

ANNUAL REPORT

Federation for American Immigration Reform



MISSION

FAIR is dedicated to promoting public understanding and critical thinking about immigration's impact on every aspect of life in America.

United with and supported by concerned citizens across the nation and from all walks of life, we are working to engage public understanding on the need for responsible immigration limits to ensure a coherent and successful national community.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am proud to present FAIR's annual report for the year 2015. As this report proves, FAIR's work is as vital as ever.

FAIR continued its work on a range of research projects designed to highlight the devastating impact that today's mass immigration is having on working families—including a new project on wage stagnation and income inequality. Every day, FAIR created and promoted content designed to keep the flame of reform alive in the midst of the administration's sabotage and the “unprecedented magnitude of dysfunction around us,” as a colleague recently put it.

Our annual radio row, “Hold Their Feet to the Fire,” reached millions of Americans on April 15 and 16 as 42 talk show hosts from around the country (including several national syndicates) broadcast from Capitol Hill. Over three dozen members of Congress joined the event, talking directly to their constituents about their commitment to true immigration reform. FAIR also engaged the environmental community when attending Earth Day Texas, America's largest Earth Day celebration.

FAIR and our legal ally, the Immigration Reform Law Institute, continued its strong legal challenges to the administration's amnesty plan, as we continued to support the 26 state plaintiffs in the Fifth Circuit challenge to the program.

FAIR's grassroots and media advertising strategy inserted effective materials into the hands of activists who can ask candidates insightful questions on policy, while national ads served to highlight how immigration policy relates to the issues Americans care about most. FAIR will continue to target its ads in markets where people impacted by immigration will gain the most understanding.

Most important, FAIR has become a valued repository of ideas and analysis that become more vital every day in galvanizing public support around the necessity and wisdom of effective immigration limits and controls. Never before has this expertise been needed so badly. If the nation is to come through this phase of unconstitutional executive overreach whole and intact, it will be, in some measure, because FAIR has been there to keep the time-tested ideas and beliefs in the public sphere for future generations to apply.

-Donald A. Collins
Chairman, FAIR Board of Directors

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Is this the tipping point? The term “tipping point” is defined as “the critical point in a situation, process, or system beyond which a significant and often unstoppable effect or change takes place.”

Are we there yet? The number of foreign born is about 40 million, and the percentage is close to an all-time high with no end in sight. The Pew Research Center released a study stating that for every one American birth added to the population between now and 2065, there will be seven immigrants added. This would add more than 100 million people in 50 years.

In other words, this unintended massive influx since the 1965 Immigration Act is not the end of an era; it is merely the end of the beginning. Barring intervention, immigration levels will be unleashed to ever-historic highs, and our nation will be tested as population pressures grow amidst diminishing natural resources.

Fifty years ago, President Lyndon Johnson signed a new law that was to change America forever: the Hart–Cellar Immigration Amendments of 1965. This law was supposed to eliminate a preference for Northern and Western European immigrants and give people from a broad swath of regions a chance to immigrate, albeit under numerical limits. Noble goals, to be sure.

Sponsors at the time said, “Don’t worry, immigration won’t increase.” Fifty years later, the nation has absorbed the largest influx of immigrants in history—changing virtually every aspect of America. Moreover, the structure of the 1965 Act, like many products of the Great Society era, runs on autopilot and strips the voting public of practical democratic control over future growth.

Not surprisingly, the American people have finally figured this out. Something changed in 2015. Whether it was the Central American influx, the prospect of an overrun European Union, or the spread of radicalized Islamic terror networks, the public is engaged and sees immigration as a top national concern.

We can take a bit of satisfaction in knowing that immigration policy is now a defining issue of our time and will remain a major part of the national dialogue for the foreseeable future.

FAIR is working all across America to spread public awareness. In 2015 we reached millions through interviews, television and radio advertising, social media, and speaking engagements.

Within our national field program, FAIR continued its outreach to the nation’s sheriffs with our renowned “border school,” a multi-day training and education event along the border, where law enforcement personnel get to see and learn firsthand the challenges and consequences of a lawless border. FAIR coordinated and managed this event in order to enhance understanding of just how state and local law enforcement must be part of an integrated enforcement solution.

