

Our Mission:

We promote laws and programs which will

- limit registry access strictly to law enforcement agencies;
- terminate registry requirements upon completion of a court-imposed sentence;
- reverse retroactively applied restrictions;
- reform civil commitment processes;
- rehumanize, rehabilitate, and reintegrate former offenders;
- increase public safety by reducing sexual offenses; and
- reduce acts of discrimination, hatred, and violence directed at sexual offenders.

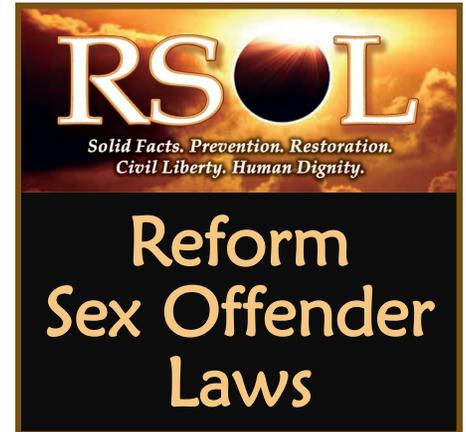
Reading List

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Our Vision:

effective, fact-based sexual offense laws and policies which promote public safety, safeguard civil liberties, honor human dignity, and offer holistic prevention, healing, and restoration.

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What We Need to Know

Sex offender registries were originally presented as a means for tracking persons convicted of the most heinous offenses, but their reach has expanded exponentially to include even teen sexting and consensual relations between young people.

The misinformation and stigmatization used to justify harsh sexual offense laws undermine the welfare of society, creating unnecessary panic and distrust.

Evidence-based policies and programs can reliably reduce new sexual offenses and thus make our communities safer.

Since 2008, Reform Sex Offender Laws has been pressing for change in America's sex offense laws and policies. We seek to change public opinion by pointing out the facts about sex laws and former sexual offenders—facts the media and our politicians choose to ignore.

Public registries provide no measurable protection for children or the general public yet endanger the well being of children and family members of registrants.

Ignoring the facts has created a paranoid culture willing to deny basic rights to fellow citizens and human beings through a whole host of ineffective laws that do absolutely nothing to protect us. And this ignorance has prevented us from looking for truly effective ways to reduce the incidence of sexual violence and abuse.

Public registration, proximity restrictions, and residency restrictions that are extended beyond an individual's sentence are punitive and thereby violate protected constitutional rights.

Join RSOL today in what is arguably the biggest civil rights movement of our times.

Choosing to set apart any group of people and deny them civil, constitutional, and human rights threatens the rights of every person in our nation.



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