Minnesota Civil Liberties Union Collection
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Summary Information

Repository: James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library

Creator: Minnesota Civil Liberties Union.

Title: Minnesota Civil Liberties Union Collection

Date: 1962-1997

Extent: 0.42 Linear feet

Language: English
History

The Minnesota Civil Liberties Union was founded in 1952 with the stated goal of protecting the civil liberties of Minnesotans through legislation, Education, and political lobbying. This was done in order to guard against legislation that would impact the civil liberties and civil rights of the citizens of Minnesota. This led them to take the cases of people with both popular and unpopular views. However it was not the views of their clients that were seen as important, but the possible violation of their legal rights. They incorporated in August of 1967.

This collection deals with material from 1962 until 1997. During this time they took a number of cases from individuals and organizations that felt their rights had been threatened. This included cases relating to: opposition to the draft during the Vietnam War, denial of legal council to accused criminals, defending the rights of police officers, defending the rights of the people to receive information, and the separation of church and state. These cases were taken up against various people and organizations including the University of Minnesota, various cities and school boards in Minnesota, and even the Department of Immigration.

Extent of the Collection

This collection included 1 box of materials relating to the activities of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union between 1962 and 1997. These materials consist mostly of official documents from the organization including: incorporation papers, meeting minutes, financial statements, case reports, and press releases. In addition there are newspaper clippings involving the organization dated between 1962 and 1997.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Minneapolis (Minn.) -- Politics and government -- Citizen participation.
- Minneapolis (Minn.) -- Politics and government.
- Minneapolis (Minn.) -- Race relations.
- Minnesota -- Politics and government.

Subject(s)

- Public welfare -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Public welfare.
## Collection Inventory

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