On the federal level, FAIR continued to support those bills that could be attached to must-pass legislation, and pushed measures that would have withheld funding from non-cooperating jurisdictions and from improvident international resettlement initiatives. We worked to make progress to ban nullification (“sanctuary”) jurisdictions, defund politicized refugee admissions, advance national E-Verify mandates, and enact a statutory repeal of promiscuous birthright citizenship policies.

FAIR’s goal is to ensure that every American who needs the basic information to empower activism with expertise has that resource. The presidential campaign revealed enormous voter interest in both understanding the problem and finding durable solutions. There is more progress to be made as we move forward and with your continued help, we will make it happen.

-Daniel Stein
President, FAIR



Research & Publications

FAIR's timely, relevant, and balanced research, along with its aggressive dissemination provide information and analysis essential to enlightened civic discourse and the formulation of sound public policy on immigration.



Cost in Translation: English Language Education in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area (January 2015).

The high cost of educating K–12 public school students who are not proficient in English is well documented. So, too, is the fact that most Limited English Proficient students are children of illegal alien parents. The recent surge of Unaccompanied Alien Children and parents with juveniles who poured across our borders in the spring and summer of 2014 exacerbated an already formidable and costly task for public school educators and administrators in many localities across the United States.

In addition to our fully published reports, FAIR produces timely and engaging issue briefs on the most current issues affecting the immigration debate:

- Obama's Immigration Executive Actions: One Year Later
- FAIR Urges Department of Homeland Security to Reject STEM Jobs Giveaway Rule
- What Is Your Governor Saying About Syrian Refugees?
- The Role of States in the Refugee Resettlement Process
- Immigration Basics: Refugees



An Immigration Reform Agenda for the 114th Congress (March 2015).

FAIR presents a guide for ending illegal immigration, curbing executive overreach, reducing legal immigration to a more sustainable level, and improving national security—thereby lifting the burden on the American taxpayer and improving our quality of life.



Population Growth and the Environment in Texas (April 2015).

Distributed to attendees at Earth Day Texas, this report explains the environmental impact of immigration-driven population growth on Texas and encourages joining FAIR. It is a companion brochure to a microsite prepared for the purpose.



How to Win the Immigration Debate: A guide to making a case for real immigration reform (June 2015).

An accessible overview of the purposes of immigration policies, the policies' often unintended consequences, and ways of bringing about rational, effective immigration reform.

- FAIR Submits Comment to Stop the STEM Giveaway
- 5th Circuit Upholds Injunction of Obama's Executive Amnesty—What That Means
- Now Is the Time to Stop Sanctuary Cities for Illegal Aliens
- Voting Report: Senators Kill Anti-Sanctuary City Bill
- Why Should You Care About Immigration?
- What Is True Immigration Reform?
- White House Report Confirms President Obama's Executive Actions Will Harm American Workers, Taxpayers
- Amnesty: Breaking the Social Security Bank
- Summary Demographic National Data
- Serious Crime Committed by Illegal Aliens
- Temporary Protected Status

In the Media

FAIR is America and the media's source for reliable information and perspective on immigration issues at all levels. This year was no exception. In a pre-election season featuring an abundance of opinion and rhetoric about immigration, FAIR is there to educate the public about the actual facts. Our expertise was sought for commentary and solutions on the legal challenges to President Obama's executive amnesty overreach, the administration's release of criminal illegal aliens, the tragic murder of Kathryn Steinle, and the U.S. response to Syrian refugees.

FAIR was called on by the media more than 600 times in 2015, by television networks, newspapers, and online outlets. Among the many news outlets who sought our comments were CBS, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Times*, *Washington Post*, Associated Press, Al Jazeera, Univision, Telemundo, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.

Public Outreach

The American public largely favors immigration enforcement and lower levels of immigration. How do we know? We work with them every day, and national polling confirms it. FAIR reaches millions of Americans every year, educating them on the impact mass immigration has in their communities and on our nation as a whole. We are where Americans are—on the radio, in the newspaper, on TV, over the Internet.

