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MID-YEAR REPORT

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Introduction to The Legal Insurrection Foundation

The Legal Insurrection Foundation (LIF) is a leading legal, research, and public education organization dedicated to defending individual rights, constitutional principles, and equal protection under the law.

Founded by Cornell Law School professor William A. Jacobson, LIF combats the systematic capture of American institutions by radical anti-American, racial and gender ideologies, frequently advanced under the umbrellas of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Critical Race Theory (CRT). Through aggressive legal enforcement, original investigative reporting, and the construction of one of the nation's most comprehensive databases on ideological bias, we confront discrimination and ideological coercion in education, corporate America, and government.

In the first half of 2026, LIF solidified its position as a national leader in the fight against discriminatory DEI and CRT programs. We secured significant legal victories, earned widespread media coverage across print, digital, and broadcast platforms, and substantially expanded use of groundbreaking research databases.

These accomplishments reflect the strength of LIF's integrated operating model, built around three core branches. First, our flagship website, **Legal Insurrection** (Legalinsurrection.com), delivers conservative news and analysis. Second, the **Equal Protection Project (EPP)** (equalprotect.org) serves as LIF's enforcement arm, filing targeted civil rights complaints, administrative actions, and strategic amicus briefs to ensure no American is denied educational or professional opportunities based on race, color, national origin, or sex. Third, LIF's **Critical Race Training In Education Project** (CriticalRace.org) maintains interactive maps tracking ideological infiltration across K-12 schools, colleges, military academies, medical schools, business schools, and veterinary programs.

Complementing these three branches is the **Intersectionality Project**, launched in late 2025 in response to the alarming rise of anti-Americanism, anti-capitalism, and antisemitism on college campuses. This initiative exposes and delegitimizes these academic theories that fragment civic culture and fuel extremism.

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

The first half of 2026 has marked a critical inflection point in the fight to restore equal protection under the law. When the current administration prioritized the dismantling of DEI discriminatory structures, we welcomed the initial executive actions. However, as I cautioned over a year ago, temporary executive mandates are not permanent solutions. Universities and entrenched administrative offices are engaged in a long-term delay strategy, entering a tactical hunker-down mode to wait out political cycles. They are actively altering verbiage while keeping their discriminatory structures intact.

Dismantling this deeply embedded architecture demands sustained pressure. During 2026, LIF has acted as the consistent cop on the beat, transforming legal principles into tangible enforcement victories. We have demonstrated that when institutions face immediate accountability, they often back down. From forcing policy reversals at universities in response to our legal challenges to securing federal administrative investigations, our multi-front approach is producing significant course corrections and achieving historic milestones.

The Supreme Court's definitive rulings upholding biological reality in sports—cases where EPP submitted amicus arguments—have established long-term protections for female athletes across the nation. Concurrently, federal agencies are moving on our administrative complaints, opening high-profile civil rights investigations into race-focused academic programs and housing.

Looking toward the remainder of 2026 and beyond, the battle will only intensify as institutions accelerate their efforts to camouflage unlawful programming. Our focus will center on expanding our litigation pipeline, deepening our compliance investigations, and strengthening the analytical power of our databases as we track the Left's systemic campaigns to reshape American education. Turning back decades of institutional inequality is a grueling effort, but our mid-year 2026 victories prove that strategic enforcement coupled with public awareness campaigns can change the cultural and legal landscapes.

We remain fully committed to defending the principle that every American deserves equal treatment under the law. Thank you for making this work possible. Your support is helping dismantle the DEI agenda and reaffirm American exceptionalism.

Sincerely,



William Jacobson
President and Director
Legal Insurrection Foundation

EQUAL PROTECTION PROJECT

Investigate. Educate. Litigate.

Launched in 2023 to counter the systemic rise of identity-based discrimination across American public life, the Equal Protection Project (EPP) has quickly grown into one of the most active civil rights initiatives, recognized by federal agencies and national media as a primary check on unlawful DEI policies.

