



Our Goals and Core Issues

Center for Inquiry (CFI) is an international educational non-profit that strives to foster a secular society based on reason, science, freedom of inquiry, and humanist values.

CFI maintains offices in Washington, D.C., New York, Michigan, Indiana, and California, and has affiliated grassroots groups across the country and around the world. CFI also holds **Special Consultative Status as an NGO at the United Nations** and has representatives on the UN Human Rights Council and the UN Economic and Social Council.

CFI Michigan is the state branch of the Center for Inquiry. **Locally, we serve over 10,000 members and supporters across Michigan.** CFI has more than 100,000 supporters and subscribers around the world, with a combined distribution and social media reach of 1.8 million!

CFI Michigan maintains a vibrant secular network across Michigan for atheists, agnostics, humanists, skeptics, and freethinkers to share life-enriching experiences, offer mutual support, and engage in community service.

CFI's Goals and Advocacy Issue Positions

CFI engages in issue based advocacy at all levels of government to ensure evidence, science, and compassion—rather than superstition, pseudoscience, or prejudice—guide public policy.

- **Supports the Freedom of and from Religion**, freedom of belief, and freedom of expression, and opposes all efforts to ban blasphemy and other forms of dissent.
- **Defends the Separation of Church & State** and a fully secular government. The “Public Square” should be free from government endorsement of ANY religion or personal belief.
 - **Opposes discrimination on the basis of religion** or use of taxpayer funds in state funded programs for religious activities: foster care and adoption; school voucher programs that divert funds from public education to private religious schools.
- **Supports public policy based on scientific evidence**, including healthcare, climate change, and environmental policies, and is fighting to end the influence that religious beliefs and pseudoscience have on public policy.
 - **Supports evidence-based healthcare and medicine**, including reproductive freedom and full access to all reproductive health care options, including abortion.
 - **Opposes exemptions for vaccinations** based on religious or personal beliefs.
 - **Opposes the legitimization or licensing of so-called “alternative” medicines** (homeopathy, naturopathy, etc.) that are not supported by scientific evidence.
- **Supports equality for ALL people** by fighting to protect the civil and human rights of Secular, LGBTQ and minority religious groups across the country.
 - **Advocating for Secular Marriage Equality** through legislative and legal means to allow Secular Celebrants legal standing to solemnize marriages.
 - **Working to end the stigma of being non-religious**, regardless of how the individual describes themselves, be it atheist, agnostic, humanist, freethinker, etc.