



# MEDIA KIT



**THE FORCED REMOVAL AND MASS INCARCERATION** of Japanese Americans during World War II is one of the most notorious cases of racial profiling in United States history. It is also one of the least known. As a young American man interned in a U.S. prison camp during World War II, **Fred Korematsu** learned firsthand about the poisonous consequences of prejudice. As an adult, he was determined to share his story because he believed education and remembrance are our greatest tools against injustice. *continued →*

*Fred Korematsu after receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom, 1998.* PHOTOGRAPHED BY SHIRLEY NAKAO



**INSPIRED BY HIS LEGACY** of truth-telling and his half-century-long battle for justice, the institute that bears Fred Korematsu’s name has the mission of educating to advance racial equity, social justice, and human rights for all. The Fred T. Korematsu Institute distributes free multimedia Curriculum Toolkits offering guidance for educators, hosts teacher workshops and public events, and builds partnerships with social-justice education organizations nationwide. Since 2009, it has worked alongside state legislators to establish a national holiday honoring Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during WWII: The Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution.

In 2012, Korematsu became the first Asian American to be featured in the Smithsonian Institution’s permanent exhibition “Struggle for Justice” at the National Portrait Gallery.

**IN TELLING FRED KOREMATSU’S STORY** along with those of other notable civil rights heroes, the Korematsu Institute enriches our nation’s social justice narrative. Fred Korematsu’s inspiring life proves how a single individual can honor the U.S. Constitution, promote global environmental awareness and human rights, and contribute a significant chapter previously missing in American history. The Korematsu Institute draws attention to present-day civil rights discrimination and political scapegoating, including the mass incarcerations, anti-immigrant sentiment, and Islamophobia that make headlines daily.

**BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO**, the Korematsu Institute was founded as a local community and education program to inspire students and the public by sharing Fred Korematsu’s American story. The Institute broadened its mandate in 2010 when California established Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution. Now a national organization, its vision is to uphold everyone’s human and civil rights by encouraging people to, in Fred Korematsu’s words, “stand up for what is right.”

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## BIOGRAPHIES

### Karen Korematsu

Founder and Executive Director

**KAREN KOREMATSU IS THE FOUNDER** and Executive Director of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute.

Since her father's passing in 2005, Karen has carried on Fred Korematsu's legacy as a public speaker, educator, and civil rights advocate. To promote their mutual passion for social justice and education, in 2009 she established the Fred T. Korematsu Institute to advance racial equity, social justice, and human rights for all.

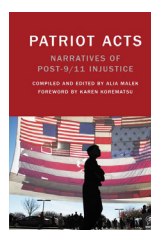
While the Korematsu Institute focuses primarily on K-12 education, Karen speaks to public and private schools, colleges and universities, law schools, teachers' conferences, and business, media, and advocacy organizations across the country. She has been the subject of hundreds of national and international radio, television, and print media interviews and articles.

Karen's work, like her father's legacy, extends beyond the experiences of Japanese Americans to advocating for civil liberties for all communities, and she addresses current political and social issues that draw upon the lessons of history. She has signed a number of amicus briefs, notably on cases arising from violations of constitutional rights following 9/11, including *Trump v. Hawaii*, *Hassan v. City of New York*, *Hedges v. Obama*, *Turkman v. Ashcroft*, and *Odah v. United States*. She wrote the foreword to the award-winning journalist Alia Malek's *Patriot Acts: Narratives of Post-9/11 Injustice* (McSweeney's/Voice of Witness, 2011), hailed by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as a "moving collection of true stories that may help us all to ponder more deeply and clearly."

Karen has received numerous national and civic honors, including the Muslim Advocates' Voice of Freedom Award and the Key to the City of Dearborn, Michigan.

### Select Awards and Honors

<b>Chief Justice Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award</b> , ACLU-Northern California, 2017	for Social Studies, United Federation of Teachers: Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, 2015
<b>Voice of Freedom Award</b> , Muslim Advocates, 2016	<b>Bentley School Freedom Award</b> , Lafayette, CA, 2011
<b>Key to the City of Dearborn, Michigan</b> , presented by Dearborn Mayor John B. O'Reilly Jr., 2015	<b>Commitment to Social Justice Award</b> , Iranian American Bar Association of Northern California, 2011
<b>Isidore Starr Civic Engagement Award</b> , Association of Teachers	



### Patriot Acts:

### Narratives

### of Post-9/11

### Injustice, with

### a foreword

### by Karen

### Korematsu



Karen  
Korematsu

### Select Articles and Interviews

**PBS:** *Democracy Now* with Amy Goodman, "My Father Resisted Japanese Internment....," interview, April 27, 2018

**WYNC:** Radiolab Presents, "More Perfect: American Pendulum I," podcast interview, October 1, 2017

**Washington Post:** "My Father Resisted Japanese Internment. Trump's Travel Ban Is Just as Unfair," op-ed, December 4, 2017

**Judicial Council of California,** Center for Judiciary Education and Research: "Continuing the Dialogue," broadcast on the documentary *A Legacy of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred T. Korematsu Story*, May 2015

**History Channel:** *10 Things You Don't Know About*, interview about Japanese American Imprisonment during WWII and Fred Korematsu, August 30, 2014

**NPR:** *Talk of the Nation*, "The Legacy of Civil Rights Leader Fred Korematsu," radio interview, January 31, 2012

**CBS5 TV:** "Bay Area Honors Man Who Refused WWII Internment," interview, January 30, 2011

**KQED:** "Wherever There's a Fight," interview, July 28, 2010

**KQED:** "Looking Back at Japanese American Internment," interview, December 5, 2007 *continued* →



## BIOGRAPHIES

### Akemi Johnson

*Development and Communications Associate Director*

**AKEMI IS A WRITER, EDUCATOR,** and nonprofit professional whose passion for the Korematsu Institute's mission stems from her own family history. Her maternal grandparents were among the thousands of Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II, an experience they didn't speak about during their lives. Now, Akemi is thrilled to help tell her family's story and those of others through the Institute's work.

She has contributed to the development departments at KQED public media in San Francisco and the University of Hawaii, and created communications materials for the Asia Foundation in Cambodia. Akemi taught writing at George Washington University, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and University of Iowa. She holds an M.F.A. in fiction writing from Iowa Writers' Workshop and an A.B. in East Asian Studies from Brown University. As a Fulbright scholar in Japan, she reported on local communities and the U.S. military presence in the southern prefecture. Her first book, *Night in the American Village: Women in the Shadow of the U.S. Military Bases on Okinawa*, will be published by the New Press in 2019. As a writer, Akemi had written for *The Nation*, NPR's *Code Switch*, *Travel + Leisure*, Anthony Bourdain's *Explore Parts Unknown*, and other publications and media.

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### Akshaya Natarajan

*Administrative Assistant*

**A STUDENT OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY,** Akshaya graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2017 with a B.A. in Political Science and Asian American Studies. She received the Yuri Kochiyama Award for Activism and Community Service for her campus activism. During an academic year abroad at the National University of Singapore, one of Asia's top universities, she was a student of South and Southeast Asian cultures and history. Akshaya plans to attain her J.D. and become an immigration and civil rights attorney, with the intention of furthering the legacy of legal advocacy of activists like Fred Korematsu.

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## FREQUENTLY *asked* QUESTIONS

**What is the Fred T. Korematsu Institute?**

**We are an educational nonprofit focused on educating the public and the next generation to advance racial equity, social justice, and human rights.**

**When was the Institute founded?**

The Fred T. Korematsu Institute was founded in 2009 as a program of the Asian Law Caucus.

**Is the Fred T. Korematsu Institute a non-profit organization?**

From 2009 to 2017 we were under fiscal sponsorship. Since July 2017, we have been an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Tax I.D. #81-340097).

**Does the Institute work with other nonprofit organizations?**

We work with a great variety of education partners, including:

- » Presidio Trust
- » National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS)
- » Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA (AAJC-LA)
- » Japanese American National Museum (JANM)
- » Voice of Witness
- » Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
- » Japanese American Museum of San Jose
- » Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project
- » National Council of the Social Studies (NCSS)

California passed the Fred Korematsu Day bill in 2010, making January 30 the first day in the United States named after an Asian American.