On the airwaves

FAIR's annual **"Hold Their Feet to the Fire" radio row** was held on Capitol Hill in Washington on April 15 and 16, bringing together more than 40 national and local radio talk show hosts, provocative guests, and 30 members of Congress, broadcasting to listeners in all 50 states. Featuring over 300 hours of live radio focused on challenges in U.S. immigration policy, and continuous interviews with leading immigration policy experts, members of Congress, and law enforcement officials, this event figures prominently in the national immigration debate. Over the years, "Hold Their Feet to the Fire" has been an important factor in the demise of congressional attempts to increase immigration and grant amnesty to millions. This extraordinary event reaches millions and is widely viewed as an unique innovation in American public policy.

In print

The media are not always even-handed in their coverage of immigration. That's why FAIR helps shape the debate by writing opinion editorials. We ensure that Americans hear important viewpoints on current immigration events. Here is a sample:

- **House Must Protect the Public Interest by Standing Firm on Defunding Obama Amnesties**, January 15, 2015, Fox News Latino
- **Obama's Amnesty Threatens National Security and Congress Must Defund It**, February 4, 2015, Townhall.com
- **EXPOSED: New York Times' 2000 Editorial Pleaded Against Amnesty**, February 26, 2015, TownHall.com
- **Counterpoint: Immigration Debate Ignores American Public**, March 15, 2015, *Chicago Sun-Times*

- **The Winnable Battle Republican Leaders Refuse to Wage on Immigration**, May 11, 2015, TownHall.com
- **National Unity Requires Common Values, Beliefs**, June 18, 2015, *Asbury Park Press*
- **Trump's Immigration Outline Actually Puts the Horse before the Cart: It affirms the public interest and backs it up with deterrence and enforcement.** August 20, 2015, *The American Spectator*
- **Deter Illegal Immigration Through Meaningful Enforcement: Front Burner**, August 28, 2015, *Orlando Sentinel*
- **Counterpoint: Here's a Better Immigration Agenda for Boehner**, September 29, 2015, Chicago Sun-Times
- **What Role Can Pope Francis Play in the Immigration Debate?**, October 1, 2015, *The Hill*
- **After Fifty Years of 'Thoughtless' Immigration Policy, Let's Define a Public Interest Objective**, October 22, 2015, New Boston Post

On the web

Social media has blossomed into a great resource for Americans to find and share information they care about. FAIR is feeding their demand.

350,000 Facebook fans seek the latest information from FAIR online and share it with their social networks. Through this social networking, 1.5 million people get the latest immigration updates every week!

Almost a million journalists, pundits, and avid news followers receive information from FAIR every month through our growing Twitter network, with 10,000 followers. Major media influencers often retweet FAIR's commentary and new research to magnify our voice.

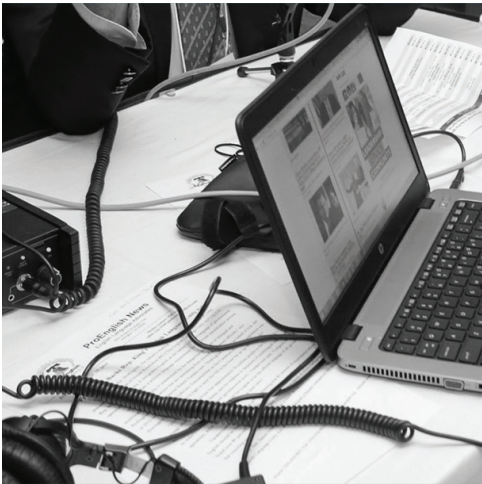
The Internet offers us endless ways to educate and enlist more Americans in the quest for sensible immigration limits.

