



# 2024 SNAPSHOT

# We protected refugees and asylum seekers

We secured asylum for 382 individuals and their families, including **Afghan allies seeking safety in the United States after their assistance to the American effort in their home country left them vulnerable to retribution from the Taliban.**

# 2,000+

partnerships with lawyers and firms **generously giving their time and expertise**

Our pro bono network allowed us to support asylum seekers through legal clinics and other direct services.

Our advocacy, fortified by our **research from the US-Mexico border**, informed reports and federal court rulings that upheld protections for refugees.



Refugee Protection team conducting research and training at the U.S.-Mexico border



# We supported human right defenders

This year, we honored **Clare Byarugaba**, one of the few human rights activists publicly **demanding rights for LGBTQI+ Ugandans** despite the threat of harsh legal penalties, with our William D. Zabel Human Rights Award.

In Northern Ireland, after **decades of research and advocacy on the case of the murdered human rights lawyer**, Pat Finucane, we finally saw progress against state impunity.



Board member Niithya Thadani presenting Zabel Award to Clarre Byarugaba at October's Annual Award Celeebratiion in NYC

After years of work to keep his case from being forgotten, we were able to celebrate the release of

**VLADIMIR  
KARA-  
MURZA**

from imprisonment in Russia.



On Ukraine's front lines, we equipped activists to document war crimes and **assisted civilian evacuations**.

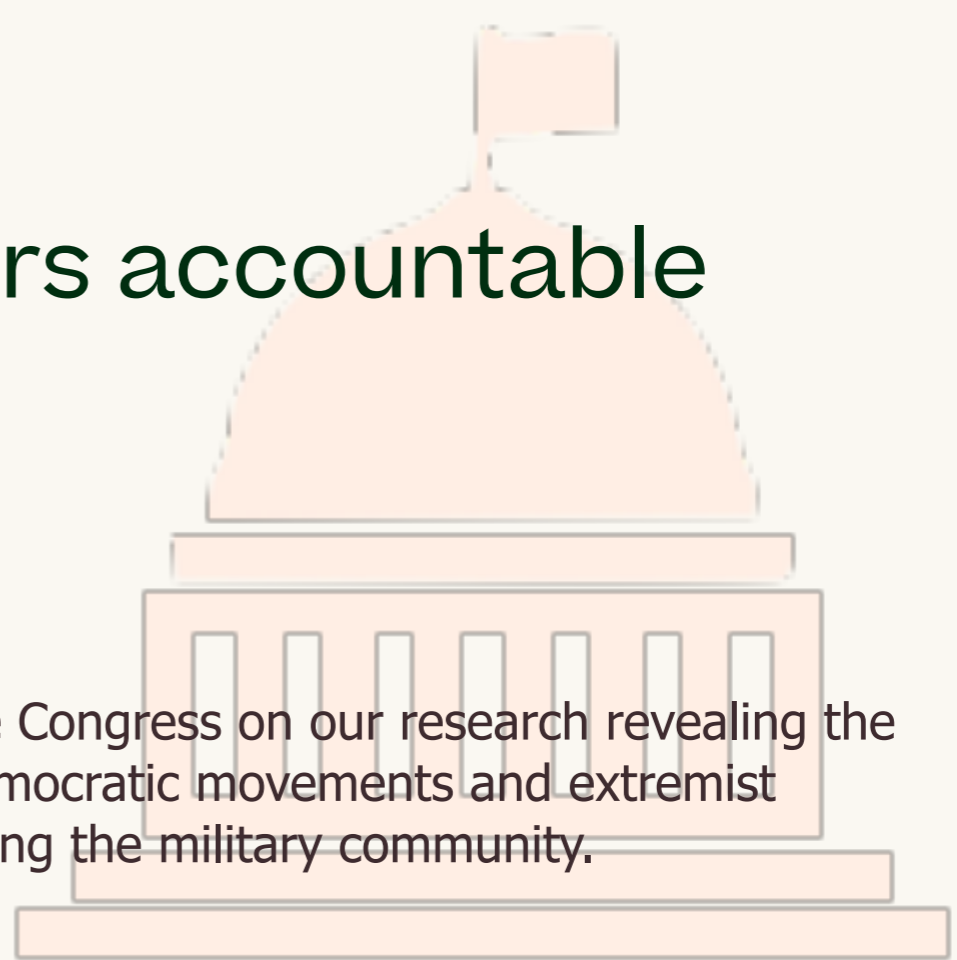
# We held extremists and abusers accountable

With the law firm Foley Hoag, we **successfully sued the Neo-nazi group Patriot Front** for committing a violent, racist hate crime.



President & CEO Sue Hendrickson with plaintiff in Patriot Front case

We testified before Congress on our research revealing the dangers of anti-democratic movements and extremist recruitment targeting the military community.



