits were added to the HERE for Climate website to guide visitors to take action.

In Idyllwild, California, at an elevation of 6,000 feet, the forest is changing from pine to cedar. Even live oak trees are thriving, though they used to thrive only at lower elevations.” –ANONYMOUS

Members shared their climate change stories on the HERE for Climate website

Humanism for All

The AHA supports over 250 incarcerated humanist members. With assistance from volunteers and staff, the AHA sent incarcerated humanists donated books and DVDs, over 350 winter holiday letters, and provided support for new prison chapters. We also published five articles by incarcerated members in our Inside the Walls series ranging in scope from breast cancer awareness, police violence, right to vote, scientific discoveries, and AHA's pen pal program.

Master Class

The Master Class offers continuing education for leaders across the humanist and secular movement. In 2020 AHA hosted the third master class Intersectional Humanisms: Identity Politics, Justice Work, and the Proliferation of Social Difference exploring the idea of intersectionality, with a particular eye on why and how it matters for humanism and humanist leaders.

Ten Commitments

The Ten Commitments represent humanistic values that promote a democratic world in which every individual's worth and dignity is respected, nurtured, and supported, and where human freedom and ethical responsibility are natural aspirations for everyone. The Ten Commitments has been translated into 11 languages with a distribution of hundreds of posters across the world. An activities workbook to earn a humanist badge was developed for children that inspired curriculum development for Uganda Humanist Schools Trust, a children's book series, and Camp Quest campers.

The Ten Commitments in Farsi

Members shared their climate change stories on the HERE for Climate website
Webinars and Lecture Series

Speaking of Humanism, a monthly program highlighting humanist leaders and authors, moved from an in-person event to online. During 2020, Speaking of Humanism addressed the rise of religious nationalism, 2020 impact of the secular vote, new era of Jim Crow, political clout of atheist and humanist community, youth activism, healthcare, art of thinking freely, agnostics running for local office, and the holidays for humanists.

The Critical Minds series addresses contemporary humanist topics in a 90-minute format. Ideas explored in 2020 include: Human Brain Evolution; Art, Imagination, and Humanism—Humanitas; and The Neuropsychology of Dogmatic Beliefs and Delusions.

Further Reflection, an instructor-led multi-session short course series, provides a deeper dive into a variety of concepts. Students joined instructors to learn and discuss Alain Locke’s Imagination: Developing an Eye for being Black, Queer & Free Beyond Sight; A More In-depth Look at Human Brain Evolution; When We Almost Got It Right—Societies that Worked; Humanist Community Music Therapy; and Mindfulness Meditation.

In the Special Topics series Humanism During COVID-19, selected panelists discussed how to connect with humanist community, how to engage in mutual aid, and how to live a good life in the midst of a global pandemic. Anti-racism and Anti-Oppression, a six-part series, engaged 130 participants in examining the insidious and often invisible ways white supremacy operates in our society, and offering practical tools for both surviving and dismantling it within the context of secular, non-theistic, and/or heathen spaces.
Coalition Work for Racial Justice
The AHA joined a number of Black Lives Matter coalition campaigns, including participating in letters to the Department of Justice urging justice for Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, supporting the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, and joining a letter to the Senate urging them not to move forward with the problematic and harmful JUSTICE Act.

Black Humanist Alliance
The Black Humanist Alliance (BHA) continued to serve in an advisory capacity to AHA. Members of the BHA Leadership Council joined Center for Education and social justice programming, wrote for the Humanist, and contributed to our most recent policy expansion.

Feminist Humanist Alliance
The Feminist Humanist Alliance (FHA) signed on to legislative advocacy letters across an array of topics and issues areas. Along with approximately 150 other organizations including the AHA, the FHA co-signed a letter from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights to the U.S. Senate expressing strong opposition to Amy Coney Barrett’s confirmation to the Supreme Court. The FHA also signed onto All* Above All’s letter urging President-elect Biden to make good on his campaign promise to end the Hyde amendment, a ban on federal funding for abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or a threat to the patient’s life. Additionally, the FHA gave out numerous grants to empower our humanist community to mobilize during this time of crisis. Grants were given to AHA chapters, alliance members, and individuals to fund COVID-19 relief work—including but not limited to—PPE supplies, food, direct aid, and special programming.

