

## WHAT U.S. PRESIDENTS SAY ABOUT THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

**Harry S. Truman, 1949**



"I am aware of the vigorous educational program and the practical efforts by your organization to foster an understanding of democratic rights and responsibilities. Your definition of America's democratic legacy is admirable. It is indeed a force in the hearts and minds of the people."

**Jimmy Carter, 1977**



"Over the years you have earned a prestigious reputation as champions of human and civil rights and as leaders in community service... I will follow your deliberations with special interest and I hope you will share your thoughts and ideas freely and fully with me and with members of my Administration."

**Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1957**



"Your good work over the past 44 years...has brought strength to the national community. By educating the citizens to overcome the evils of prejudice...by nurturing the roots of freedom, you have helped to make our land a better place to live in. America continues to need your efforts."

**Ronald Reagan, 1982**



"I welcome this opportunity to express my continuing high regard for the work of the Anti-Defamation League. Your efforts have benefitted both Jew and non-Jew alike and have served to strengthen our democratic ideal...you have my best wishes for...every continued success in your very important work."

**John F. Kennedy, 1963**



"Your organization should itself be receiving an honor for distinguished contributions to the enrichment of America's democratic legacy. Your tireless pursuit of equality of treatment for all Americans has made a lasting and substantial contribution to our democracy."

**George H. W. Bush, 1989**



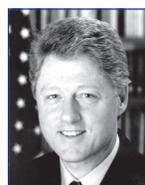
"[ADL] has played a central role in preserving and protecting the sacred right of religious freedom. There is no single greater contribution that one organization can make to the nation, and for that you have earned our gratitude and my respect. I know how hard you have fought, not only for your own beliefs, but to protect the...rights of all men and women."

**Lyndon B. Johnson, 1965**



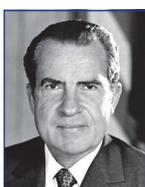
"In your half-century of fighting discrimination you have never tired, you have never faltered, you have never lost faith in your cause, and your cause has given faith to the nation...For the work that you have done in the local communities as well as in the halls of Congress, you have ignited the flames of freedom across this great country. Wherever your torches burn, tolerance, decency and charity have been illuminated. Bigots and bias hide whenever you come into view. But you are much more than anti-prejudice. You are pro-justice and you are pro-freedom."

**William J. Clinton, 1994**



"The ADL's leadership, in building bridges between diverse racial, religious, and ethnic groups, is working to ensure a brighter future for our children by safeguarding the valuable lessons of our past."

**Richard M. Nixon, 1970**



"The history of the Anti-Defamation League is one of tireless devotion to making the ideal of liberty and justice a reality in the lives of Americans."

**George W. Bush, 2008**



"For nearly a century the Anti-Defamation League has been a leading voice for freedom and equality. You've defended those who suffer the pain of prejudice, you've played a vital teaching role for our country, and you have put forward a vision of inclusion and tolerance that has inspired millions of Americans."

**Gerald R. Ford, 1974**



"I welcome this opportunity to express again my very genuine admiration for [ADL's] work. In all your activities you display compassion and a constructive concern for the well-being of the less fortunate. I applaud your many worthwhile programs that have earned you the esteem and gratitude of so many men and women."

**Barack Obama, 2009**



"What the ADL has done to protect the First Amendment...is just one part of your broader mission, a mission to afford every man and woman in this country those basic rights of justice, equality and opportunity that are the birthright of every American, to guarantee that we are each treated with the dignity and respect no matter what faith we practice, and to secure the promise of America for all its citizens, Jew and Christian, Black, White and Latino, gay and straight alike."