While political debates over DEI often center on rhetoric, EPP translates constitutional rights into action by monitoring compliance, submitting formal administrative complaints, and filing rigorous amicus briefs to enforce federal civil rights statutes.

The legal strategy driving EPP is rooted in the clear mandates of Titles II, VI and IX of the Civil Rights Act, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

In response to the public backlash against overt DEI-fueled discrimination, bureaucracies across academia, business, and government often shield discriminatory policies behind semantic smoke screens, using euphemisms like “underrepresented communities” to implement unlawful exclusion. EPP targets these programs by stripping

away this linguistic evasion and identifying the core legal violations to a wide range of oversight bodies, including the Department of Justice, and the respective Offices for Civil Rights of the Departments of Education (OCR), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Housing and Urban Development (HUD). EPP is unique in utilizing all aspects of federal civil rights enforcement agencies

Focusing heavily on public and private universities, professional pipelines, and state-backed training programs that receive federal assistance, EPP has established a formidable track record of forcing institutional compliance. Whether addressing discriminatory financial aid, race-focused recruitment practices, or segregated residential spaces, EPP ensures that institutions face swift accountability for unlawful policies. This consistent enforcement has altered the calculus for compliance officers nationwide, creating a powerful precedent: administrations must either abandon unlawful identity-based preferences or prepare to defend their practices under intense administrative, legal, and public scrutiny.

Victories, Impacts, and Highlights

Compliance Victories

Our enforcement actions have triggered immediate, voluntary compliance from several institutions. On February 26, EPP filed a complaint challenging twelve separate scholarships at the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) that restricted eligibility based on race, color, national origin, and sex. Facing our legal pressure, UMSL completely removed all twelve discriminatory listings within twenty-four hours—a swift victory that demonstrates the power of targeted exposure and public accountability.

We achieved a similar outcome after targeting a Harvard-backed summer scholarship program headed by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Following EPP's civil rights complaint, the program quietly dropped its restrictive “students of color” criteria from its website. Likewise, our complaint against Hamline University over its racially discriminatory Creative Writing scholarship prompted the university to scrub the program from its public website.



EPP also filed formal complaints against Viterbo University (VU) and Lewis & Clark College (L&C), directly exposing how these schools utilize semantic games to distribute financial assistance based on identity rather than merit. These actions produced concrete results: VU removed the offending programs from its website, while L&C quietly redirected the scholarship links to its fund-raising page.

Administrative Milestones and Federal Investigations

The first half of 2026 delivered concrete validation of EPP's investigative model. On June 9, the Department of Justice acted swiftly on a civil rights complaint filed by EPP, launching a formal federal investigation into the City University of New York's (CUNY) Black Male Initiative (BMI). This large-scale program, which operates across



twenty-four campuses, explicitly promotes student recruitment and participation along racial and ethnic lines.

The DOJ's intervention directly challenges CUNY's reliance on an outdated 2012 Obama-era administrative guidance and establishes a powerful precedent for the nation's largest urban public university system.

Meanwhile, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights initiated a formal civil rights probe into three race-based federal grant programs flagged by EPP. These holdover programs from the previous administration utilized explicit racial classifications for applicants. HHS confirmed it is evaluating the legality of these programs under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, a move that establishes federal accountability and advances the eradication of race-based funding metrics.

EPP is also at the forefront of confronting discriminatory campus housing policies. Thanks to our investigative research and formal complaints, HUD opened highly-publicized investigations into racial ‘steering’ in campus housing at the Universities of Connecticut and Minnesota. These actions have helped sharpen HUD’s broader focus on dormitory discrimination.

Amicus Brief Support at the Supreme Court

Beyond administrative filings, EPP has helped advance other landmark victories. On June 30, the Supreme Court delivered a historic recognition of biological reality in *West Virginia v. B.P.J.* and *Little v. Hecox*, confirming that states could protect girls’ sports based on biological reality by exclud-



ing boys who identify as girls. EPP submitted amicus briefs in both cases, arguing that federal anti-discrimination protections are grounded in objective sex rather than subjective gender identity.