The Fred Korematsu Institute became an independent nonprofit organization in 2017.

**What are your events and activities?**

We hold teacher workshops that provide professional development for educators. The workshops give guidance on teaching difficult topics like the Japanese American incarceration and its connections to the present. We share our Curriculum Toolkits, developed specifically for educators, and celebrate Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution annually at public events around January 30, the recognized day of commemoration.

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## FREQUENTLY *asked* QUESTIONS



*Fred Korematsu at the White House with President Clinton after receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom, January 15, 1998.*

### Who was Fred Korematsu?

**Fred Korematsu** (1919–2005) was an Oakland, California-born Japanese American who refused to follow military orders demanding the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII. Fred fought his case all the way to the Supreme Court, drawing attention to the unconstitutionality of incarceration of U.S. citizens without due process. Though he lost the Supreme Court decision in 1944, Fred's federal conviction was vacated in a 1983 coram nobis decision, after evidence surfaced that government lawyers had lied to the Supreme Court regarding the alleged threat posed by Japanese Americans during the war. In recognition of his lifelong dedication to civil liberties, on January 15, 1998, Fred Korematsu received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

**Who benefits from the Korematsu Institute and the resources it provides?**

**We educate children, community leaders, and civil rights advocates by providing curriculum resources and professional development to teachers throughout the United States and around the world.**

### Where is the Institute located?

Our headquarters are in the Presidio of San Francisco. Now a national park, this former military post is where General John L. DeWitt signed the orders that imprisoned more than 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII. Fred Korematsu was held in this location after his arrest for violating those orders.

### Clickable Links for Your Convenience

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# Korematsu Institute Curriculum Toolkits are being used by educators all 50 states.



The Korematsu Institute donates approximately 1,000 Toolkits per year to educators, reaching nearly 1.3 million students.\*

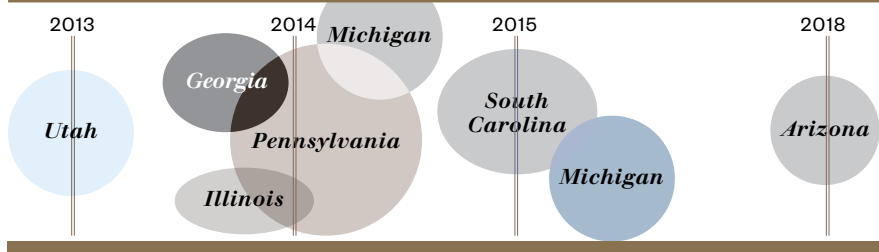
\*Represents the number of students reached only for the year the Curriculum Toolkit was requested. Since teachers reuse the materials year after year, the true impact of the educational materials is far greater. Educators in 15 foreign countries have received Toolkits, as well.

## Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution

### STATES AND CITIES THAT HAVE RECOGNIZED Fred Korematsu Day IN PERPETUITY

<i>Hawaii</i>	<i>Virginia</i>	<i>Florida</i>	<i>New York City</i>
JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2015	MARCH 2015	DECEMBER 2017
Civil Liberties and the Constitution honoring Fred Korematsu legislative bill signed	Governor issued a proclamation recognizing Fred Korematsu Day	Legislative bill signed	New York City Council Resolution

### STATES THAT HAVE RECOGNIZED Fred Korematsu Day BY PROCLAMATION





## TESTIMONIALS

### **“Curriculum Writing Institute 2017” Teacher Workshop**

*(Participant Feedback)*

“Really appreciate the tools we were given, the structure, the pace...taking away so much.”

“This was one of the most beneficial institutes I have attended in my teaching career. Thank you! I hope I contributed because this contributed so much for me.”

“I enjoyed learning and sharing. It has me thinking about what I do in the classroom and what is important.”

“This was the best professional experience I have ever had. I am so grateful to have been invited. I am leaving with lots of questions and am eager to read more by Kevin (Kumashiro) and Mr. Omi. Thank you again so much.”

### **Manzanar National Historic Site Workshop**

“This is a great resource, as the New York State Regents Exam in U.S. History annually asks about *Korematsu v. United States*.”

*Jeffrey Henley*  
Greece Odyssey Academy  
Greece Central Schools  
Rochester, NY

### **“A Legacy of Civil Wrongs and Rights” Workshop**

*Kern County High School  
District, Bakersfield, CA*

“Very informative and provides great background info that I can share with my kids to show how important our Constitution is.”

*Meredith James*  
Foothill High School

“These materials will greatly impact my teaching of civil rights.”

*Kelly Kristen*  
Kern Valley High School

“Thank you so much for your dedication and for your kindness. I promise to continue to share Mr. Korematsu’s story to teach a new generation of students about his struggle that has now become our struggle. I’m truly inspired!”

*Aleida Rojas*  
Arvin High School

## VIA EMAIL

“My class has been studying Fred Korematsu as a part of our unit on American Heroes. I have a copy of the Teachers Guide, and when I read the letter in it from Karen Korematsu to my class, they were inspired to write her a letter in return.”

*Flo Dickerson*  
Second Grade Teacher  
San Lorenzo, CA

**“Your materials have provided me with the ability to share with students the enormous effect that discrimination has on communities, and also share with them what an American hero looks like.**

**“The students were moved by the story and really reflected on their own images and perceptions of people’s identities. I had the students draw both an American and a Japanese person. The stereotypes were discussed. I emphasized how communities are changing, and appearance shouldn’t be cause for discrimination. And this activity was then connected to Fred Korematsu’s battle with the U.S. government.**

**“I hope you will be as proud as me to know that 288 students in a small countryside town in Gunma Prefecture now know the story of the Japanese American experience—as well as Fred Korematsu’s incredible fight for justice. I’m so excited just typing this email.”**

*Kristy Ishii*  
Teacher at Tatara Junior High School  
Tatebayashi-shi  
Gunma, Japan

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## 2018

"I've never felt safe in a place I've called my home for nearly 25 years. But because of Martin Luther King, James Baldwin, and Toni Morrison, because of Fred Korematsu, Dolores Huerta, and Harvey Milk, and many others, I feel American. Their struggle for a better America @DefineAmerican to me."

*José Antonio Vargas*  
@joseiswriting

"On #FredKorematsuDay I'm grateful for his work and legacy. Last month I had the honor of reflecting with the Faith and Politics Institute learning from Fred Korematsu's daughter Karen about the unconscionable WWII internments and the power of redemption. #neveragain #justice."

((sfpelosi))  
@sfpelosi

"Fred Korematsu dedicated his life to fighting against racism & bigotry. His selfless work against the unjust incarceration of over 120k Japanese Americans during WWII continues to inspire generations of Americans to confront ignorance & hatred with the light & love of the Aloha spirit."

*Rep. Tulsi Gabbard*  
@TulsiPress

"During WWII Fred Korematsu of Oakland resisted EO 9066 and challenged the internment of Japanese Americans at the SCOTUS. He dedicated his life to fighting prejudice, and today his daughter, Karen, follows in his footsteps. Humbled by their legacy of hope & resistance. #DayOfRemembrance."

*Rep. Barbara Lee,*  
@RepBarbaraLee

"Have you heard about the great work being done by the Fred T. Korematsu Institute? It's worth looking into."

*California State Library*

"I learned so much meeting the great Karen Korematsu and @lin\_freda of the @KorematsuInstitute at #AAAS18. If you teach about the Japanese American concentration camps, Fred Korematsu, the law, etc., order one of their teaching kits."

*Leah Milne*  
@DrMLovesLit

"One of the great moments today was chatting with Karen Korematsu, daughter of Fred, who sat in on *Trump v. Hawaii* because she knows what's going on."

*Charles P. Pierce*  
@CharlesPPierce

## SOCIAL *media* TESTIMONIALS

## 2017

"Our family has dear friends, Japanese-American citizens, who were imprisoned in the camps in the United States during WWII. It took 40 years, but Fred Korematsu won the Presidential Medal of Freedom for standing up for social justice."

