

Center for Constitutional Rights

Discrimination, Detention, and Deportation: Immigration & Refugees

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Policy Issue Resources

The Center for Constitutional Rights has a strong practice of engaging with international human rights bodies to highlight the issues we work on and draw attention to the experiences of those most impacted by the U.S. government's failures to protect and uphold human rights. Independent human rights experts regularly review whether governments are in compliance with their human rights obligations. The Center for Constitutional Rights engages with these experts by drafting shadow reports and other advocacy materials, providing testimony, lobbying, and working in coalition with our partners to use these opportunities to highlight serious human rights violations.

The Center for Constitutional Rights has played a critical role during periodic reviews of the U.S. government by UN treaty bodies, including those that review the United States' compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT), the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racism (CERD), and during the cumulative Universal Periodic Review (UPR). In addition, the Center for Constitutional Rights advocates before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (the regional rights body for the western hemisphere).

In August 2022, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will review the U.S. government's compliance with its human rights obligations under the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD). On May 16, 2022, the Center for Constitutional Rights submitted a List of Themes to inform the committee's review, outlining our key concerns with regard to the laws, policies, and practices that impact racialized communities, including Indigenous, Black, Brown, Muslim, and immigrant communities.

CCR also contributed to the 2022 review process by authoring the following shadow report:

In August 2014, the U.S. Government was reviewed by the UN CERD Committee with regards to its human rights commitments under the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD). In August 2014, the CERD Committee issued its [Concluding Observations](#), and asked for the U.S. Government to follow up one year later, focusing on the topics of excessive use of force, immigrants, and Guantanamo Bay. This official one-year follow up took place on May 13, 2016.

CCR contributed to the 2014 review process through signing onto, contributing or authoring the following shadow reports:

Read the June 2013 [official U.S. Government submission](#).

The Center for Constitutional Rights also contributed to the 2008 review process by the UN CERD Committee, for which we signed onto, contributed to, or authored the following shadow reports:

Click here for the [May 2008 UN CERD Committee Concluding Observations \(Final Version\)](#).

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