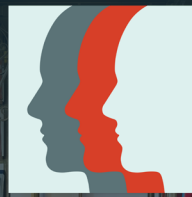
In *First Choice v. Platkin*, the Supreme Court issued a unanimous victory for donor privacy and free speech, directly mirroring the constitutional arguments advanced in EPP’s supporting amicus brief. EPP further extended its defense of the First Amendment by submitting an amicus brief in *Hedgepeth v. Britton*, urging the Court to protect public employees from ideological policing and retaliatory termination based on political beliefs.

Regulatory Input

In January, we submitted formal comment letters to HUD opposing “differential effects” liability rules that substitute raw statistical outcomes for proof of actual discriminatory intent. We also submitted formal opposition to a Biden-era HHS rule classifying gender dysphoria as a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In our comment letter, we urged HHS to preserve objective medical standards—not academic gender theories—within federal regulations. We also submitted a formal comment to OMB urging



that “intersectionality” be included in the list of prohibited grantmaking regulations under consideration.



CRITICAL RACE TRAINING
IN EDUCATION

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An Invaluable Resource in the Fight to Reclaim Higher Education

The Critical Race Training Database Project ([CriticalRace.org](https://criticalrace.org)) is LIF's primary digital research hub, compiling the definitive empirical record of the capture of American education by the radical Left. Since 2021, we have methodically collected, indexed and archived source materials from over 700 institutions—including expanding the database to cover elite medical and business schools, military academies, and veterinary programs. Rather than relying on hearsay or anecdotal claims, the project builds a permanent, undeniable historical record of institutional bias by documenting official university curricula, mandatory administrative training materials, and hidden compliance policies.

Notably, the project addresses a new phase of academic resistance in the anti-DEI fight. As state legislatures and federal executive mandates successfully restrict explicit discrimination, institutions have pivoted to deceptive rebranding campaigns. Admin-

istrations are renaming their offices and shifting their terminology to evade legal prohibitions while keeping the radical underlying frameworks intact.

[CriticalRace.org](https://criticalrace.org) tracks this shell game, documenting how schools adapt to legislative pressure and arming the public with the exact evidence needed to demand compliance.

We have previously exposed the systematic infiltration of CRT and DEI architectures across 155 accredited American medical schools. Our findings revealed that radical ideological requirements were no longer confined to the humanities, but were actively embedded in clinical training, scholarship allocations, and admissions criteria within the biological and medical sciences.

Reinforcing the Left's grip on medical school curricula, a [CriticalRace.org](https://criticalrace.org) investigation

DAILY WIRE+

Top State University Pushes Doctors To Join Radical Trans Organization



found that among U.S. News' Top 25-ranked Medical Schools in primary care, 10 directly provide programming that promotes the destructive "gender-affirming care" ideology.

In another report documenting DEI's pervasive reach, we exposed how 12 prominent institutions across the U.S.—including five Ivy League schools—are expanding all-gender facilities on their campuses, eliminating biological sex as a requirement for access to private, single-sex spaces.

NEW YORK POST

Columbia among 12 universities ripped by watchdog over explosion of all-gender facilities on campus



In early July, LIF released additional reports that drew notable media coverage. Both *The Daily Signal* and *The California Globe* highlighted our findings, underscoring how many universities continue to embed DEI practices despite public announcements that such programs had been eliminated.

