

Mission Statement



AASP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association dedicated to promoting the well being and human rights of our members and of all unmarried adults, whether they live alone or with a roommate, domestic partner, parent, child, or other relatives.

Membership

Any adult may become a member of AASP by making a tax-deductible contribution of \$10 or more. Membership is open to all adults whether they are single, divorced, widowed, separated, married, or have a domestic partner. Members receive Unmarried America, a quarterly newsletter which contains information and news concerning economic, social, and legal issues affecting single adults and domestic partners. Members also receive Singles Rights Advocate, a quarterly newsletter focusing on legislative proposals and political issues of interest to unmarried Americans.

What We Do

AASP has three primary program areas: research and education; legal, *legislative*, and *political* advocacy; and member services. Our activities in these areas are listed below. Programs in italic type are administered by our affiliated organization, Singles Rights Lobby.

Research and Education. Through its publications, website, and participation in educational forums, AASP informs members and the public about economic, social, health and legal issues that affect 80 million unmarried Americans. Spectrum Institute, our research and policy division, conducts research from a variety of academic perspectives, including law, political science, sociology, psychology, public opinion, and demography, and shares our findings with elected officials, corporate executives, and the public. Our media activities include writing op-ed articles in newspapers, providing background information and interviews to journalists, and appearing on

radio talk shows and television programs.

Advocacy. As the leading advocate for unmarried Americans, AASP encourages government agencies and nonprofit civil rights organizations to fully implement existing laws prohibiting marital status discrimination in employment, housing, insurance, credit, and consumer transactions. We also encourage government agencies to administer their programs in a manner consistent with constitutional principles of due process, equal protection, privacy, and separation of church and state. We file amicus curiae briefs in important test cases. Our *legislative advocacy program* drafts, proposes, analyzes, and monitors legislation designed to protect the rights of unmarried adults and opposes legislative proposals which may cause harm to single people and their families. Our *political advocacy program* reaches out to all political parties in the nation, encouraging them to add unmarried people and our issues to their party platforms and by-laws. That program also urges political candidates to support equal rights for single people and domestic partners and to oppose marital status discrimination.

Member Services. We monitor current events and report on state, national, and international events affecting single people. Our website is the most authoritative source of information for and about single people on the entire Internet. It contains news summaries, essays, and advice for “solo singles” as well as unmarried couples and single parents. Join AASP and help us change the course of history by giving a collective voice to unmarried adults as decisions about your future are being made by elected officials, corporate leaders, union officials, and voters.