LGBTQ Humanist Alliance
The LGBTQ Humanist Alliance (LGBTQHA) held its first-ever virtual Centering the Margins Summit with much success. The day included inclusive and intersectional programing that enabled LGBTQ members of the secular/humanist community to come together, learn from each other, connect on issues, and collaborate on actions. In a joint project, the LGBTQHA and the FHA developed the very first Call for Voices writing project to amplify marginalized humanists in our media. The FHA, LGBTQA, and the Humanist magazine partnered to increase the visibility of writers of color and LGBTQ+ writers, and include more social-justice content in the Humanist.

Latinx Humanist Alliance
The Latinx Humanist Alliance’s (LHA) advocacy work centered on providing COVID-19 testing, treatment, and cash payments for all, regardless of immigration status. Advocacy was centered primarily on funding in COVID-19 relief bills in Congress. While funding wasn't allotted for testing and treatment, cash payments were eventually given to mixed status families in the last COVID-19 relief bill of 2020.

Policy Expansion and Board Statements
Resolutions from the AHA’s Board of Directors enable the AHA to directly address the most pressing issues facing our fellow Americans. This year the board engaged in the most activity in any recent year by adopting historic resolutions, a statement, and a call to action. This policy expansion includes resolutions on food insecurity; income wealth and inequality; gender-based and sexual violence; and equitable taxation. A statement on justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion as well as a call for action against systemic racism were also enacted in 2020.
“Allyship, especially as a privileged person, means you’ll get it wrong sometimes. Deconstructing systems requires deconstructing your subconscious complicity in them.”

KRISTA COX, Chair of the Leadership Council of the Feminist Humanist Alliance, speaking at AHA’s 79th Annual Conference
Because they couldn’t all gather in the same place, a record-setting 1,300 humanists across the country came together virtually on August 8th to hear from terrific humanist speakers who explored the values and principles that undergird the community. Sessions covered the current status of the church-state battleground, racial and economic equity in the age of COVID-19, open atheists in public office, the nature of scientific consensus and disagreement, recognizing one’s role in systems of oppression, and growing secular communities.

Conference presentations included (top left) “Beyond Colonial Humanism” with Jé Hooper (left) David Breeden (right); (top right) Debbie Goddard with “Diversity or Inclusion? Growing Our Secular Community”; and (bottom) “Is Atheism Still a Political Taboo?” by Hemant Mehta
The moral framework of humanism just works for me—right down the line. I love the focus on facts and science and reality. I love the focus on goodness as a human quality that we owe to each other and future generations rather than as some sort of a thing we need to do to gain entry to the afterlife. Humanism is a beautiful expression of the best of humanity, as I see it, and if everybody followed its principles I think we’d be a lot better off.”

JARED HUFFMAN, U.S. Representative for California’s 2nd District and 2020 Humanist of the Year
Committed to providing readers with intellectual and ethical adventure, in 2020 the bimonthly Humanist magazine explored blasphemy and the war on secularism, philosophies on life and death in the time of pandemic, humanist perspectives on anti-racism and white supremacy, humanist representation in Congress, and much more.

TheHumanist.com is a general-interest ezine that offers weekly articles on the important ways the AHA is standing up for your rights and explores politics, science, technology, art, and culture from a humanist perspective. It boasts over 66,000 page views per month, with popular articles on rights vs. responsibility, government bailout of religion during the pandemic, reproductive rights, for a call to end the National Prayer Breakfast, and the damaging impact of Trump’s response to the COVID-19 crisis.

The next year will see changes as the AHA redefines its publications, but they will continue to bring our members and supporters the enlightening and significant explorations of humanist values that you have come to expect.
“Science-based education and data, equitable testing and treatment, rejection of faith-based hysteria, and a strong push for a stimulus that specifically addresses the public health legacy of racism, poverty, and white supremacy are the best weapons for loosening COVID’s deadly grip.”

