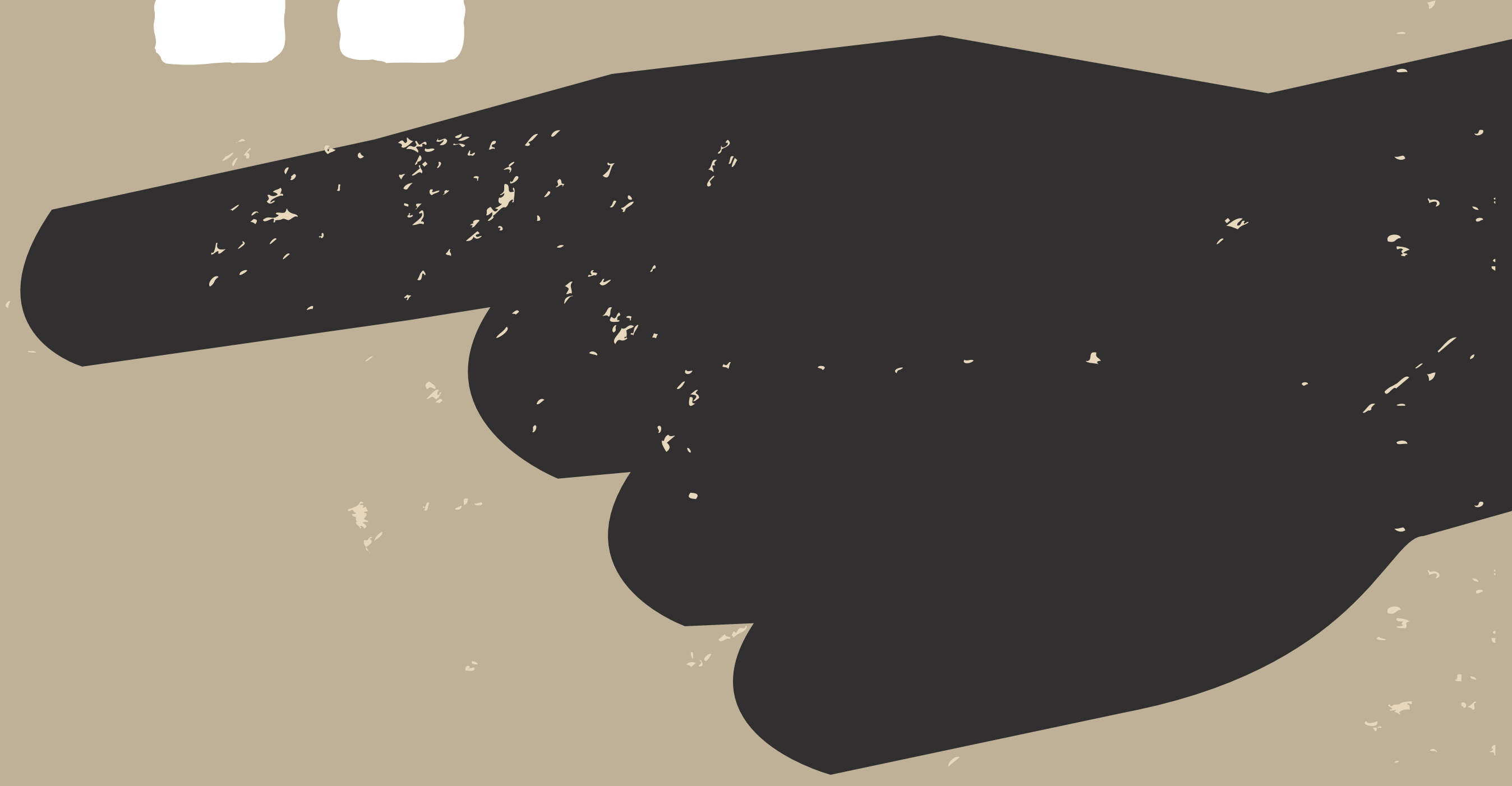


# WHAT IF **YOU**



## COULDN'T VOTE?

## OR PRACTICE **YOUR** RELIGION

## OR GET A GOOD EDUCATION OR PROTEST

## OR OWN PROPERTY

## OR BE TREATED FAIRLY BY THE LAW

**CIVIL LIBERTIES**, our right to equality under the law and our right to freedom from government intrusion, are essential for democracy. The U.S. and state constitutions are the foundations of our democracy - and the Bill of Rights defines our individual rights. But they would just be lofty ideals were it not for people who have fought to make our rights a reality in daily life.

### WHEREVER THERE'S A FIGHT

A HISTORY OF  
CIVIL LIBERTIES  
IN CALIFORNIA



**THIS EXHIBIT** tells the stories of people throughout California history who fought violations of their civil liberties and confronted the prejudices and political winds of the times. Their stories remind us that each generation has its own fights to keep our rights meaningful.

I KNOW THAT OUR LIBERTIES WERE  
NOT WON WITHOUT SUFFERING, AND  
MAY BE LOST AGAIN THROUGH OUR  
COWARDICE.

- UPTON SINCLAIR