*Susan Dixon*

"It may take time to prove you're right, but you have to stick to it" #FredKorematsu, Thank you for taking a stance against discrimination."

*Mayor Ed Lee*  
@mayoredlee

"I show students in my Race/Ethnicity class the excellent documentary, *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The #FredKorematsu Story.*"

*Professor Fleming*  
@alwaystheself

"A good person to remember in today's political climate. #FredKorematsu #HappyBirthday."

*Zoe Saldana*  
@zoessaldana

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"Karen Korematsu, Executive Director of the @KorematsuInstitute, and daughter of Fred Korematsu, reminds United States of her father's legacy as she declares #NoMuslimBanEver #StopRepeatingHistory."

*Asian Law Caucus*  
@aaaj\_alc



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## SOCIAL *media* TESTIMONIALS

### 2016

“We are reminded of  
#FredKorematsu’s legacy  
through his daughter Karen  
@korematsu. We need to  
say “NO MORE.” #AJC2016”

*Sons & Brothers*  
@sonsandbros

“We are so lucky to have  
had Karen speak to our  
teachers about this judicial  
precedent. Her presentations  
have inspired the work of  
teachers in California and  
well beyond.”

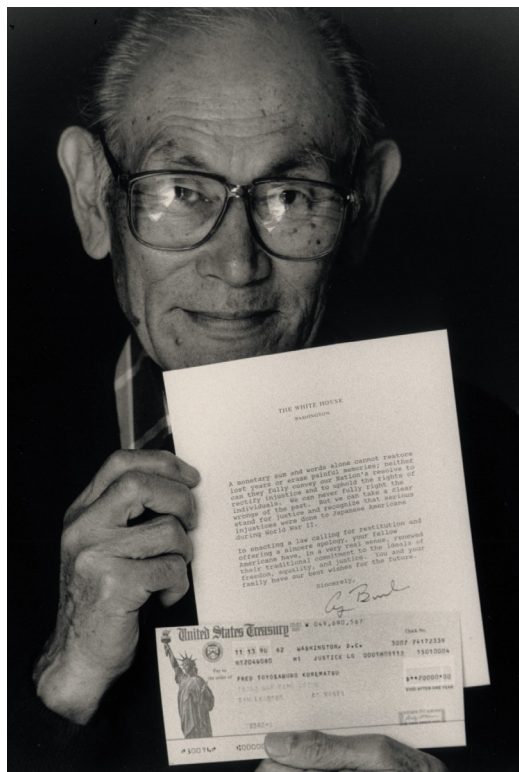
*University of California, Berkeley,  
History Social Science Project*

“Tomorrow is Fred Korematsu  
Day in California, Hawaii,  
and several other states.  
Went to a fundraiser in  
his honor today that will  
help educate thousands  
of children about our  
civil liberties, and our  
civic duty to stand against  
injustice in all its forms.”

*Lorrie Tanioka*

“Thank you so much for  
your ongoing support for  
the American Muslim  
community. This is why  
I have tried to attend  
the Day of Remembrance  
event with my kids every  
year in Chicago, where  
I live. I am very grateful  
for your principled stand  
as a community against  
the proposed internment  
of Muslims since 9/11.  
May we learn from your  
struggle and sacrifices,  
and may we face this  
difficulty with courage  
and commitment to the  
rights of all Americans.”

*Siddiqui Samana*



*Fred Korematsu  
holds his  
formal letter  
of redress and  
compensation  
check for  
\$20,000, 1990.*

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SHIRLEY NAKAO

“Fears and prejudices  
directed against  
minority communities  
are too easy to evoke  
and exaggerate, often  
to serve the political  
agendas of those who  
promote those fears.  
I know what it is like  
to be at the other end  
of such scapegoating.”

—FRED KOREMATSU

September 16, 2004  
*San Francisco Chronicle*  
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## MEDIA coverage TIMELINE

# Trump v. Hawaii

## Did the Supreme Court overrule the *Korematsu* decision?

### 2018

#### “How the Supreme Court Replaced One Injustice With Another”

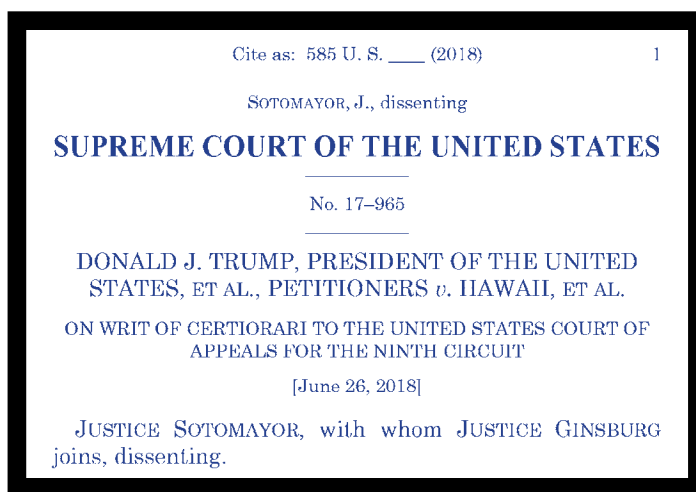
—*New York Times*, June 26, 2018

“As Justice Sonia Sotomayor explained in her dissent, ‘This formal repudiation of a shameful precedent is laudable and long overdue. But it does not make the majority’s decision here acceptable or right’ ...

“My father spent his life fighting for justice and educating people about the inhumanity of the Japanese-American incarceration, so that we would learn from our mistakes. Although he would be somewhat glad his case was finally overruled, he would be upset that it was cited while upholding discrimination against another marginalized group. The court’s decision replaced one injustice with another nearly 75 years later.

“My father would still say, ‘Stand up for what is right.’”—*Karen Korematsu*

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Download the Trump v. Hawaii decision (above), which includes Justices Sotomayor’s and Ginsburg’s dissent: [bit.do/SupremeDecision2018](https://bit.do/SupremeDecision2018)



In the intervening years since *Korematsu*, our Nation has done much to leave its sordid legacy behind. ... Today, the Court takes the important step of finally overruling *Korematsu*, denouncing it as ‘gravely wrong the day it was decided.’ ... This formal repudiation of a shameful precedent is laudable and long overdue. But it does not make the majority’s decision here acceptable or right. By blindly accepting the Government’s misguided invitation to sanction a discriminatory policy motivated by animosity toward a disfavored group, all in the name of a superficial claim of national security, the Court redeploys the same dangerous logic underlying *Korematsu* and merely replaces one ‘gravely wrong’ decision with another.”

—*Dissenting opinion to Trump vs. Hawaii by Justice Sotomayor, joined by Justice Ginsburg*  
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# Trump v. Hawaii

2018 *continued*

**“Supreme Court Finally Rejects Infamous Korematsu Decision on Japanese-American Internment”**

—CNN

**“[Chief Justice John] Roberts was troubled enough with the comparison ... that he did something that no party involved in the travel ban case had expressly asked for: He announced that the Supreme Court was overruling Korematsu. Sotomayor’s dissent, Roberts said, ‘affords this Court the opportunity to make express what is already obvious: Korematsu was gravely wrong the day it was decided, has been overruled in the court of history, and—to be clear—has no place in law under the Constitution.’”**

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***A New Generation Asks, “What Would You Do?”***

any ordinary  
citizen can  
stand up for  
what is right



In response to the Trump administration’s travel ban and the increasingly inhumane policies of separating and incarcerating families on our southern border, the Korematsu Institute produced a Public Service Announcement aimed at both students and legislators, imploring them to address this injustice. The PSA’s release date of January 30, 2019 was chosen to commemorate what would have been Fred Korematsu’s 100th birthday. It was directed by the Emmy Award-winning director of the film *Of Civil Wrongs & Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story*.

