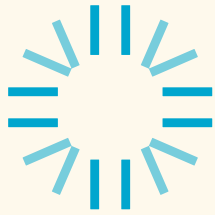


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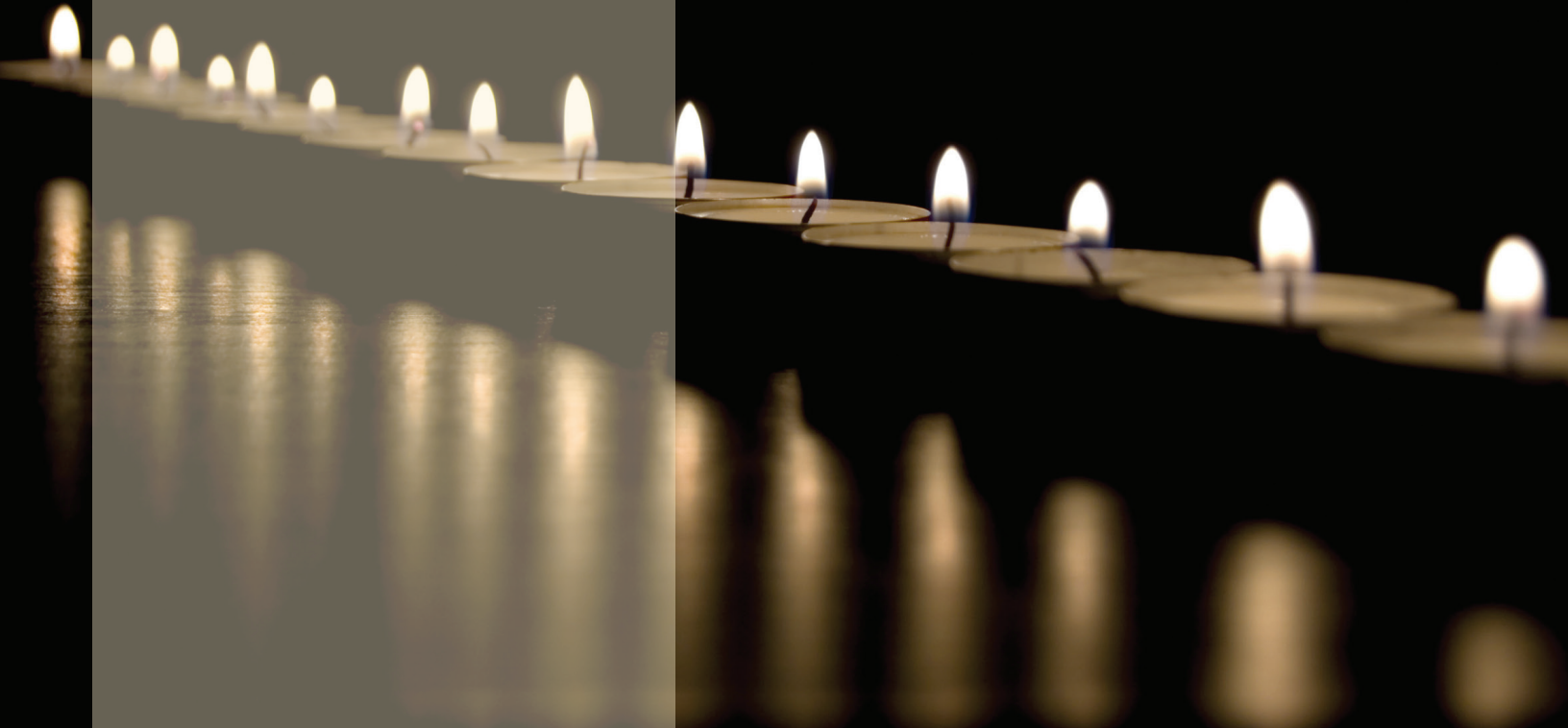


Mike Myers

"Free speech is the driver of every form of progress.

The emancipation of women, free inquiry, and opposition to dangerous, even tyrannical, ideologies—without free expression, none of these were or are possible."

— AHA Foundation Founder Ayaan Hirsi Ali



AHA FOUNDATION ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023

Our Founder defends the flame of liberty: Ayaan Hirsi Ali speaks up for Western freedoms and ideals



Ayaan speaking on the conflict in Israel



Ayaan Hirsi Ali (second from left) speaking at the Milken Institute's 2023 global conference on the future of democracy. Image: screenshot from the institute's recording of the event.



Ayaan Hirsi Ali featured on the cover of SVPN, one of Sun Valley's premier magazines.

Throughout the year, our Founder, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, has stood bravely in defense of liberty for all. In *The Ayaan Hirsi Ali Dialogues* series, she championed free speech with world-renowned experts Jacob Mchangama, Winston Marshall, Greg Lukianoff, and Kathleen Stock.

With articles in *UnHerd* and the *Daily Mail* and TV appearances on Fox News and Sky News Australia, among other appearances, Ayaan was also at the

forefront of the media response to one of the year's biggest and most shocking events: the Hamas attack on Israel and the ensuing war.

Ayaan's other appearances in 2023 included being an expert panelist on the future of democracy at the Milken Institute, being the keynote speaker at the Sun Valley Policy Forum, where she spoke about the threat of Islamism, and speaking alongside Jordan Peterson and others in defense of Western civilization at the Alliance for Responsible Citizenship conference in London.

Women's rights are one of the greatest of Western freedoms, and **thanks to you**, we have helped to protect **thousands** of women this year.