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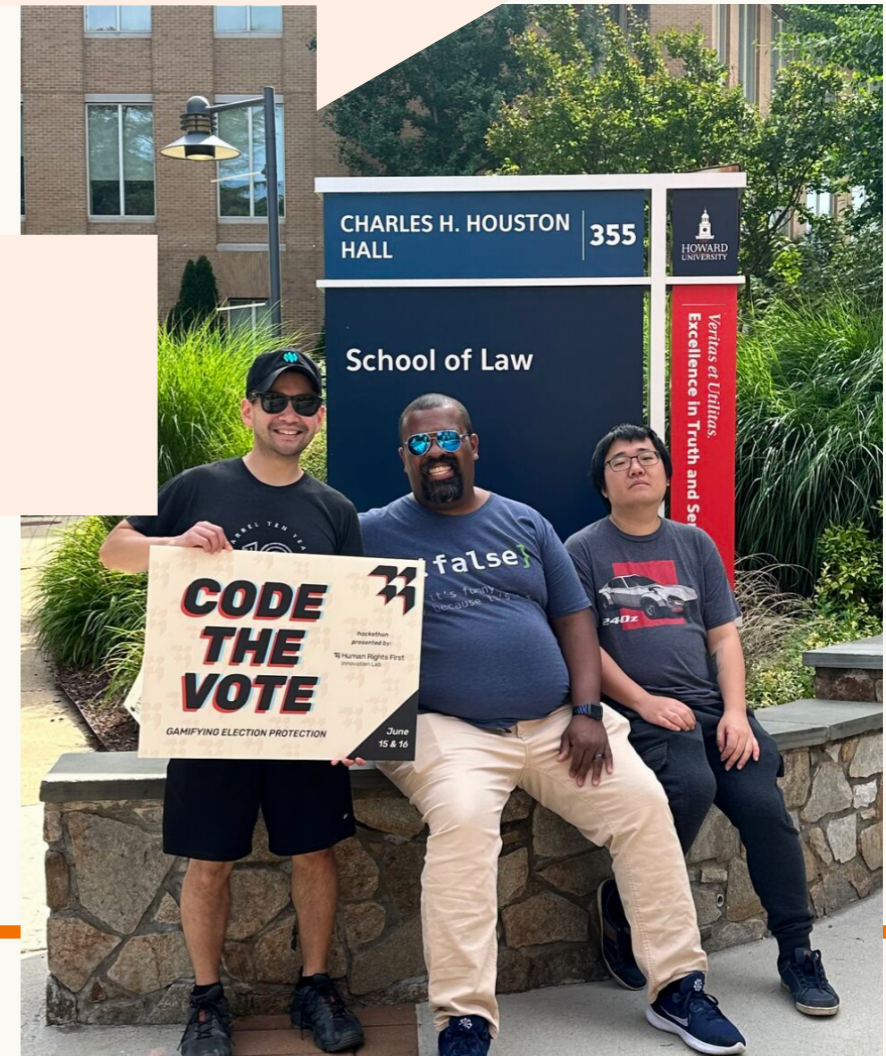
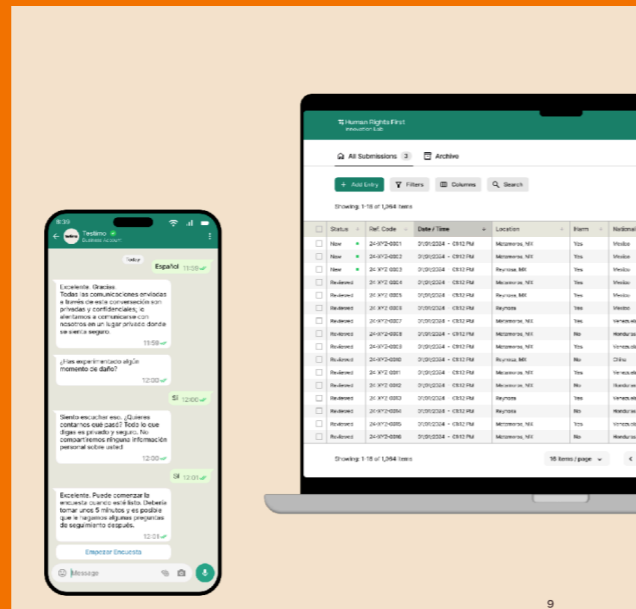
We furthered accountability by **advancing Magnitsky sanctions against human rights violators and corrupt officials in over 10 countries.**

# We innovated to empower human rights advocates

Our Innovation Lab prototyped new tools designed to advance the work of advocates,

including **itestimo!** a platform that streamlines the secure collection of survivor testimony

and the AI Asylum Assistant, which will simplify complex legal processes and expand access to justice for asylum seekers.



We convened our first-ever **Hackathon** at Howard University. More than 120 students from around the country joined us to apply new ideas and technology to the challenge of protecting democracy, combatting disinformation, and strengthening civic engagement.

Human Rights First was founded in 1978 to address the lack of legal protection for refugees and asylum seekers. We work alongside human rights defenders, hold human rights abusers accountable, fight for the conditions that uphold democracy, and provide tools that bring the power of AI and advanced technologies to justice and human rights movements.

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