## IN *the* NEWS...

**ACLU National:** “The Supreme Court’s Disingenuous Funeral Ceremony for Korematsu”

[bit.do/DecisionACLU2018](https://bit.do/DecisionACLU2018)

**Bloomberg:** “Four Things to Know About the Travel Ban Opinions”

[bit.do/BloombergBreyer2018](https://bit.do/BloombergBreyer2018)

**C-Span:** “Senator Jeff Merkley: ‘We Must Not Allow Internment Camps’”

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Senator Jeff Merkley,  
*August 1, 2018*

**Fortune magazine:** “Sotomayor and Ginsburg Issue Scathing Dissent of SCOTUS Travel Ban Decision”

[bit.do/SotomayorDissent2018](https://bit.do/SotomayorDissent2018)

**New York Times:** “For Survivors of Japanese Internment Camps, Court’s Korematsu Ruling Is ‘Bittersweet’”

[bit.do/NYTBittersweet2018](https://bit.do/NYTBittersweet2018)

**Time magazine:** “The Supreme Court Finally Said Her Father Was Right About Japanese Internment. But Karen Korematsu Isn’t Happy”

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## MEDIA coverage TIMELINE

### 2018 *continued*

#### **“Celebrating First Annual Fred Korematsu Day”**

—*Queens Gazette*

New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm, Fred T. Korematsu Institute Executive Director Karen Korematsu, and Council Members Margaret Chin and Peter Koo celebrate the first Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution in New York City, February 8, 2018. Council Member Dromm represents one of the most diverse districts in New York City, and introduced Resolution 792 to recognize January 30, 2018 as Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution.

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#### **“As the Supreme Court Considers Trump’s Travel Ban, Some Want Justices to Remember a Case They Decided 74 Years Ago”**

—*Public Radio International*

“When the U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments in a legal challenge to President Donald Trump’s travel ban, the justices may think back to an infamous decision from 1944. That year, the high court ruled in *Korematsu v. United States* that Japanese Americans could lawfully be sent to concentration camps during World War II. In a decision that legal scholars now almost universally view as shameful and wrong, the court accepted the government’s stance that President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Executive Order 9066 authorizing the mass incarceration of more than 110,000 people was justified.”

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Gordon  
Hirabayashi,  
Minoru Yasui,  
and Fred  
Korematsu.  
Left: Their  
children, Karen  
Korematsu, Holly  
Yasui, and Jay  
Hirabayashi.



#### **“Children of Korematsu, Hirabayashi, Yasui File Supreme Court Brief Challenging Travel Ban”**

—*Rafu Shimpō/Los Angeles Japanese Daily News*

**“An amicus curiae group filed  
a Supreme Court brief March 30,  
2018 supporting the challengers  
in the ongoing Muslim travel  
ban litigation (*Trump v. Hawaii*)”**

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#### **“We Know Where This Can Go”**

—*Esquire*

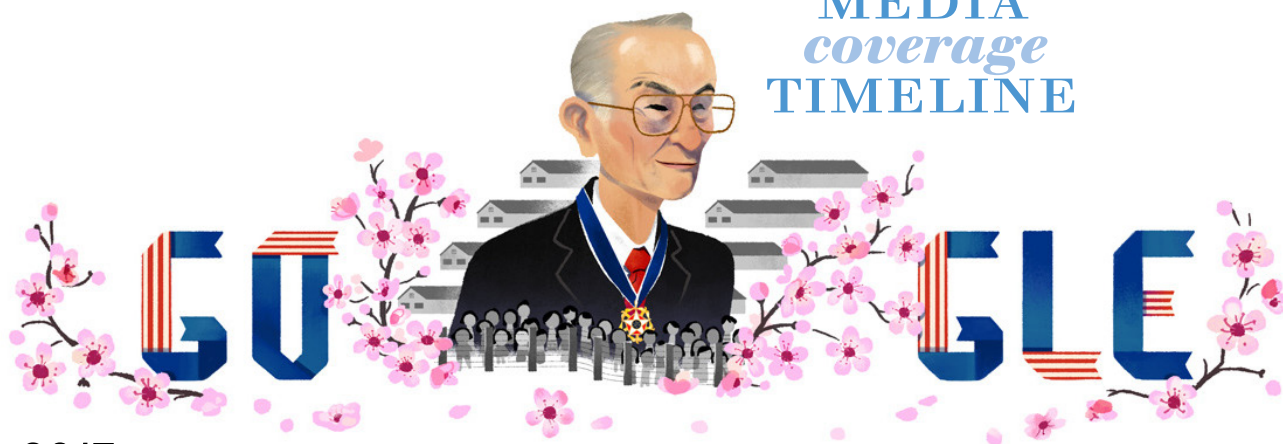
“It is said that we are dealing here with the case of imprisonment of a citizen in a concentration camp solely because of his ancestry, without evidence or inquiry concerning his loyalty and good disposition towards the United States. Our task would be simple, our duty clear, were this a case involving the imprisonment of a loyal citizen in a concentration camp because of racial prejudice. Regardless of the true nature of the assembly and relocation centers—and we deem it unjustifiable to call them concentration camps, with all the ugly connotations that term implies—we are dealing specifically with nothing but an exclusion order.”—*Justice Hugo Black*

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BOB HSIANG (TOP),  
JAPANESE AMERICAN  
NATIONAL MUSEUM  
(BOTTOM)



## MEDIA coverage TIMELINE



### 2017

**“Google Doodle Honors Fred Korematsu, Activist Who Fought U.S. Internment of Japanese Americans” —*Time***

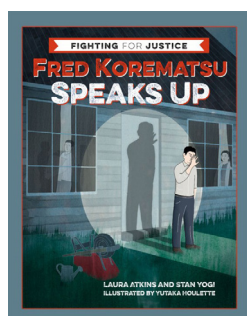
“Civil rights activist Fred Korematsu, an Oakland native who fought the government’s internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, was honored by Google Doodle on Monday, January 30, 2017, on what would have been his 98<sup>TH</sup> birthday.” [bit.do/FredDoodle2017](http://bit.do/FredDoodle2017)

**“New Book on Civil Rights Icon Fred Korematsu Challenges Youth to Speak Up for Justice”**

—*NBC News*

“*Fred Korematsu Speaks Up*, written by Laura Atkins and Stan Yogi and illustrated by Yutaka Houlette, is... released on January 30, 2017. It shows how a young Korematsu was just like other Americans who liked listening to music on the radio and playing tennis. The book also covers how he first evaded and then fought the incarceration of Japanese Americans all the way to the Supreme Court.”

[bit.do/FredKidsBook2017](http://bit.do/FredKidsBook2017)



*Topaz War  
Relocation  
Center in 1943.*

PHOTOGRAPH  
FROM  
THE NATIONAL  
ARCHIVES

**“My Father Resisted Japanese Internment. Trump’s Travel Ban Is Just as Unfair.”**

—*Washington Post*

“We must stop repeating history by ignoring our past indiscretions. *Korematsu* is a reminder that while we may sometimes be afraid during times of crisis, fear should not prevail over our fundamental freedoms. The purpose of the Constitution is to protect the liberties that were given at the founding of our country.” —*Karen Korematsu*

[bit.do/FredResisted2017](http://bit.do/FredResisted2017)

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## MEDIA coverage TIMELINE

### 2017 *continued*

#### **“Fred Korematsu and Why His Story Still Matters Today”**

—*Al Jazeera*

“No one should ever be locked away simply because they share the same race, ethnicity, or religion as a spy or terrorist,” [Fred Korematsu] said. ‘If that principle was not learned from the internment of Japanese Americans, then these are very dangerous times for our democracy.’ He filed two amicus curiae briefs with the Supreme Court on behalf of American Muslims being held at the notorious Guantanamo Bay prison.”