Backed by prominent media coverage from outlets like *The New York Post*, *The College Fix* and *Campus Reform*, [CriticalRace.org](https://www.criticalrace.org)

DAILY SIGNAL

DEI Entrenchment: 7 Colleges Suggesting That 'White Supremacy' Persists in America



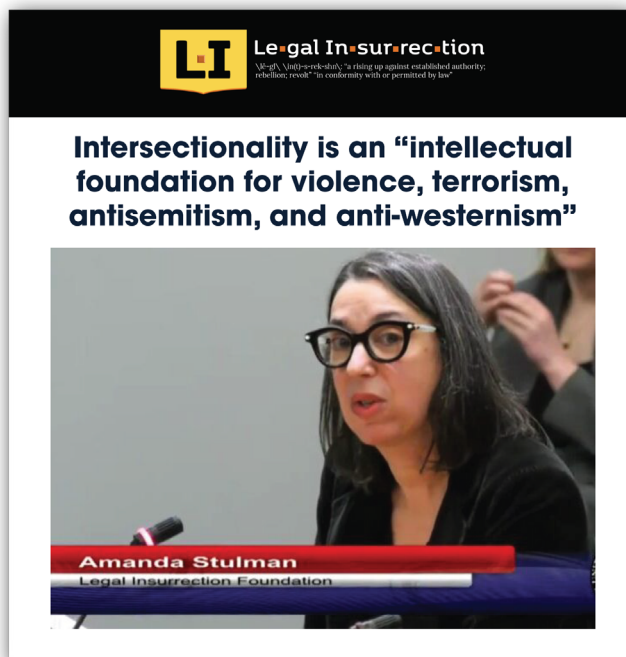
continues to find a wider audience, serving as an open-source tool for policymakers, legal teams, and parents seeking to restore merit to American education. Through our research, we not only inform key stakeholders and policymakers of the DEI and CRT entrenched in higher education, but we are able to educate the public.



INTERSECTIONALITY PROJECT

Combating a Dangerous Anti-American and Antisemitic Ideology

The Intersectionality Project is LIF's newest initiative, dedicated to dissecting and countering the core academic framework that fuels ideological bias and coercion.



By dividing the world into rigid hierarchies of “oppressors” and “oppressed,” intersectionality systematically delegitimizes the

foundational principles of Western Civilization, including individual liberty, the rule of law, and merit-based opportunity. It reduces personal identity to a ledger of competing grievances, fostering incoherent political alliances—such as LGBTQ groups aligning with radical Islamists—united only by their shared opposition to core Western values.

Most alarmingly, this framework has escaped the confines of sociology departments to become the primary engine driving campus antisemitism and anti-Western radicalism. Following the October 7 terrorist attacks, its rapid migration from fringe campus elements into real-world threats became unmistakable.

A striking example is the Turtle Island Liberation Front—a left-wing terror group rooted in intersectionality—whose members were indicted by a federal grand jury this past December for plotting to use “weapons of mass destruction” against their perceived enemies.

In short, intersectionality supplies the intellectual architecture that normalizes extreme anti-Zionist and antisemitic activism, turning academic institutions into incubators for ideological disruption and violence.

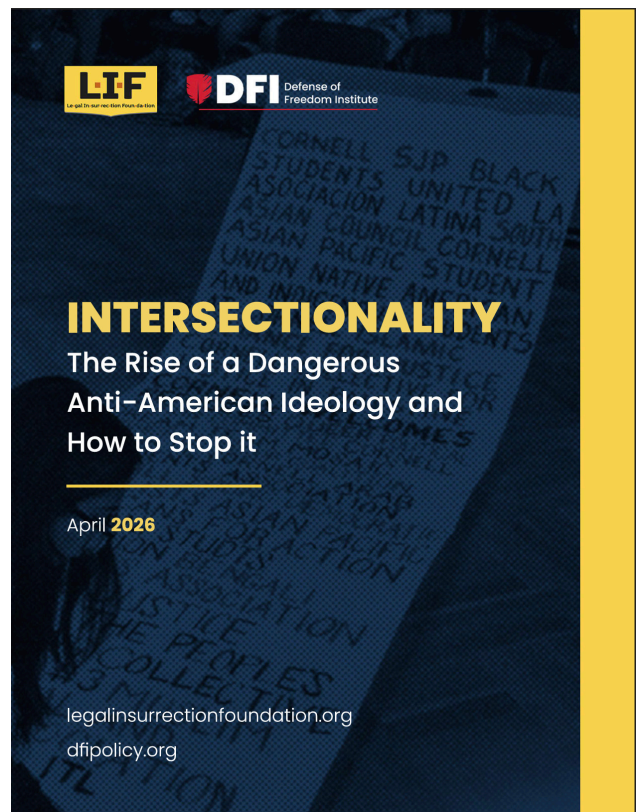
2026 Reports, Civil Rights Testimony, and Media Impact

