

The ACLU “is in good hands”

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David France’s article about the American Civil Liberties Union [“Freedom to Backstab,” February 19] frames the dispute mostly as a conflict between executive director Anthony Romero and his predecessor Ira Glasser. It is appropriate to point out that many of us who held leadership positions in the ACLU during Glasser’s tenure oppose his attack on Romero. I was Glasser’s predecessor as ACLU executive director and the person who first hired him. My former colleagues and I believe the organization is in good hands and is operating as effectively, if not more so, as it has in its 87-year history.

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