[bit.do/FredStoryMatters2017](http://bit.do/FredStoryMatters2017)

#### **“When Lies Overruled Rights”**

—*New York Times*

**“Executive orders that go after specific groups under the guise of protecting the American people are not only unconstitutional, but morally wrong. My father, and so many other Americans of Japanese descent, were targets of just such an order during World War II.”**

—*Karen Korematsu*

[bit.do/LiesOverruledRights2017](http://bit.do/LiesOverruledRights2017)

New York  
City Council  
unanimously  
passed a  
resolution on  
December 19,  
2017, to  
honor Fred  
Korematsu

Day

Florida  
Senator Jack  
Latvala  
sponsored  
the Fred  
Korematsu  
Day resolution,  
2016

[bit.do/  
SenLatvala2016](http://bit.do/SenLatvala2016)



*Attorney Dale Minami, Fred Korematsu, and the ACLU's Ernest Besig, circa 1982.*

PHOTOGRAPHED  
BY SHIRLEY NAKAO

### 2016

#### **“House Democratic Floor Leader Singh Honors Civil Rights Hero”**

—*Michigan House Democrats.com*

“‘Standing here today with Karen Korematsu to speak out on behalf of all Americans seeking fair treatment and equal protection is truly an honor,’ House Democratic Floor Leader Sam Singh (D-East Lansing) said. ‘Earlier this session, I introduced House Bill 4595 to add Michigan to the growing number of states that officially recognize January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day. I am also pleased to sponsor a resolution to mark January 30, 2016, as Fred Korematsu Day, while my bill makes its way through the legislative process. I believe that understanding and recognizing past events are critical to our ongoing conversation around civil rights today.’”

[bit.do/SinghKorematsuDay2016](http://bit.do/SinghKorematsuDay2016)

#### **“Virginia to Celebrate Korematsu Day for First Time”**

—*NBC News*

“‘In 2015, the Virginia State Legislature unanimously passed a resolution to designate January 30 of each year, beginning in 2016, as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution in Virginia,’ Karen Korematsu, founder and executive director of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute and daughter of the late Fred Korematsu, told *NBC News*. ‘The Korematsu Institute worked with Delegate Mark Keam to draft and pass the resolution.’”

[bit.do/Virginia1stDay2016](http://bit.do/Virginia1stDay2016)

#### **“Re(ad)ressing Injustice: Korematsu Day Connects Japanese American Incarceration to Anti-Muslim Bigotry”**

—*Nichi Bei News*

“The Korematsu Institute presented its annual program for Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution with ‘Re(ad)ressing Racial Injustice: From Japanese American Incarceration to Anti-Muslim Bigotry’ at San Francisco’s Herbst Theatre. The evening addressed the parallels Muslims and people of Arabic descent face today with that of wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans.”

[bit.do/AntiMuslim2016](http://bit.do/AntiMuslim2016)

## MEDIA coverage TIMELINE

### 2015

**“Push Continues to Make Fred Korematsu Day a National Holiday”**  
—NBC News

“On January 30, 2015, California, Hawaii, Utah, Illinois, and Georgia officially commemorated Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution. Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Virginia still have related legislation pending.

‘Fred Korematsu is the first Asian American in U.S. history to have a statewide day named after him,’ said his daughter and Executive Director of the nonprofit Fred T. Korematsu Institute, Karen Korematsu. ‘The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has also urged the President and Congress to establish Fred Korematsu Day as a national holiday.’”

[bit.do/PushFredDay2015](http://bit.do/PushFredDay2015)



*Fort Snelling translators:  
“We owe them a great thanks and tribute,” said Karen Korematsu.*

PHOTOGRAPH  
FROM  
THE MINNESOTA  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**“‘Secret weapons’ of WWII: Exhibit Spotlights Japanese American Linguists”**  
—Minnesota Public Radio News

**“Karen Korematsu toured an exhibit [at Fort Snelling] that explores Japanese Americans involvement in World War II despite the government’s distrust. Approximately 6,000 helped the United States win the war by working at the Military Intelligence Language School. ... ‘I don’t know how we would have done it and won without them,’ Korematsu said. ‘We owe them a great thanks and tribute.’”**

[bit.do/JapaneseMIS2015](http://bit.do/JapaneseMIS2015)



**“Dromm Honors Civil Rights Worker”**  
—Queens Gazette

“During the United Federation of Teachers’ 55th Annual Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies conference, New York Council Member Daniel Dromm presented Karen Korematsu with a City Council Proclamation honoring her father’s important contribution to the Civil Rights movement.”

[bit.do/NYCityCouncilProclamation2015-](http://bit.do/NYCityCouncilProclamation2015-)





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## 2014

### **“Honoring a Japanese American Who Fought Against Internment Camps”**

— *National Public Radio*

“[January 30 was] Illinois’ first celebration of Fred Korematsu Day, making Illinois the fourth state to honor the Japanese American civil rights activist.”

[bit.do/HonoringFred2014](http://bit.do/HonoringFred2014)

### **“Georgia AAPI Celebrates Inaugural Fred Korematsu Day”**

— *Georgia Asian News*

“Members of Georgia’s Asian American community convened at the State Capitol to celebrate the 2014 AAPI [Asian American and Pacific Islanders] Legislative Day and Georgia’s inaugural Fred Korematsu Day. The event is also to honor the late Fred Korematsu’s civil rights activism. Karen Korematsu, Executive Director of Korematsu Institute and daughter of Fred Korematsu, delivered the keynote address. State Representative B.J. Pak shared proclamation HR 1155 declaring January 30, 2014, as the official Fred Korematsu Day in Georgia.”

[bit.do/1stFredDayGeorgia2014](http://bit.do/1stFredDayGeorgia2014)

## MEDIA coverage TIMELINE

## 2013

### **“State Schools Chief Tom Torlakson Urges Public to Observe Fred Korematsu Day”**

— *California Department of Education*

“State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson ... encouraged all Californians to take a moment during the last week of January to observe the third annual Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution, as well as participate in the Korematsu Day events throughout California.”

[bit.do/3rdFredDayCA2013](http://bit.do/3rdFredDayCA2013)



### **“Fred T. Korematsu Day”**

— Utah Office of Multicultural Affairs

**“Governor Gary R. Herbert proclaimed January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day. Representatives from the Topaz Board, the Korematsu Institute, JACL members, and other local dignitaries were present to commemorate this occasion.”**

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[bit.do/FredDayUT2013](http://bit.do/FredDayUT2013)



*Said Karen Korematsu to Hawai'i News Now, “I tell them that my father was an ordinary American that did extraordinary things, and they can make a difference as well.”*

### **“Gov. Abercrombie Declares Fred Korematsu Day in Hawaii”**

— *Hawaii News Now*

“‘Learning about people such as Fred Korematsu has proved how much of an unique and diverse country America is,’ said student Nicole Verdadero. These are the words that helped inspire Governor Abercrombie to declare today: Fred Korematsu Day in Hawaii. It acknowledges Korematsu’s efforts in changing history for Japanese Americans who faced racism after World War II.”

[bit.do/1stFredDayHawaii2013](http://bit.do/1stFredDayHawaii2013)



## MEDIA coverage TIMELINE



*Kathryn  
and Fred  
Korematsu  
in 2000, at  
the New York  
University  
School of Law,  
New York City.*

PHOTOGRAPHED  
BY LIA CHANG

### 2013 *continued*

#### **“Remembering Kathryn Korematsu”**

—*ACLU of Northern California*

“In Memory: Kathryn Korematsu, 1921–2013. The ACLU of Northern California mourns the death of Kathryn Korematsu, a teacher, organizer, and tenacious advocate for civil liberties. We came to know Kathryn as the unwavering supporter of her husband, Fred Korematsu, who was represented by the ACLU-NC in his challenge to the World War II internment of Japanese Americans. One of [his] attorneys, former ACLU-NC board member Lorraine Bannai, offered this remembrance: ‘[While working with Fred to overturn *Korematsu v. United States*] little did we know ... what an extraordinary gift we would receive in getting to know Kathryn. Kathryn was herself a force of nature, possessed of her own strong sense of right and wrong and commitment to justice,’ Bannai wrote.”

[bit.do/KathrynKorematsuObitACLU-NC2013](http://bit.do/KathrynKorematsuObitACLU-NC2013)



*Fred Korematsu  
(above, third  
from left)  
at his family  
nursery in 1940.*

PHOTOGRAPHED  
BY DOROTHEA  
LANGE

### 2012

#### **“Korematsu Photos Unveiled at Smithsonian Gallery”**

—*Rafu Shimpo/Los Angeles Japanese Daily News*

“The National Portrait Gallery commemorated Korematsu, one of the Japanese American community’s most iconic figures, by unveiling two photos of him in the ‘Struggle for Justice’ exhibit.”