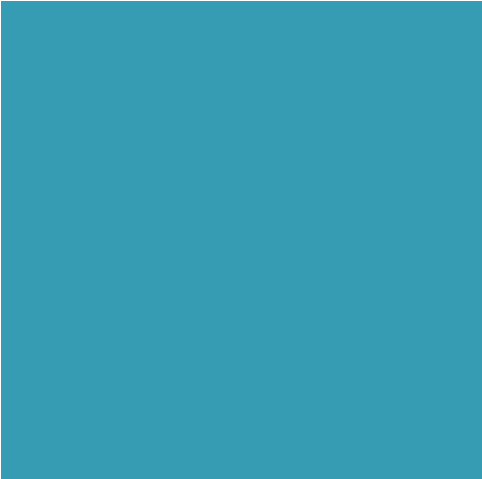
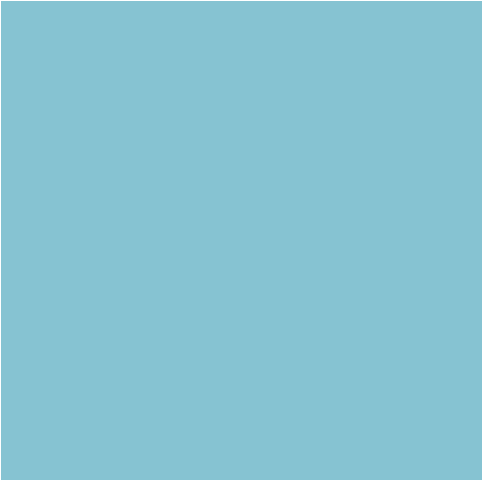


600 media inquiries from news outlets

300 hours of live radio at "Hold Their Feet to the Fire" event

350,000 Facebook fans & 10,000 Twitter followers received the latest immigration updates





Community Engagement

If the pre-primary period leading up to the 2016 elections has highlighted anything, it is that civic-minded people around the country are speaking up as never before on behalf of sound immigration policies. FAIR provides citizen groups the information and support they need to create change in their communities as well as at the national level.

Refugee Crisis

It became clear in 2015 that Europe's migration crisis might reach America as millions of Syrians continued to spill across borders and overwhelm nearby countries. The November 13 carnage in Paris, carried out by terrorists posing as displaced migrants, highlighted to the world the real security threat in admitting the dislocated from regions that harbor radical Islam.

When President Obama unilaterally promised to bring 10,000 Syrian refugees to the United States, community activist groups across the country reached out to FAIR to get informed about U.S. refugee policies and learn what they could do to arrest the inflow. We provided those groups the facts and talking points they needed to express their concerns to their state governors. Thanks to concerned citizens across the country, more than half of the governors spoke out against Obama's intent to admit people as refugees without greater community consultation and input.

State Legislatures

Throughout 2015, FAIR's state and local experts were focused on: (1) advancing legislation and policy in accordance with the national interest and federal immigration law; (2) stopping pro-



amnesty legislators and officials from granting driving privileges and additional public benefits to illegal aliens; and (3) educating legislators, activists, and the general public on the negative impacts of sustained large immigration flows—legal and illegal—while guiding them through effective means of limiting these flows at the state and local level.

Activists around the Country

Key members at FAIR are responsible for traveling the country and meeting with various groups and activists. In 2015, FAIR field staff spoke at almost 50 meetings in 20 states. Over the course of those appearances, FAIR was able to educate nearly 2,500 people. These grassroots events are crucial for public education and creating real change.

Another crucial event was the third Annual Sheriffs Border Summit, which took place in McAllen, Texas in October 2015. This two-day training session brought together nearly 50 sheriffs and 45 activists from around the country. During an all-day classroom training session, top experts discussed transnational gangs, cartels, terrorism, and national security.

Additionally, a tour of the border along the Rio Grande River was coordinated in conjunction with U.S. Border Patrol and the Texas Department of Public Safety.



A few of the many accomplishments from 2015 include:

- Tracked more than 500 bills introduced in the states, watched hearings, and monitored key votes along the way.
- Assisted more than a dozen legislators with model legislation, providing bill drafting support and consultation to lawmakers and their staff.
- Provided drafting assistance and consultation on statewide ballot initiatives in California, as well as on a local initiative in Washington.
- Provided bill summary and analysis for 25 bills in a number of states for FAIR activists and members.
- Contributed more than 50 stories to FAIR's weekly legislative update and website.
- Issued 44 activist alerts, informing FAIR members of key hearings and votes on legislation in their state.

Legislative Resources

The 114th Congress marks the first time in nearly a decade that Republicans have controlled both the Senate and House. Despite promises during the 2014 elections to rein in President Obama's dismantling of immigration law, Republicans did little to remedy the situation 2015.

