



THE SIKH COALITION

» SECURING CIVIL RIGHTS

» BUILDING A MOVEMENT

After the 9/11 attacks, Sikhs became targets of backlash and bigotry at the hands of fellow Americans. In the absence of an institution to represent our voice at the table, a group of volunteer activists from around the country came together and formed the Sikh Coalition. The goal was to build an active, civically engaged Sikh community and a better world for the next generation.

Today, the Sikh Coalition is the nation's fastest growing and highest impact Sikh civil rights organization. With offices in New York and California, the Coalition represents Sikh interests from coast to coast.

Securing Civil Rights. Guarding Freedom. Building a Movement.



the voice of a people

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AT A GLANCE

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MISSION

The Coalition works towards the realization of civil and human rights for all people. In particular, we work towards a world where Sikhs may freely practice and enjoy their faith.

EDUCATION

Our long term strategy is to combat bias by educating fellow Americans about Sikhs and Sikh values.

LEGAL

We provide legal representation on select civil rights cases that have the broadest impact for all.

ADVOCACY

We advocate for policy and law that is respectful of basic civil rights. To do so, we actively engage with community members and coalition partners to promote civic participation.

WHAT WE DON'T DO

- The Sikh Coalition does not lead initiatives outside the United States.
- The Sikh Coalition does not handle immigration, family law or any case unrelated to civil rights.
- The Sikh Coalition does not take positions on community or government politics. We are an independent, non-partisan organization.

HISTORIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Challenged and changed Transportation Security Administration's headwear-search policy in U.S. airports, affecting the rights of millions of air travelers.
- Successfully broke barriers to Sikh participation in law enforcement by winning a lawsuit against the NYPD to allow turbans on duty.
- Produced 'Raising our Voices,' the first-ever civil rights agenda for Sikh Americans. The agenda documents abuse against Sikhs, based on a 1,000 person survey.
- Created www.KhalsaKids.org – a unique approach to involving youth, parents and teachers in anti-bullying initiatives.

BY THE NUMBERS

- Victoriously challenged over **20** criminal cases against Sikhs who carry kirpans.
- Distributed over **2,500** books and DVDs about Sikhs to libraries across North America
- Quoted in over **600** print media articles.
- Disseminated over **12,000** 'The Sikhs' brochures.

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