[bit.do/FredSmithsonian2012](http://bit.do/FredSmithsonian2012)

#### **“A Father’s Legacy”**

—*Times Standard News*

“‘He was awarded [the Presidential Medal of Freedom] for his fight for justice, not only for himself, but for the 120,000 people who were incarcerated in World War II and for all Americans,’ said Karen Korematsu. ‘He fought so that this wouldn’t happen again to people just because they look like the enemy. After 9/11 those issues were all addressed again, and my father was one of the first to speak against racial profiling. There was rhetoric at the time about rounding up Muslims and putting them in concentration camps.’”

[bit.do/FredLegacy-2012](http://bit.do/FredLegacy-2012)





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### 2011

#### **“First-Ever Fred Korematsu Day Recalls WWII Internment”** —EGPNews

“The new ‘special day of significance’ bears the full name of Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution, reflecting an emphasis by the Korematsu Institute...and the authors of the bill, to make this holiday about the wider cause of civil rights. ‘It is Korematsu’s story, and the stories of other unnamed American heroes, that demonstrates the importance of continuing to fight for the freedoms guaranteed to us by the Constitution in the hopes that it will be extended to others, no matter the extenuating circumstances,’ said [California Assembly Member Warren] Furutani.”

[bit.do/Fred1stDayCalifornia2011](http://bit.do/Fred1stDayCalifornia2011)

#### **“Civil Rights Leaders Honor Oakland Activist”**

—East Bay Times

**“At the ceremonies Sunday, the Rev. Jesse Jackson compared Korematsu’s long struggle with those of civil rights heroes Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela, saying he should be spoken of with the same reverence and inspiration. ‘He should be an ever-present figure,’ Jackson said. ‘His struggle is as real today as it was 40 years ago.’”**

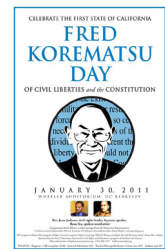
[bit.do/Fred1stDayActivist2011](http://bit.do/Fred1stDayActivist2011)

#### **“Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: ‘Fred Korematsu Finally Gets His Day’”**

—Nichi Bei Weekly

“January 30 was the late Fred Korematsu’s birthday. The Oakland, CA, native and civil rights icon would have turned 92. Often described as ‘humble,’ he probably would have been surprised to find the Rev. Jesse Jackson and several hundred strangers celebrating in his honor. But January 30 was the state of California’s first-ever Fred T. Korematsu Day—the first statewide holiday to be named for an Asian American and a day dedicated to the ongoing struggle for civil rights. The event, hosted by the Fred T. Korematsu Institute for Civil Rights and Education, took place on the U.C. Berkeley campus. Tickets to the event, held in a 705-seat auditorium, sold out. Jackson, the keynote speaker, talked of Korematsu’s willingness to suffer for a cause greater than himself. ‘His actions spoke volumes about the qualities of his character,’ Jackson said, comparing Korematsu to Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks. ‘She meant to fight back,’ he said of Parks, ‘Fred meant to fight back. Martin Luther King meant to fight back. And they won.’ Jackson emphasized that it was the stand of one ordinary man—not a powerful general, banker, or billionaire—that the audience was there to remember. ‘Fred was one light not to be extinguished.’”

[bit.do/OCWRFredDayJesseJackson2011](http://bit.do/OCWRFredDayJesseJackson2011)



*Celebrating  
Fred Korematsu  
Day at University of California,  
Berkeley  
(top, from left):  
Ken, Karen,  
and Kathryn  
Korematsu,  
the Rev. Jesse  
Jackson,  
California  
Assembly Member Warren  
Furutani,  
Korematsu  
Institute director Ling Woo  
Liu, and CBS  
5TV’s Sydnie  
Kohara. Above,  
the poster for  
the event.*



*Fred Korematsu and Rosa Parks at  
the ACLU of Northern California  
Bill of Rights Day, 1988.*

PHOTOGRAPHED BY SHIRLEY NAKAO

PHOTOGRAPHED BY  
VIVIEN KIM THORP  
NICHIE BEI WEEKLY



## 2010

### **“Fred Korematsu, Civil Rights Icon for Younger Generation, Has His Day”**

—*East Bay Times*

“A little-known Japanese American man may be the next generation’s civil rights icon after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill making January 30 the Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution. This is the first time any state has designated a day in honor of an Asian American,” according to Ling Woo Liu, director of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute for Civil Rights and Education at the Asian Law Caucus.”  
[bit.do/FredDay2010](http://bit.do/FredDay2010)

## 2009

### **“Civil Rights Institute Named after Korematsu”**

—*SFGate.com*

“San Francisco’s Asian Law Caucus inaugurated a civil rights institute Monday in memory of Oakland-born civil rights icon Fred Korematsu, who defied military orders to report for the mass internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.”

[bit.do/InstituteNamed2009](http://bit.do/InstituteNamed2009)

## MEDIA coverage TIMELINE

## 2007

### **“Relatives of Interned Japanese Americans Side with Muslims”**

—*New York Times*

“The ruling ‘painfully resurrects the long-discredited legal theory’ that was used to put [supporter’s] grandparents behind barbed wire, along with the rest of the West Coast’s Japanese alien population, the three [relatives Holly Yasui, Jay Hirabayashi, and Karen Korematsu] contend in an unusual friends-of-the-court brief filed today in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.”

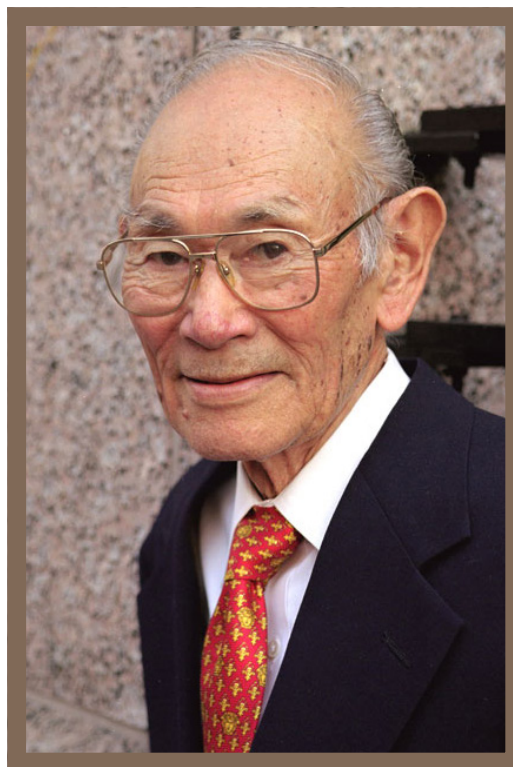
[bit.do/JAsSideMuslims2007](http://bit.do/JAsSideMuslims2007)

### **“Three Japanese Americans Challenge U.S. Detention of Muslims”**

—*New York Times*

“Descendants of Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII file brief on behalf of Muslims incarcerated after September 11, 2001.”