In January and February, the GOP broke their election pledge to defund Obama's executive amnesty programs and instead passed a Homeland Security bill that fully funds the amnesty. FAIR's legislative experts assisted efforts in the House to pass a defunding measure that was ultimately killed in the Senate.

Meanwhile, the House tried to sneak the ineffective McCaul border security bill through, but FAIR and its allies were able to stop the effort. In the spring, pro-amnesty members of Congress tried to include a military amnesty (known as the ENLIST Act: Encourage New Legalized Immigrants to Start Training) into the bill that funds our military. Fortunately, FAIR was instrumental in generating mass grassroots opposition to the ENLIST Act and the military amnesty was removed on the House floor.

Disappointingly, both the House and Senate approved fast-track Trade Promotion Authority. It grants the president broad power to make trade agreements that increase immigration—all without a say from Congress.

In July, after Kate Steinle was murdered by an oft-deported illegal alien felon in the sanctuary city of San

Francisco, FAIR helped several congressional offices draft legislation targeting sanctuary cities. The House passed a bill before the August recess, but the Senate failed to pass similar legislation in September when nearly all Democrats voted in unison to block the bill.

In the wake of normalized U.S.–Cuba relations, FAIR led the way in demanding a repeal of favored Cuba immigration policies. We worked closely with Rep. Gosar (R-Ariz.) on his bill, introduced in October, to repeal the Cuban Adjustment Act, it is a widely abused (and costly) relic of the Cold War. With U.S.–Cuba relations now normalized, this special immigration policy for Cuban nationals is outdated and unfair—and it serves no American national purpose.

Finally, in response to the recent Paris terrorist attacks, the House, with the support of 47 Democratic members, passed a bill that adds an additional layer of scrutiny before Syrian and Iraqi refugees are resettled in this country. Unfortunately, this bill is insufficient. It still allows for the admission of Syrian refugees despite FBI Director James Comey's telling Congress it is impossible to properly vet these individuals for terrorist ties. FAIR will continue to work to get stronger legislative language.



Membership


For more than 35 years, the Federation for American Immigration Reform has represented the interests of the American people in immigration policy considerations. We are a membership organization truly supported by and beholden to the American people.

As we continue to face the most challenging and polarized years in our history, FAIR has the credibility and expertise to stand up to amnesty pushes from two branches of government because of our strong institutional support. Our ability to inform, educate, and engage the public is possible because of the long-term vision and commitment of foundations and individual contributors.

FAIR meets the high standards of operation, truthfulness, and disclosure in fundraising of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance for charity accountability. We have also earned the highest rating of Charity Navigator: four out of a possible four stars, and Top Rated status with Charity Watch.

As we are in the midst of this defining moment in our history, our members and other supporters can see just how much they are needed and appreciated. If not us, who?

