**Civil Society and Law**

**Questions:**

1. What is this document and what organization issued it?
2. What is the purpose of the organization that issued this document? Explain in your own words.
3. What principles (beliefs) do the authors of this document cite to oppose segregation?
4. Do the authors of this document demand immediate integration?
5. Who can become a member of this organization?
6. How would you characterize the approach of the Arkansas Citizens for Orderly Compliance to integration? What does the organization’s name tell us about their approach? What do you think about their decision not to demand immediate integration?
7. Why do you think the Arkansas Citizens for Orderly Compliance was created in 1956, two years after the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision? Why would it be important to have this kind of organization if the Supreme Court had already decided that segregation was unconstitutional in the United States?
8. The existence of organizations like the Arkansas Citizens for Orderly Compliance shows that the law itself is not sufficient to change deeply rooted practices and beliefs. Although segregation had already been declared unconstitutional, some Arkansas activists recognized that they had to organize to promote and enforce the cause of integration. What are some of the causes that face similar challenges today? What activities or practices that are illegal today are also very common and, like segregation in the past, undermining the notions of equality and social justice?
9. Do you know of any civil society organizations that advocate enforcing the existing laws in order to promote social justice?