

## Amnesty International

Many organizations around the world work to protect human rights. One of the largest and most famous is called Amnesty International. AI has more than 2.2 million members from more than 150 countries around the world.

AI's core mission is to force governments that abuse human rights to change their ways. In many of these countries, citizens are not allowed freedom of expression or the right to vote.

AI uses its Universal Declaration of Human Rights to govern itself. This declaration contains 30 Articles, each of which makes a statement about human rights. Here are excerpts from the Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted in 1948:



In Afghanistan, the Taliban did not allow women to work.

**ARTICLE 1:** All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards each other in a spirit of brotherhood.

**ARTICLE 2:** Everyone is entitled to the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction

of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status.

**ARTICLE 3:** Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person.

Amnesty International has been one of the most effective human rights organizations in the world. It is also one of the best known. Among its many members are Hollywood celebrities, musicians, and artists. Some of the celebrities who support AI include Aerosmith, Christina Aguilera, Coldplay, Corinne Bailey Rae, Green Day, Jennifer Lopez, Lenny Kravitz, Robin Williams, Sting, and U2.

You can find more about Amnesty International at [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)



Lenny Kravitz (left) and Green Day (above) are some of AI's famous members.