

FREEDOM  
IS OUR  
FUTURE



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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

## FREEDOM IN ACTION

### AHA FOUNDATION'S IMPACT IN 2025

In a year when threats to freedom became harder to ignore and many institutions remained silent in the face of attacks on Western values, AHA Foundation acted. We confronted threats to freedom with moral clarity, legislative victories, and direct support for the vulnerable. Thanks to our supporters, freedom endures.

#### LEADING THE PUBLIC DEBATE



- ▶ Our founder, **Ayaan Hirsi Ali**, shaped the global conversation on Islamism and antisemitism across leading media platforms.
- ▶ The AHA-convened **CLARITY Coalition** released a landmark investigative report exposing foreign-funded Islamist influence at Georgetown University.
- ▶ **AHA released 13 statements** condemning surging extremism, dangerous practices such as FGM, and defending Western values.

#### NEW VICTORIES THROUGH ADVOCACY



- ▶ Secured four new child marriage bans (D.C., Maine, Missouri, and Oregon), bringing the national total to 16.
- ▶ Achieved a victory against female genital mutilation (FGM) in Washington, D.C. with a comprehensive FGM ban following six years of advocacy.
- ▶ Led efforts to halt the momentum of H.R. 3492 in Congress, safeguarding the STOP FGM Act of 2020.
- ▶ Urged the Trump administration and U.S. Congress to designate the Muslim Brotherhood and its affiliates as a Foreign Terrorist Organization—a designation later enacted by executive order.

#### ADVANCING FGM PREVENTION NATIONWIDE



- ▶ Trained 1,398 healthcare and legal professionals to identify and prevent FGM.
- ▶ Successfully completed the first year of WE END FGM/C Chicago's North Side, a new DOJ initiative integrating prevention into schools and youth programs.

#### DEFENDING EDUCATION FROM IDEOLOGICAL CAPTURE



- ▶ Reached 30,000+ people through our Recapturing Liberalism in Education webinar series, sparking a national conversation on antisemitism and the forces reshaping America's classrooms.
- ▶ Supported the TRACE Act and the DETERRENT Act, legislation aimed at reducing foreign influence in U.S. education.

#### STRENGTHENING CAPACITY TO CONFRONT ANTISEMITISM AND ISLAMISM



- ▶ Launched the **If Not Now Fellowship**—a week-long program in New York City equipping emerging campus leaders to stand up for their Jewish peers.
- ▶ Laid the groundwork for a 2026 national antisemitism initiative.
- ▶ Prepared a specialized training program for early-career reporters.

## FREEDOM IS NOT ONLY OUR INHERITANCE. IT IS OUR FUTURE.

Message from AHA President, Trey Dimsdale

For many, the future feels uncertain. The surge of antisemitism, the ongoing threats to women and girls, and the shadow cast by Islamist extremism across the West suggest that such a pessimistic response is reasonable.

But there are also many reasons to be hopeful as we look ahead. We were encouraged to see that so many friends and partners like you are filled with resolve to stand shoulder to shoulder with AHA Foundation. Together, in 2025, we opposed antisemitism, stood in solidarity with the vulnerable, and exposed the anti-Western commitments of Islamism. This year has been filled with inspiring victories for our cause, which is why we are proud to say that freedom is our future.



## SPEAKING WHEN OTHERS STAY SILENT

In 2025, AHA Foundation didn't just comment on the threats to freedom—we defined the debate. We significantly expanded our public-facing leadership through high-impact media engagement and expert commentary.

### The Founder's Voice

**GLOBAL REACH:** Ayaan carried the message of liberty to millions in the U.S. and around the world, across Sky News Australia, GB News, UnHerd, Newsweek, The Free Press, and more, offering clear warnings about the rise of Islamism, the global resurgence of antisemitism, and the erosion of Western values.

Ayaan's engagement shaped public debate, challenged institutional complacency, and provided policymakers, journalists, and concerned citizens with principled frameworks for understanding threats that are often minimized or mischaracterized.

Explore Ayaan's articles and media coverage



**"We now have an unholy alliance of progressives and Islamists openly colluding to dismantle Western structures and demonizing Jews."**

— Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Founder, AHA Foundation

## AHA Leadership Voices



**Trey Dimsdale, President**

Trey contributed analysis to RealClear World, warning against Western reluctance to name the root causes of Islamic terrorism.



**Amanda Parker, COO & CFO**

Featured by the Pixel Project, Amanda was highlighted for her advocacy and history of protecting women from honor-based violence.



**Michele Hanash, Director of Policy and Women's Programs**

Michele was quoted in *The Oregonian's* coverage of legislative hearings on Oregon's child marriage ban.

## AHA's Public Voice

In moments of institutional failure and moral confusion, silence is itself a position. In 2025, AHA Foundation used its institutional voice to publicly challenge policies, dangerous narratives, and practices that undermine a free society.