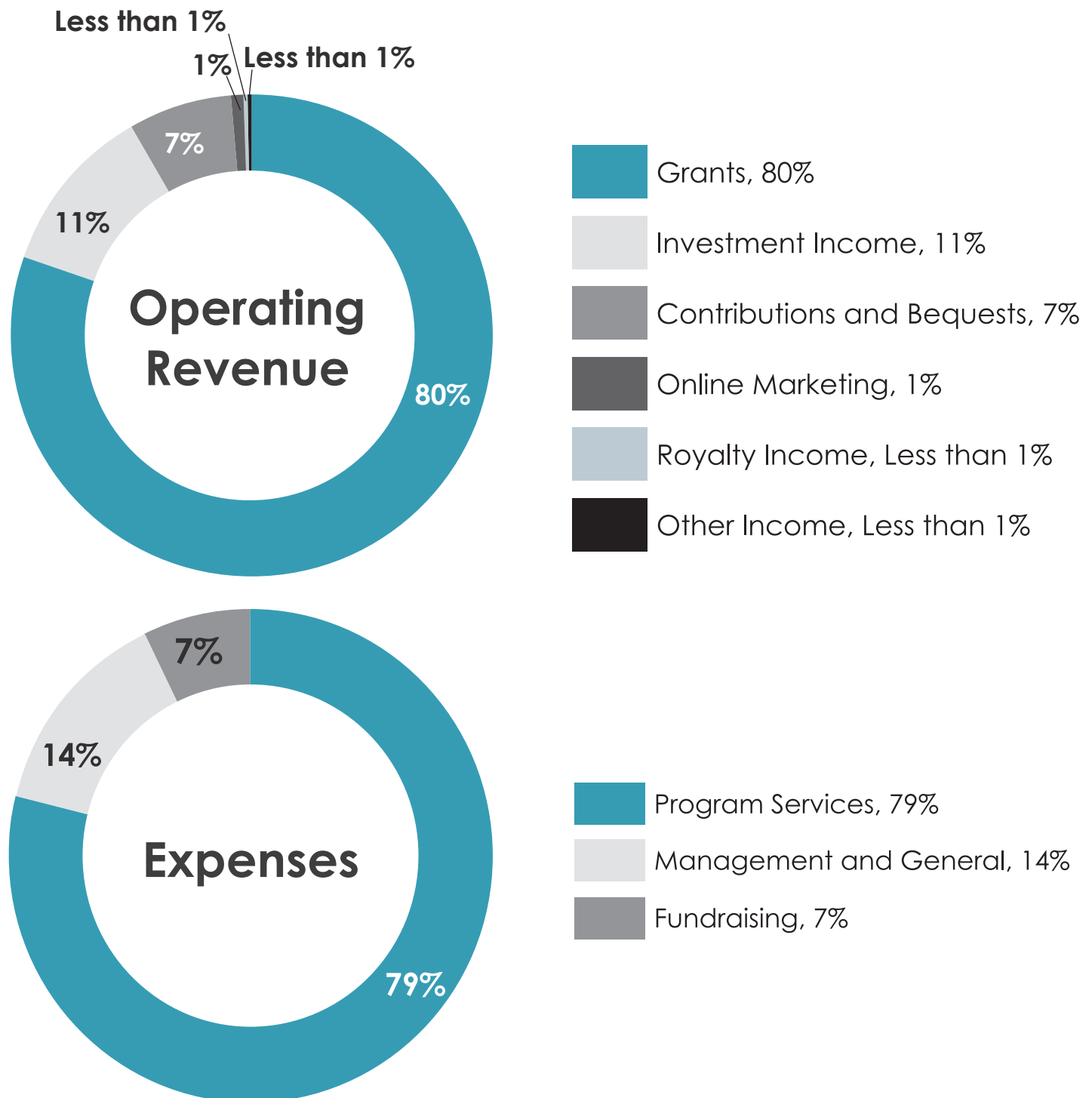




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Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015



Operating Revenue and Expenses

Operating Revenue and Support	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2015 Total
Grants	\$5,276,480	\$2,281,600		7,558,080
Investment Income	750,625	309,148		1,059,773
Contributions and Bequests	648,389			648,389
Online Marketing	78,287			78,287
Royalty Income	40,994			40,994
Other Income	685			685
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	801,953	(801,953)		
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT	7,597,413	1,788,795		9,386,208
Expenses				
Program Services:				
Media	1,381,786			1,381,786
Government relations	982,797			982,797
Public education	697,204			697,204
Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI)	691,579			691,579
Field	582,491			582,491
Membership education and service	475,603			475,603
Research and publications	440,191			440,191
Lobbying	212,533			212,533
Public interest legal	46,878			46,878
FAIR Congressional Task Force (FCTF)	5,390			5,390
<i>Total Program Services</i>	<i>5,516,452</i>			<i>5,516,452</i>
Supporting Services:				
Management and general	973,820			973,820
Fundraising	485,719			485,719
<i>Total Supporting Services</i>	<i>1,459,539</i>			<i>1,459,539</i>
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,975,991			6,975,991
Change in net assets before unrealized gains on investments	621,422	1,788,795		2,410,217
Unrealized gains on investments	(817,033)	(324,542)		(1,141,575)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(195,611)	1,464,253		1,268,642
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	9,219,936	2,370,578	2,531,324	14,121,838
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$9,024,325	\$3,834,831	\$2,531,324	\$15,390,480

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