SIKIVU HUTCHINSON, founder of Black Skeptics Los Angeles, writing in thehumanist.com
2020 Election Cycle
The Freethought Equality Fund PAC reached out to over 4,600 federal, state, and local candidates across the country. Candidate questionnaires were returned by 477 candidates. The FEF endorsed 191 of these candidates (137 members of the atheist and humanist community and 54 allies). Of the endorsed candidates one was for the U.S. Senate, 37 for the U.S. House of Representatives, 143 for state legislatures, and 10 for local office representing 32 states and the District of Columbia. Of the endorsed candidates, 72 won their races (42 members of the atheist and humanist community and 30 allies).

Growing the Number of Humanist and Atheist Elected Officials
Thanks to the work of CFE, we’ve experienced significant growth in the number of elected officials identifying as humanists and atheists. Prior to the 2016 election there were only five elected officials serving in state legislatures who publicly identified with the atheist and humanist community. Once newly elected atheists and humanists are sworn into office in 2021, we will have 83 elected officials who publicly identify with our community at the local, state, and federal levels in 29 states across the county.

How We Did It
In 2020, the CFE continued to increase the visibility of our community and provide informative messaging to all the candidates contacted. Packets sent to candidates included Running for Public Office: An Atheist and Humanist Guide a handbook the CFE created to give an overview of the issues of concern for our community, the need for atheists and humanists to run for office, and the role of allies to help dispel the lingering bias against our community. Also provided were the results of a 2018 poll commissioned by the CFE and the AHA, Atheism Is No Longer a Political Taboo. The poll results indicate that there is a growing preference for secular leaders, and that a majority of voters across every demographic prioritize other political concerns over issues of religious faith or lack thereof. Lake Research Partners, who conducted the poll, concluded that “being non-religious or atheist need not be considered an impediment to a candidate’s electoral success.” CFE’s candidate questionnaire included questions on climate change, evolution, religious school vouchers, medical aid in dying, voting rights, and LGBTQ equality, as well as questions on religious background and identity.

To keep up-to-date with the activities of the Freethought Equality Fund PAC, become a member of the Center for Freethought Equality at www.cfequality.org/membership. Membership is free, but must be renewed annually.
Chapters and Affiliates

The AHA boasts a large network of local humanist groups, with 153 chapters and 87 affiliates across the country dedicated to promoting humanism and encouraging community engagement. With AHA’s assistance, local groups have worked hard adapting to the pandemic and moved most of their programming online. In 2020 AHA helped 240 groups check in on their members’ needs, reach humanists outside of their direct surrounding area with more accessible events, and serve the populations most devastated by the health crises. These groups hosted over 2,880 events for humanists across the country in 2020 alone.

Humanist Press

The publishing house of the American Humanist Association has provided material for the humanist/freethought/atheist market since 1995. Humanist Press books and e-books are available on Amazon, HumanistPress.com, and other online book retailers, and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit AHA programs.

The Humanist Legal Society (HLS)

The Humanist Legal Society promotes and protects humanist values in the legal system by providing support and networking opportunities to lawyers, judges, legal academics, law students, and paralegals throughout the United States and by fostering humanism in the law. In 2020 the HLS hosted a pre-pandemic event at the National Press Club exploring Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue, and a follow-up virtual event in August 2020 featuring Constitutional Law Professor Caroline Mala Corbin and practitioner David Codell. In November 2020, HLS partnered with the Secular Student Alliance to offer programming for recent graduates and current law school and undergraduate students who are interested in a career in First Amendment litigation.

The Humanist Society

The Humanist Society endorses and prepares humanist professionals to lead life celebrations and support people during difficult times. Celebrants, chaplains, lay leaders, and invocators provide millions of people with a meaningful alternative to traditional religious services and ceremonies across the nation. The Humanist Society assists professionals with training, resources, and networking with a wider humanist support network.

The Humanist Foundation

The Humanist Foundation ensures a lasting future for humanism through the generosity of members who have included the American Humanist Association or the Humanist Foundation in their will or other estate plan. Founded in 1980, the Foundation provides estate planning advice on wills, life insurance plans, trusts, and gift annuities for members who wish to support humanism for years to come. The Humanist Foundation’s Humanist Heritage Project seeks to conserve the life stories of humanist leaders in a perpetual archive for historic preservation.
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