[bit.do/JAsChallenge2007](http://bit.do/JAsChallenge2007)



## 2005

### **“Fred Korematsu, 86, Dies; Lost Key Suit on Internment”**

—*New York Times*

*Fred Korematsu, during a 2000 visit to the New York University School of Law, New York City.*

**“In recent years, Mr. Korematsu expressed concern about civil liberties in the United States after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.”**

[bit.do/FredObituary2005](http://bit.do/FredObituary2005)

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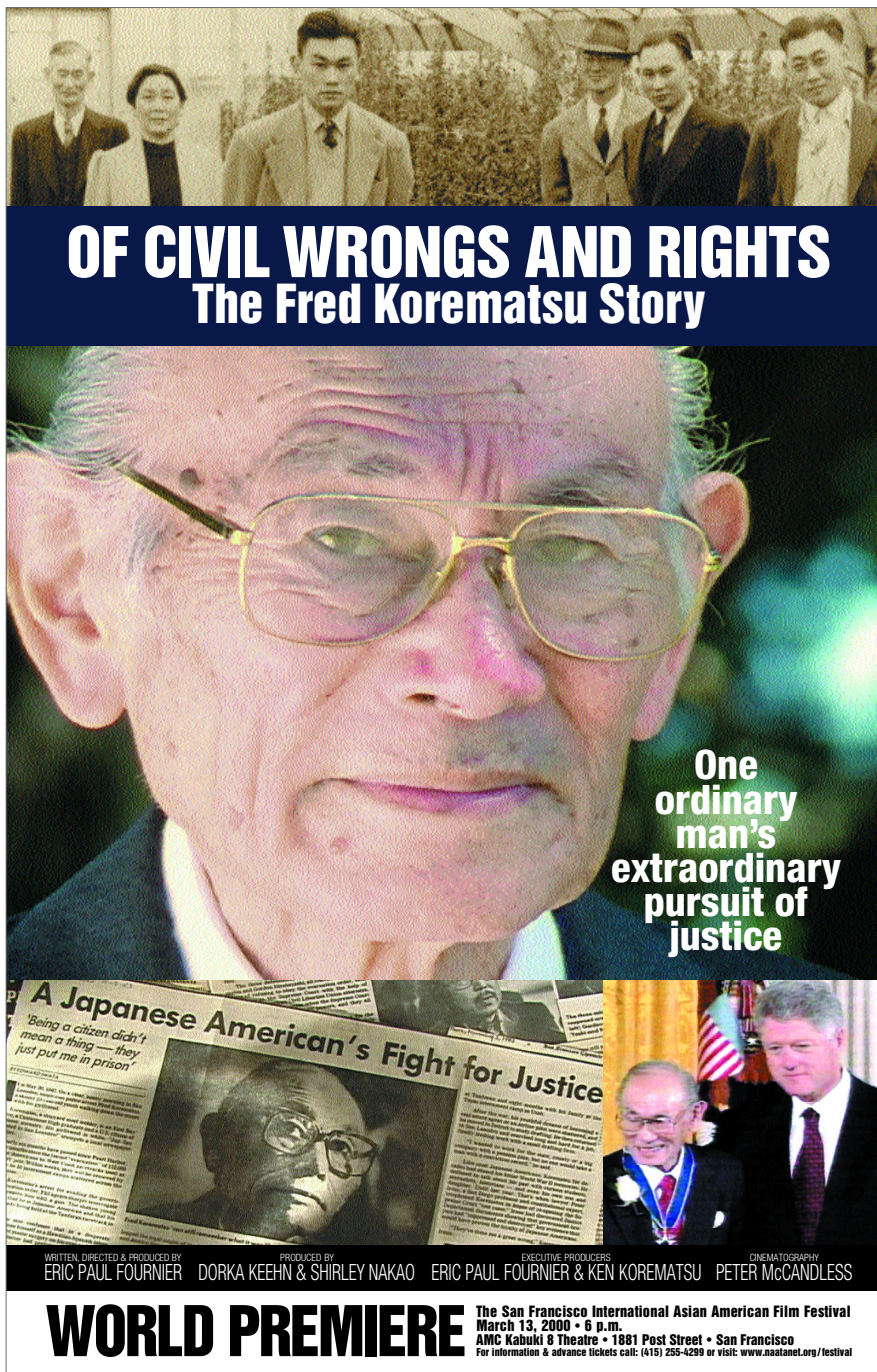


## DOCUMENTARY FILM

### *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story*

Fred Korematsu was probably never more American than when he resisted, and then challenged in court, the forced internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Korematsu lost his landmark Supreme Court case in 1944, but never his indignation and resolve. *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights* is the untold history of the 40-year legal fight to vindicate Korematsu—one that finally turned a civil injustice into a civil rights victory.

*Of Civil Wrongs and Rights:  
The Fred Korematsu Story  
premiered March 13, 2000 at  
the San Francisco International  
Asian American Film Festival.*



**OF CIVIL WRONGS AND RIGHTS**  
**The Fred Korematsu Story**

One  
ordinary  
man's  
extraordinary  
pursuit of  
justice

**A Japanese American's Fight for Justice**

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CINEMATOGRAPHY  
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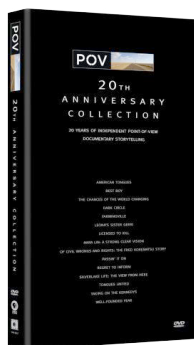


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## DOCUMENTARY FILM

### Selected Film Festivals and Awards Presentations

## 2007



### June

*Of Civil Wrongs and Rights* is named as one of the 15 best films of the PBS series, P.O.V., highlighting their documentary superstars in their 20th Anniversary Collection, produced in partnership with Docurama.

## 2002

### March

**Fairfax, CA:** Fairfax Documentary Film Festival

### September



*Of Civil Wrongs and Rights* wins two National Emmy Awards

for Outstanding Achievement in a Craft, in Direction and in Editing

## 2001

### June

*Of Civil Wrongs and Rights* has its national broadcast premiere on P.O.V./PBS

## 2000

### March

**San Francisco:** World Premiere at the San Francisco Asian American Film Festival

### April

**Chicago:** Chicago International Film Festival, Asian American Showcase

### May

**Seattle:** Seattle International Film Festival

### September

**New York:** IFP (Independent Film Project)'s International Feature Film Market

**Durham, NC:** Full Frame Documentary Film Festival

**Denver, CO:** Denver International Film Festival

**Newport, RI:** Rhode Island International Film Festival

### October

**Los Angeles and New York City:** Independent Documentary Association's DOctober Film Festival: One-week theatrical releases for Oscar qualification



Co-executive producer Ken Korematsu, his father, Fred Korematsu, and director Eric Paul Fournier (above, from left) at the Anti-Defamation League's Pearlstein Civil Rights Awards, 1998. Below, Fournier and *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights* film editor Jean Kawahara after winning their statuettes at the News and Documentary Emmy Awards ceremony in New York City, 2002.



### December



*Of Civil Wrongs and Rights* is short-listed for the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature





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***Selected Educational Outreach Screenings,  
Symposiums, and Panel Discussions***

### 2004

**Philadelphia:** University of Pennsylvania, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)

### 2003

**Chicago:** Northwestern University, APALSA  
University of California, Davis

### 2002

**Chautauqua, NY:** Chautauqua Institution

**Las Vegas:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law

**Los Angeles:** University of California, Los Angeles, 20th Annual Contemporary Documentary Series showcase for feature-length and short documentaries drawn primarily from the 2000 Academy Awards

**Orange, CA:** Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law

**St. Louis:** Webster University

### 2001

**Bellingham, WA:** Western Washington University Law and Diversity Program, 10TH Anniversary Celebration  
Keynote Speaker

**Boston:** Boston College Law School

**Jamestown, NY:** Robert H. Jackson Center for Justice

**San Damiano, CA:** The Inter-governmental Management Training (IGMT) Program

**San Francisco:** University of California Hastings Law School

University of San Francisco  
World Affairs Council

**Stockton, CA:** University of the Pacific

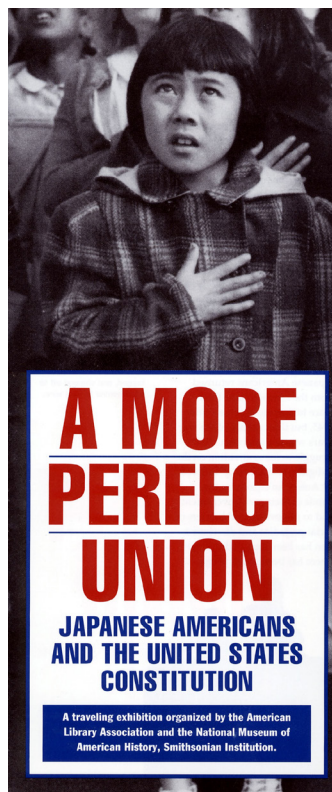
### 2000 (AND PRIOR)