LIF took the fight against intersectionality directly to federal policymakers in early 2026. Founder William A. Jacobson and an LIF senior attorney delivered expert testimony before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR), detailing how intersection-



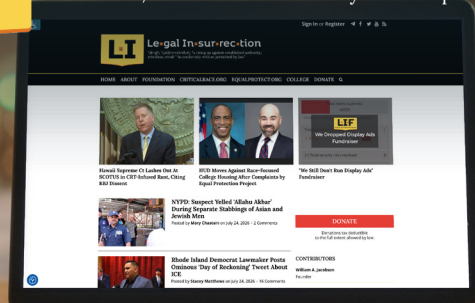
ality mainstreams antisemitism under the guise of social justice. Our testimony was reinforced by a formal written submission to the Commission, providing an enforcement roadmap to close the loopholes that institutions exploit to evade accountability under civil rights law.

In April, in partnership with the Defense of Freedom Institute, LIF released a 38-page study: *"Intersectionality—The Rise of a Dangerous Anti-American Ideology, and How to Stop It."* The report gained national attention, earning a feature profile on Fox News and interviews on The Jerry Rogers Show, Ginny Gentles' Freedom to Learn podcast, and The



Western Spirit podcast. In these appearances, Professor Jacobson explained how intersectionality serves as the ideological engine behind modern DEI bureaucracies and outlined concrete policy reforms to eradicate it.





LEGAL INSURRECTION

An Influential Conservative News Website

For over fifteen years, [Legalinsurrection.com](https://legalinsurrection.com) has provided rigorous investigative journalism, legal analysis, and cultural commentary. Operating as LIF's primary public platform, the site bridges the gap between complex legal developments and public awareness. By breaking through mainstream media suppression, [Legalinsurrection.com](https://legalinsurrection.com) exposes institutional corruption, tracks administrative overreach, and delivers clear analysis grounded in constitutional law.

2026 Notable Investigative Reports



SPLC
Southern Poverty Law Center

For 15 years we have closely scrutinized the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), exposing how its arbitrary "hate list" functions as both a fundraising tool and a means of stigmatizing mainstream conservative organizations by associating them with violent extremists.

This deceptive list was weaponized by the FBI, corporations, and donor-advised funds to justify blacklisting conservative nonprofits.

We documented SPLC's schemes years before it became mainstream. Our years-long investigation was vindicated in April when the SPLC was federally indicted on charges of alleged wire fraud and money laundering, with LIF's prior reporting widely cited by major outlets once the scandal erupted. The indictment alleges that the SPLC secretly funneled resources to the very extremist groups it publicly denounced while using the threat of those groups to drive its fundraising campaigns.

Our reporting also focused heavily on administrative misconduct during the campus crises of the past year. Legal Insurrection consistently highlighted the need for the University of California Regents to address faculty-driven antisemitism and halt the illegal misuse of taxpayer-funded university resources for political indoctrination. Additionally, our Supreme Court coverage examined high-profile cases and the Court's internal dynamics, including how Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's vitriolic dissents undermine the longstanding tradition of collegiality among the justices. We also covered key stories regarding structural election integrity, tracking important challenges to mail-in ballot extensions.