Defending women's rights: legislative victories and frontline trainings

AHA worked with allies to make **Washington state the 41st state to enact anti-female genital mutilation (FGM) legislation.**

We helped to pass laws banning child marriage in **3 STATES: Vermont, Connecticut, and Michigan.**

We published a **groundbreaking** new report on FGM in the U.S. that will be invaluable to all those committed to ending this human rights abuse.

We conducted **20** live trainings—**the most we have ever conducted in a single year**—for frontline professionals such as social workers, healthcare providers, and law enforcement agents, on FGM risk assessment, prevention, and response.

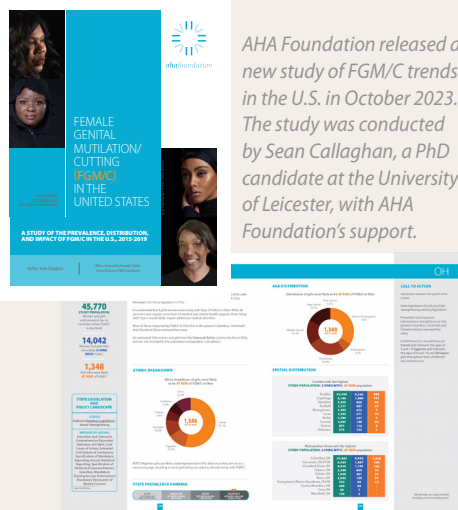
We launched a new anti-FGM training course with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners which garnered over **900** completions.

We trained **1,236** frontline professionals.

To date, we have assisted **868** individuals in crisis, including those fleeing the Taliban, through our text and email helplines.



AHA's Michele Hanash (top right) testifying in Michigan with Unchained at Last founder Fraidy Reiss. Survivors and advocates (above) celebrate the signing of a bill package ending child marriage in Michigan. AHA's Michele Hanash is sixth from the right.



Our partners for training frontline professionals

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AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

ABA
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

AANP
American Association of Nurse Practitioners

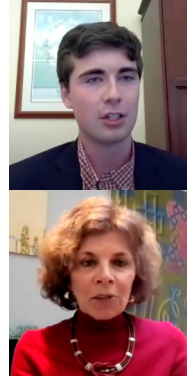


AHA's Oluwadamilola Alabi providing training about FGM to frontline professionals in Chicago's North Side.

Defending free speech on campus: virtually and in-person, AHA brought world-renowned free speech advocates to campuses across the nation

AHA trained 10 new campus fellows from colleges including Yale, Columbia, Georgetown, and the University of California, Berkeley. Campus program event highlights included:

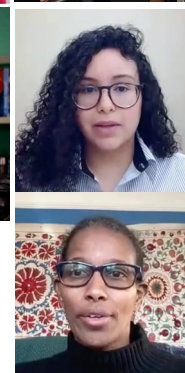
▶ a virtual gathering with constitutional scholar **Nadine Strossen** and our fellow **Widener Norris** on free speech at the University of Georgia



a two-day in-person event by philosopher **Peter Boghossian** on having difficult conversations at the University of Central Florida ▼



▲ an in-person high school event with the former Islamist speaker **Tawfik Hamid** in partnership with The Dissident Project



▶ a webinar with **Ayaan** hosted by our fellow **Hanna Nour** at the University of Central Florida

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Fighting Islamist extremism: the CLARITY Coalition doubles its membership and expands its public reach

In 2022, AHA, together with activists, academics, ex-Muslims, and Muslim reformers, launched the CLARITY Coalition (Champions for Liberty Against the Reality of Islamist Tyranny) and continued its work in 2023, **doubling** its membership. New members included people from across the world: Sweden, Denmark, Australia, Trinidad, and Canada.

CLARITY hosted quarterly Town Halls to discuss current issues regarding Islamist extremism; released 8 public statements on important public issues, including the war in Israel; and created the CLARITY Pledge, which commits signatories to opposing Islamism.



A gathering of CLARITY founders, members, and activists for the inaugural CLARITY Conference.



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Since 2007, AHA has made a HUGE impact, thanks to people like you. Here are just some of the amazing things we have achieved over the past 17 years.

AHA helped **PASS 48 BILLS** against FGM, child marriage, and domestic violence in **23 STATES** plus 5 federal bills

AHA helped initiate the first ever **FEDERAL PROSECUTION of FGM** against a doctor in Michigan

AHA helped strengthen the federal FGM ban through the **STOP FGM Act** of 2020

AHA advocated for the **reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** which was expanded to include FGM and signed into law in 2022

Produced legal guides in 13 states for FGM survivors to seek justice, for which we received the LawWorks Best International Pro Bono Award 2022

OVER 4,800 police officers, teachers, counselors, and medical professionals are now **TRAINED TO PROTECT** girls and women

AHA provided assistance to nearly **900 INDIVIDUALS** facing forced marriage, honor violence and gender-based violence

AHA helped launch the Champions for Liberty Against the Reality of Islamist Tyranny (CLARITy) Coalition to **EXPOSE AND OPPOSE ISLAMISM** and defend democratic values

AHA's campus program fellows organized in-person and online events at **over 50 colleges** reaching over **1.5 MILLION PEOPLE**



"Working on getting this [child marriage] bill passed alongside my Mom and other survivors has given me another level of appreciation for what they have endured. It means so much to survivors to have their experiences recognized by ending this abuse. It means even more to the children, like mine, who will now be protected from it in Michigan."

—Nina Van Harn (above), forced marriage survivor/advocate

watch our **2023 IMPACT VIDEO** using this QR code



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LIBERTY FOR 17 YEARS. PLEASE,
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IN 2024 AND BEYOND.



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