Read AHA's 2025 Statements



## Recognizing Excellence in Leadership



**Board Emeritus Chair Christopher DeMuth** received the Beaconsfield Prize for Distinguished Public Service and Letters from the Edmund Burke Foundation, recognizing his lifetime of service and intellectual leadership.



**Senior Researcher Sean Callaghan** received the Global Woman Award for his contributions to ending FGM, presented by the Global Woman P.E.A.C.E. Foundation to leaders combating violence against women and girls.

## FREEDOM IS HER FUTURE

Across the country, we advanced protections against FGM and child marriage, safeguarding tens of thousands of women and girls.

### Pushing FGM Prevention to the National Agenda

**What we did:**



**VICTORY IN D.C.:**

After six years of relentless advocacy, we secured a comprehensive ban on FGM in Washington, D.C.

**Why it matters:**

D.C. now has one of the strongest anti-FGM laws in the nation, providing stronger protections for the 3,000 women and girls impacted by FGM in the nation's capital.

**PROTECTING THE STOP FGM ACT:** AHA mobilized and led opposition to H.R. 3492 to prevent amendments to the STOP FGM Act of 2020.

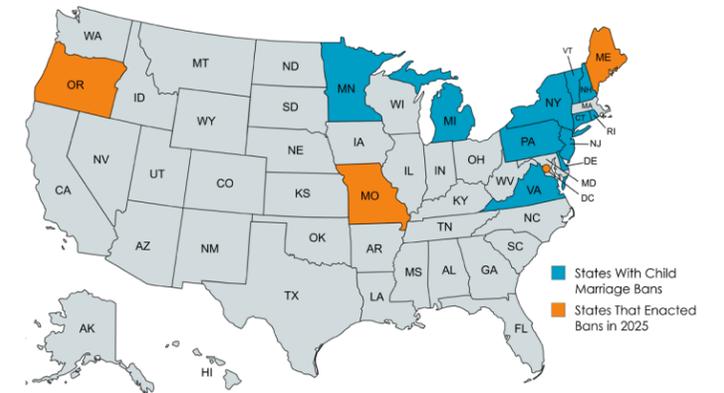
H.R. 3492 would have weakened the STOP FGM Act, the only federal law empowering prosecutors to stop FGM across state lines.

**THE NATIONAL PUSH:** We launched a major national campaign for a Presidential Executive Order to make ending FGM a top federal priority.

An Executive Order can improve enforcement and direct vital resources to the girls at risk and survivors.

**FGM DASHBOARD REVEALED:** AHA Senior Researcher Sean Callaghan built the first-ever U.S. FGM Dashboard using data from research AHA facilitated.

For the first time, organizations can identify at-risk communities at a granular level, enabling targeted prevention and support.



**“Working alongside everyone has been so empowering and renewed my hope that change is not only possible but is going to come.”**

— Brandi, a child marriage survivor from Missouri



### A Landmark Year in the Fight to End Child Marriage

**16**

**What we did:**

**STATE CHILD MARRIAGE BANS AND COUNTING:**

These four victories, championed by AHA, bring the national total to 16 states: Washington, D.C., Maine, Missouri, and Oregon.

**Why it matters:**

2025 was our most successful year yet in the fight to end child marriage. Every state ban eliminates a “sanctuary” for child predators.

**PROVIDING EVIDENCE TO POLICYMAKERS:** Beyond legislative wins, AHA testified in five states and met with lawmakers in seven more, providing survivor-informed legal and policy expertise.

Evidence-based guidance enables lawmakers to create stronger protections for women and girls.

**NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION:** AHA was selected as a core partner in Unchained At Last's Clinton Global Initiative Commitment to Action.

Reaching the goal of ending child marriage in the U.S. by 2030 demands national coordination.

Photo: Lorie Shaull



**“I hope that national momentum [for FGM state bans] can build from what we are doing here in Washington D.C. so that we can ban FGM nationwide and send a message to the world that abuse against women of any kind will not stand in America.”**

— Senator Michael D. Brown

## Laying the Groundwork for Lasting Freedom from Harmful Cultural Practices

### First Year of Chicago DOJ Initiative Completed

Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, we completed the first year of *WE END FGM/C in Chicago's North Side*, a multi-year pilot program integrating FGM prevention directly into schools and youth programs.



**“When students learn about FGM and begin asking thoughtful questions, or when a parent chooses protection over tradition—that’s where prevention begins.”**

— Oluwadamilola (Dami) Alabi, Chicago North Side Program Coordinator

### Frontline Professionals Trained Across the U.S.

In 2025, just through partnerships with these three eminent professional associations, we provided training and education to 1,398 doctors, nurses, and lawyers:



AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

### Direct Support Provided for Individuals at Risk

To date, through our text line and email helpline, we have provided immediate, confidential support to over 1,000 people in need, including women and girls facing forced marriage, FGM, and honor violence.

