FIND AN ORGANIZATION YOU CAN TRUST



A chapter-by-chapter companion to *Commit Together*.

First use the trust checklist. Then go directly to the chapter and issue area that matters to you.

PART 1 — WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- ■ **Mission** — Can you clearly understand what the organization is trying to accomplish—and does it align with your values?
- ■ **Evidence** — Does it explain what it does and provide evidence of its work, results, or progress?
- ■ **Transparency** — Can you find its leadership, programs, finances, and basic organizational information?
- ■ **Use of resources** — Does it explain how donations, staff time, or volunteer effort are used?
- ■ **Credibility** — Are its claims specific and checkable rather than exaggerated or vague?
- ■ **Fit for you** — Does it offer a way to participate that matches your time, skills, interests, and comfort level?

PART 2 — ORGANIZATIONS BY BOOK CHAPTER

All nine Part II chapters are included. The middle column shows clearly what each organization relates to; websites are clickable.

CHAPTER 4 — VOTING RIGHTS: A FOUNDATION OF DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY

ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
No Votes Barred	Voting rights restoration	www.novotesbarred.com
American Bar Association's Perfecting Democracy	Legal safeguards	www.americanbar.org/groups/crsj/about/initiatives/perfecting-democracy
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)	Civil liberties	www.aclu.org
Brennan Center for Justice	Policy & research	www.brennancenter.org
My Faith Votes	Faith & civic participation	myfaithvotes.org
Cities Vote	Local elections	www.citiesvote.org
Black Voters Matter	Community mobilization	blackvotersmatterfund.org
National Association of Evangelicals	Faith & public life	www.nae.org
League of Women Voters	Voter education	www.lwv.org
Election Protection	Voter assistance	866ourvote.org

CHAPTER 5 — PROTECTING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS: GUARDRAILS AND THE RULE OF LAW

ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
Brennan Center for Justice	Courts & democratic guardrails	secure.brennancenter.org
Protect Democracy	Rule of law & accountability	protectdemocracy.org
National Constitution Center	Constitutional literacy	constitutioncenter.org
American Civil Liberties Union	Civil liberties & due process	www.aclu.org
Campaign Legal Center	Ethics & democratic accountability	campaignlegal.org
Federalist Society	Judicial philosophy & separation of powers	fedsoc.org
Ethics and Public Policy Center	Constitutional governance & norms	eppc.org

CHAPTER 6 — RIGHTS, POWER, AND THE RULE OF LAW

ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
American Civil Liberties Union	Litigation, advocacy & public education	www.aclu.org
National Lawyers Guild	Civil rights & protest protection	www.nlg.org
Brennan Center for Justice	Research, litigation & policy analysis	secure.brennancenter.org
Judicial Watch	FOIA litigation & government oversight	www.judicialwatch.org
Institute for Justice	Public-interest litigation	www.ij.org
Federalist Society	Legal scholarship & debate	fedsoc.org

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CHAPTER 7 — EDUCATION AND DEMOCRACY: WHO DECIDES WHAT WE LEARN — AND WHY IT MATTERS

ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
The Education Trust (EdTrust)	Education equity & funding	edtrust.org
Facing History and Ourselves	Civic education & pluralism	www.facinghistory.org
American Council on Education	Higher education policy	www.acenet.edu
American Association of Colleges & Universities (AAC&U;)	Liberal education & civic learning	www.aacu.org
National Association of Scholars	Academic standards & intellectual diversity	www.nas.org
50CAN	Education reform & family empowerment	50can.org
Fordham Institute	Education policy research	fordhaminstitute.org
iCivics	Civic education	vision.icivics.org
National Constitution Center	Constitutional literacy	constitutioncenter.org
Campus Compact	Civic engagement in higher education	compact.org

CHAPTER 8 — FREEDOM OF SPEECH: WHO CONTROLS INFORMATION?

ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
Committee to Protect Journalists	Press freedom	www.cpj.org
Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press	Legal defense	www.rcfp.org
PEN America	Free expression	www.pen.org
News Literacy Project	Media literacy	www.newslit.org
AllSides	Media balance	www.allsides.com
ProPublica	Investigative journalism	www.propublica.org
Electronic Frontier Foundation	Digital rights	www.eff.org
Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression	Speech & due process	www.thefire.org
Trust Project	Media trust	www.thetrustproject.org

CHAPTER 9 — IMMIGRATION: BORDERS, BELONGING, AND THE RULE OF LAW

ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
National Immigration Law Center	Due process and legal equality	www.nilc.org
Migration Policy Institute	Independent research	www.migrationpolicy.org
American Immigration Council	Public education	www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org
RAICES	Direct legal services	raicestexas.org
Catholic Legal Immigration Network	Local legal capacity	www.cliniclegal.org
International Detention Coalition	Detention alternatives	idcoalition.org
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants	Refugee protection	refugees.org
United We Dream	Civic engagement	unitedwedream.org

CHAPTER 10 — WHY ECONOMIC FAIRNESS MATTERS TO DEMOCRACY

ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
Economic Policy Institute	Wages & labor standards	www.epi.org
National Employment Law Project	Worker protections	www.nelp.org
Public Citizen	Corporate accountability	www.citizen.org
Americans for Financial Reform	Financial accountability	ourfinancialsecurity.org
National Low Income Housing Coalition	Housing access	nlihc.org
Project on Government Oversight	Oversight & accountability	www.pogo.org

CHAPTER 11 — HEALTHCARE ACCESS: WHO DECIDES WHAT CARE YOU RECEIVE

ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)	Patient rights & bodily autonomy	www.aclu.org
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)	Disability access	dredf.org
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)	Disability rights	www.ndrn.org
National Council on Disability (NCD)	Policy oversight	www.ncd.gov
Patients Rising	Patient choice	www.patientsrising.org
Patient Advocate Foundation	Care navigation	www.panfoundation.org
Families USA	Healthcare affordability & access	familiesusa.org

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ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
AARP	Aging & healthcare access	www.aarp.org
Cato Institute – Health Policy Studies	Healthcare freedom	www.cato.org/health-care
Ethics and Public Policy Center	Bioethics & governance	eppc.org

CHAPTER 12 — ENGAGE ACROSS DIFFERENCES

ORGANIZATION	WHAT IT RELATES TO	WEBSITE
Braver Angels	Structured red/blue dialogue	braverangels.org
Search for Common Ground	Dialogue & collaborative conflict resolution	www.sfcg.org
Living Room Conversations	Small-group guided discussions	livingroomconversations.org
Bridge Alliance	Network reducing polarization	www.bridgealliance.us
Unite America	Electoral reforms	uniteamerica.org
Listen First Project	Listening as civic practice	www.listenfirstproject.org

YOUR SHORTLIST

Choose up to three organizations to investigate further. Use the Part 1 checklist before deciding whether to join, volunteer, donate, or otherwise participate.

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2. _____
3. _____



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