**Berkeley:** University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall Law School

**Boston:** Museum of Fine Arts

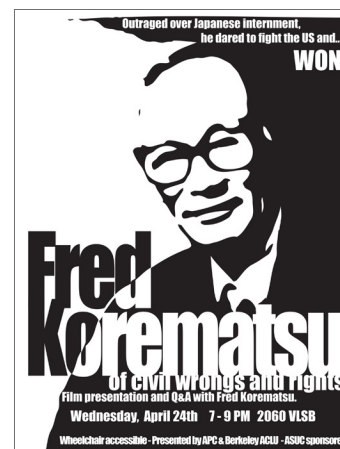
**Cambridge:** Harvard Law School

**Los Angeles:** University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, Critical Race Studies, and the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program



*Of Civil Rights and Wrongs was selected to be part of "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution," a traveling exhibition organized by the American Library Association and the National Museum of American History, at the Smithsonian Institution.*

*Poster for screening and appearances by Fred Korematsu and Of Civil Wrongs and Rights director Eric Paul Fournier at the University of California, Berkeley, 2002.*



**New York:** New York University School of Law

**San Francisco:** Freedom Forum, Pacific Coast Center

**Sausalito:** ACLU of Northern California Annual Activist Conference, Marin Headlands

**Washington, DC:** American Bar Association, Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession





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## DOCUMENTARY FILM

*Critical Acclaim*

“Immensely moving.... Director Eric Paul Fournier revitalizes the tired conventions of the historical documentary, constructing a compelling narrative.”

—Chicago Reader

“Fascinating. This well-told tale... smoothly made.”

—Variety

Oakland's  
historic  
Paramount  
Theatre  
hosted Fred  
Korematsu  
Day, 2017.

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BY ERIC PAUL  
FOURNIER



“Eric Paul Fournier’s moving 2000 documentary, *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights*, offers a powerful account of Korematsu’s fight.” —Salon.com

“An absorbing film.”

—San Francisco Chronicle

“[T]he most important, and most likely best, show playing at the [DOCtober documentary film] festival is *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story*....[T]his documentary... is a blunt reminder that all Americans must vigilantly fight for and use their freedoms relentlessly.”

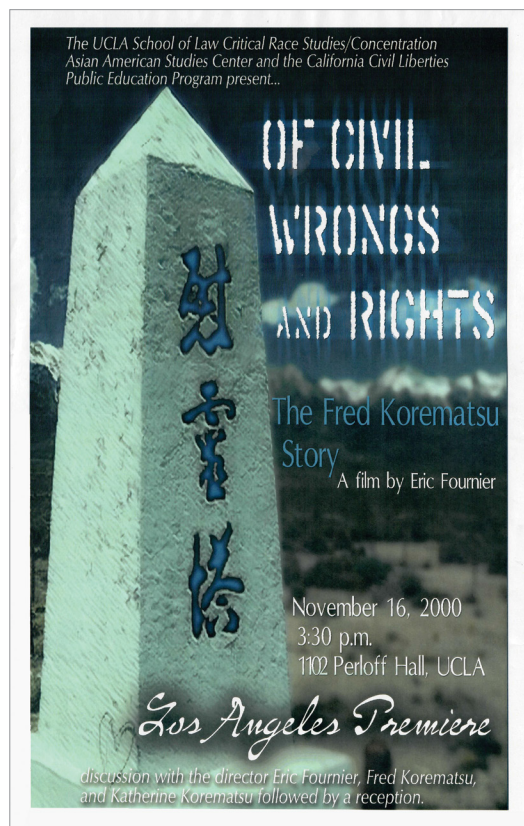
—L.A. Times & Pasadena Weekly

“In conjunction with the film’s premiere [at the San Francisco Asian American Film Festival], Mayor Willie Brown is declaring March 13 [2000] Fred Korematsu Day.”

—San Francisco Examiner Magazine

Of Civil Wrongs and Rights premiere poster for the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, 2000.

“Fred Korematsu’s name has become synonymous with civil rights in America.”  
—Pearlstein Civil Rights Award, Central Pacific Region of the Anti-Defamation League





## AWARDS, *honors,* ACCOLADES

*San Francisco mayor Willie Brown honors Fred Korematsu with a proclamation for the first Fred Korematsu Day on March 13, 2000. The ceremony coincided with the premiere for Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story at the Asian American Film Festival. In the background is director Eric Paul Fournier (rear left) and Fred Korematsu's son, coexecutive producer, Ken.*



**FRED KOREMATSU HAS BEEN HONORED** by the President, had schools and a national holiday named for him, and received significant awards and honors. Here are highlights:

### ***National Recognition***

#### **2001**

National ACLU Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award

#### **1999**

Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition Trailblazer Award

#### **1998**

The Presidential Medal of Freedom  
California Senate Medal  
Central Pacific Region, Anti-Defamation League, Pearlstein Civil Rights Award

### ***Posthumous Awards***

#### **2017**

Google Doodle, honored on what would have been Fred Korematsu's 98th birthday

#### **2011**

Freedom Award, Bentley School, Lafayette, CA

#### **2005**

Castlemont High School Community Service Alumnus Award (Fred Korematsu, Class of 1937 honoree), Oakland, CA

### ***Dedications***

#### **2016**

"Fred Korematsu Civil Rights Award," the American Muslim Voice Foundation Community Service Award

#### **2014**

Korematsu Middle School, El Cerrito, CA

#### **2010**

Korematsu Campus, San Leandro High School, San Leandro, CA

#### **2006**

Korematsu Elementary School at Mace Ranch, Davis, CA  
Korematsu Discovery Academy, Oakland, CA

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## AWARDS, *honors,* ACCOLADES

### **Recognition** *continued*

#### **LAW SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND COMMEMORATIONS**

Fred Korematsu Annual  
Lecture Series, New York  
University School of Law,  
New York

#### **2014**

Fred T. Korematsu Summer  
Fellowship, National Asian  
Pacific American Bar Associa-  
tion Law Foundation (NLF)

#### **2012**

Fred T. Korematsu Professor-  
ship of Law and Social Justice,  
at University of Hawai'i at  
Mānoa, William S. Richardson  
School of Law

#### **2009**

Fred T. Korematsu Center  
for Law and Equality, Seattle  
University School of Law

### **Honorary Doctorates**

California State University,  
East Bay, Hayward, CA

University of San Francisco

City University of New York  
School of Law, New York City

University of the Pacific  
McGeorge School of Law,  
Sacramento, CA

### **Media Honors**

#### **2017**

"The 100 Most Influential  
East Bay Residents of  
All Time: People Who  
Helped Shape the Region,  
the Nation, and the World"  
—*Oakland Magazine*

#### **1998**

"Ten Who Affect Bay  
Area Life," highlighting  
prominent Californians  
who touched many lives.  
—*San Francisco Examiner*

### **Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution**

#### **PROCLAIMED IN PERPETUITY**

Florida, Hawaii,  
New York City, Virginia

#### **RECOGNIZED BY PROCLAMATION**

Arizona, Georgia, Illinois,  
Michigan, Pennsylvania,  
South Carolina, Utah

### **CIVIC MONUMENT 2013**

**Oakland, CA:**  
Fred Korematsu  
is depicted  
(above, right),  
arms inter-  
locked, along-  
side some 38  
humanitarians  
and social jus-  
tice Warriors in  
a 25-by-79-foot-  
wide bronze  
monument,  
"Remember  
Them: The  
Champions for  
Humanity."  
Mario Chiodo's  
sculptures  
are a perma-  
nent installa-  
tion in Kaiser  
Memorial Park

#### **1988**

**San Jose, CA:**  
A city street  
was renamed  
Korematsu  
Court in honor  
of the civil  
rights hero



*The Asian Pacific American Labor Association honored four civil rights activists in 1993: Hawaiian labor leader David Kahaeula Trask Jr., Yuri Kochiyama, Fred Korematsu, and Frank Atonio. Jesse Jackson Jr. (far left), Jesse Jackson Sr. (third from right), and APALA's president, Kent Wong (far right) were present to celebrate the honorees.*

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