### New Legal Guides for FGM Survivors Published

In partnership with White & Case LLP and Reed Smith LLP, we published 3 award-winning state legal guides to help FGM survivors navigate the justice system, bringing the total number of legal guides published to 21.



**“Islamism is not above criticism. It is a political movement, not a sacred tenet. And when it threatens freedom, silences women, persecutes minorities, or justifies violence, it must be challenged openly, fearlessly, and unapologetically.”**

— Dalia Al-Aqidi, a prominent journalist and member of the CLARITY Coalition

## CLARITY Exposes the Ideological Forces that Threaten Freedom

While others looked away, the AHA-convened CLARITY Coalition moved from investigation to action, exposing foreign influence, driving legislative accountability, and uniting reformers to defend liberty across North America.

### DRIVING POLICY CHANGE ON THE HILL



Coalition leaders conducted 11 congressional meetings to advocate for federal legislation designating the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization and legislation to stop foreign influence in K-12 and higher education.

### EXPANDING TO CANADA



CLARITY formalized strategic partnerships to combat "anti-Palestinian racism" laws that threaten free speech in Canada in partnership with Alliance of Canadians Combatting Antisemitism (ALCCA) & Network of Engaged Canadian Academics.



Network of Engaged Canadian Academics  
Réseau des académiques canadiens engagés

### FOREIGN-FUNDED INFLUENCE EXPOSED AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY



CLARITY released a landmark investigation, *Beachhead: Georgetown U.*, exposing foreign-funded influence within the Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.

### AMPLIFYING REFORMERS VOICES



Through X Spaces, Substack, and media appearances, CLARITY continued to amplify the voices of Muslim reformers and ex-Muslims who bravely stand against Islamism and fight for individual liberty and universal human rights.

## Exposing Ideological Indoctrination in K–12 Education

We delivered a six-part series, "Recapturing Liberalism in Education," that spoke directly to more than 30,000 parents, teachers, and citizens about what's driving today's education crisis.



**The Impact:** We exposed how "Postmodernism & Critical Theory" and anti-Zionist curricula fuel rising antisemitism and provided concrete tools on how to fight back.



**“I anticipated controversy, but not how normalized the indoctrination has become. Seeing politicized content become institutionalized, often before families notice, sharpened the urgency of this work.”**

— Susanna McIntyre, AHA Development Associate and webinar series host

## 19 YEARS OF IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

**1ST** U.S. HELPLINE to address honor violence

**3** NATIONAL CONFERENCES on honor violence

**5** FEDERAL BILLS on FGM and honor violence

**21** STATE LEGAL GUIDES produced for FGM survivors to seek justice

**56** STATE BILLS on FGM, child marriage, and domestic violence

**1,000+** INDIVIDUALS HELPED through our email-based helpline and text line

**8,593** FRONTLINE SERVICE PROVIDERS TRAINED

**1.6+M** PEOPLE REACHED through in-person and online events at over 50 colleges

# AHA Responds to Global Rise in Antisemitism



An ambitious multiyear effort to combat the world's oldest hatred.

In 2025, Trey Dimsdale joined AHA as President, bringing strategic direction and day-to-day leadership to support the Foundation's growing programs. Working closely with Morgan Miller, AHA's Director of Education and Alumni Outreach, he designed the national antisemitism initiative launching in 2026, while also leading the development of AHA's new journalism training program with Susanna McIntyre.



**IF NOT NOW FELLOWSHIP** brings student leaders to New York City for a week-long intensive, equipping them to confront antisemitism and build a campus culture grounded in freedom.



**JOURNALISM TRAINING PROGRAM:** A specialized training program will equip early-career reporters to deliver accurate, evidence-based coverage on Islamism and antisemitism.

**“Antisemitism is rising globally, and the response from Western governments has been dismal and disheartening. We have work to do on every front, and we must be more diligent and strategic than the enemies of liberty if we hope to defeat it.”**

— Trey Dimsdale, AHA Foundation President



## Donor Spotlight

“Ayaan Hirsi Ali is a force to be reckoned with. I admire her passion and commitment to the complete emancipation of women and girls, breaking free of tyranny and the violation of their rights, often rooted in harmful traditional practices brought into the U.S. from other parts of the world.

The passion and dedication of AHA and its leadership are why I support AHA with my legacy gift. My commitment to the organization and its goals has only strengthened over time. As a Jewish woman, I fight antisemitism and have for years. My commitment, like Ayaan's, is unwavering.”

— C'Anne Cook, AHA's donor since 2010

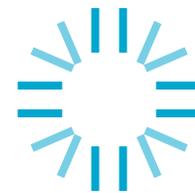
As AHA Foundation looks toward 2026, the organization is positioned to expand its impact across education, journalism, survivor support, and policy advocacy. **The threats facing free societies are not diminishing, but neither is AHA's resolve.**

**Freedom is our future, but only if we fight for it.**

Renew your gift today and ensure that freedom endures.



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