LIF Media Impact

DIRECTING THE NATIONAL MEDIA NARRATIVE

LIF amplifies the impact of its legal victories and research by ensuring they reach a national audience. Our staff doesn't simply produce complaints, investigations, and policy reports—they drive public debate through regular appearances on national television, radio, podcasts, and in major print and online publications. By bringing institutional misconduct into the public eye, LIF transforms legal advocacy into sustained public pressure for reform.

During the first half of 2026, over 38 distinct broadcast interviews and over 300 total broadcasts, together with over 1,200 print/digital links, spread our work to millions of people monthly. We consistently earned prominent coverage, including features on Fox News and in *The New York Post*. Professor Jacobson also appeared on several high-profile programs—including Fox Business Network's *Varney & Co.*, *The Laura Ingraham Show*, and *The Jesse Kelly Show*—where he delivered incisive commentary on the urgent need to dismantle discriminatory programs root and branch.

From specialized educational publications like *The Chronicle of Higher Education* to elite conservative outlets like *National Review*, LIF is widely recognized as a preeminent legal voice confronting discrimination and constitutional abuses.



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2026 Media Mentions



Trump admin pushed to probe CUNY 'Black Male' program for blocking out other students

DAILY NEWS

Trump DOJ targets CUNY over racism allegations as it takes aim at DEI programs

NEWSMAX

Cornell President Target Of Deliberate Provocation



U Michigan Commencement Hijacked By Anti-Israel Professor



NY State College Program Discriminates Against Asians and Whites



Ivy League watchdog warns Trump's anti-DEI wins are temporary as colleges 'wait out' admin

NATIONAL REVIEW

Majority of Law Professors Self-Censor to Avoid Campus Backlash, Study Finds

The Washington Times

HHS probes complaint of racial preferences in Biden-era healthcare training grants

THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

CUNY's Black Male Initiative Discriminates Against White Students, Justice Dept. Says



It appears Kathy Hochul is defying the Supreme Court

CAMPUS REFORM

A Project of the Leadership Institute

Wisconsin voters to decide constitutional amendment banning DEI discrimination



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WHAT'S NEW - ON THE HORIZON

Looking Ahead: Dismantling Discriminatory Programs

As we enter the second half of 2026, the battle for equal protection enters a more complicated landscape. While the initial wave of anti-DEI momentum has forced many institutions to abandon overt quotas, the underlying ideology remains deeply entrenched. We anticipate that universities and corporations will increasingly rely on deceptive rebranding tactics—such as creating new offices under innocuous or euphemistic names designed to shield demographic preferences from legislative and judicial scrutiny.

To counter this evolution, we will sharpen our focus on deep research and proactive compliance enforcement. The Equal Protection Project will continue to expand its investigation network beyond traditional undergraduate admissions to target specialized medical school pipelines, corporate fellowships, and state-funded training programs. At the same time, we will update and expand our database to track how institutions are rewriting internal policies to circumvent state and federal laws. We will continue delivering the consistent, independent oversight necessary to convert temporary administrative retreats into lasting legal reform.

Finally, we will intensify efforts to expose and dismantle the intellectual frameworks

underpinning discriminatory and anti-Western and antisemitic movements through a major expansion of the Intersectionality Project.

An Invitation to Invest in Equal Protection

Permanent institutional reform cannot be achieved through intermittent alerts or political rhetoric alone; it requires systematic, relentless legal enforcement. The Legal Insurrection Foundation remains a lean, highly efficient operation that channels donor support into high-impact administrative filings, Supreme Court amicus briefs, and public data transparency.

As bureaucratic entities spend millions trying to preserve their discriminatory systems, LIF stands as a primary counterweight ensuring they are held legally accountable. We invite you to stand with us in this long-term effort to restore absolute colorblind equality, merit-based advancement, and individual justice under the law. Your financial partnership ensures that our legal, research and media teams remain on the beat, stripping discrimination out of American institutions by its roots.



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